

Wesley United Church
 Council Meeting – Wednesday May 24, 2017
 7:30 pm – Kitchen Lounge

*Wesley United Church is a community of Jesus Christ,
 nurturing spiritual growth, pursuing social action,
 loving and caring for ourselves and others.*

Minutes

Present:

	Name	Position on Council
	Phil Sevigny	President
	Kent Stewart	Past President
	David Kyle	Vice-President
x	Valerie Stimpson	Pastoral Care Division - Co-coordinator
	Tessa Whyte	Ministry & Personnel Division - Coordinator
x	Francis Goudie	Christian Education Division - Coordinator
	Cindy Bourgeois	Minister
	Linda Gunningham	Presybtery Representative
x	June Blau	Presybtery Representative
	Gordon Beck	Secretary
x	Vacant	Worship Division - Coordinator
x	Linda Paul	Pastoral Care Division - Co-coordinator
	Jim Chernick	Admin & Finance Division - Coordinator
	Cintra Kanhai	Treasurer

x = Regrets

Call to order - Phil called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

1. Opening reflection: Phil Sevigny
2. Approval of agenda
 - a. **Motion 2017-17:** Moved by Jim, seconded by Cintra. That agenda be approved as presented.
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. **Motion 2017-18:** Moved by Linda G, seconded by Kent that the minutes of the March 1 meeting be adopted.
4. Correspondence
 - a. Letter from Reg BingWo.
5. Business arising from past meetings
 - a. Spiritual Path Project Updates - good discussion at Summit and several good topics were generated for future consideration.

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- b. Kent attended the Monday evening meeting about tri-church services but was disappointed there was no representation from Whitmore Park.
 - c. Affirming - the service on May 14 was taken by the Affirming Committee. Suggested next step is to revise the marriage policy. Affirming Committee is meeting on Saturday and they will have initial discussions.
 - d. Volunteer Recruitment Updates - progress is being made.
 - e. Social Media Plan - Those involved are happy with progress being made and will continue to monitor.
6. New Business
- a. Policy Development / Statement on Smudging - Phil provided a copy of the UofR Policy on Smudging which could be used as a reference in developing a Wesley Policy. Council agreed that they support smudging and good relations with our tenants. The playschool manager must be notified well in advance when a smudging event is scheduled.
 - b. Policy Development / statement on Allergy Awareness. Need to develop some principals or guidelines regarding food allergies.
 - c. Remit Education - Council must vote on and return the results to United Church National Office. There are four remits to be voted on by the end of June. These remits will be discussed at the Annual Program Meeting to help educate the congregation - then council will vote on behalf of the congregation. By not voting our congregation would be submitting a “no vote”.
 - d. Program Meeting Planning - The Annual Program Meeting will be held Sunday June 11. A number of agenda items were suggested.
 - e. Sexual Harassment Policy - Council discussed the “Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response Policy and Procedures” of the United Church of Canada.
Motion: 2017-19: Moved by Kent; Seconded by Jim that council adopt the United Church policy.
 - f. Letter from Wesley to the Premier objecting to the Provincial Government no longer funding “Spiritual Care” within the health care system agrees with the spirit of the letter and he will co-sign the letter with someone from the Pastoral Care Committee. It was also suggested that a cc: should go to Keith Dewar the current President of RQHR.
7. Committee Updates:
- a. Minister - Cindy wants to use Kathy B more for some tasks that will help the congregation grow.
 - b. Worship Committee - no report but Cindy said everything is going OK
 - c. Christian Education - no report
 - d. Ministry and Personnel - copy of staff reviews will be sent to all council members.
 - e. Administration and Finance - the Property Committee has recommended that we not proceed with the Renting of Parking spaces.

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- f. Treasurer -
 - i. **Motion 2017-20:** Moved by Cintra, Seconded by Linda G that Wesley Council make the budgeted donation to Clare Parker House.
 - ii. **Motion 2017-21:** Moved by Cintra, Seconded by David that we approve the financial statements for the month of April.
- g. Pastoral Care - Linda P provided the following information in an e-mail.
 - i. We will have a Women's Night Out on May 31. All women are invited. Kathy Blais and Barb Schmuland are planning this. The price is \$25 and the speaker, a Regina teacher who has spent time in Africa.
 - ii. Darwin Roske reported a very successful Garage Sale with all the accompanying activities.
 - iii. We will sponsor, under the auspices of Sharon Mark, a Newcomers Luncheon in early June after church (June 4)
- h. Presbytery - Linda G indicated that Presbytery will meet on June 14 which is the "wind up" meeting for this year.
 - i. Past President - nothing report
 - j. Vice-President - nothing report
 - k. President - nothing report
 - l. Moved by Linda G seconded by Jim that we accept the reports provided by the minister and committees.

8. Next Meeting - **June 21 - 7pm.** Cintra volunteered to do the reflection.

Adjournment - meeting is adjourned at 9:07pm

Phil Sevigny - President

Gordon Beck - Secretary