

Wesley United Church
 Council Meeting – Wednesday Feb 15, 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
	David Kyle	Vice-President
	Tessa Whyte	Ministry & Personnel Division - Coordinator
	Cindy Bourgeois	Minister
	Linda Gunningham	Presbytery Representative
	June Blau	Presbytery Representative
	Gordon Beck	Secretary
	Linda Paul	Pastoral Care Division - Co-coordinator
	Valerie Stimpson	Pastoral Care Division - Co-coordinator
	Francis Goudie	Christian Education Division - Coordinator
x	Jim Chernick	Admin & Finance Division - Coordinator
x	Cintra Kanhai	Treasurer
x	Vacant	Worship Division - Coordinator
x	Phil Sevigny	President
x	Kent Stewart	Past President

R = Regrets

Call to order - David Kyle called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. Phil was out of town and had asked David to chair the meeting

1. Opening reflection: Val Stimpson opened the meeting with a poem
2. Approval of agenda
 - a. **Motion 2017-05** Moved by Tessa, seconded by June. That agenda be approved as presented.
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. In item 7i. Replace the word “Affirmment” with the words “Affirming Ministry Process”
 - b. **Motion 2017-06:** Moved by Linda G, Seconded by Tessa that the minutes of the January 18, 2017 meeting be approved as corrected above.

CARRIED
4. Correspondence
 - a. E-mail from Kathy Blais regarding a potential fundraiser for Lumsden Beach camp where a deposit was required in case of cancellation. There was some

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discussion if the deposit should be by Lumsden Beach camp who would be the beneficiaries of the fundraiser. Suggestions were to approach Sunset and share the cost. After discussion: **Motion 2017-07** Moved by Linda G, seconded by Fran that Wesley pay the deposit.

CARRIED

5. Business arising from past meetings

- a. Budget Recommendations - V5 of the budget was discussed. It was recognized that this is a deficit budget but, if such deficit budgets were to continue it would be several years before Wesley would have to close/amalgamate.
- b. **Motion 2017-08** Moved by June seconded by Linda G that council recommends V5 of the 2017 budget to the Congregation Annual Fiscal Meeting scheduled for March 5.

CARRIED

- c. **Motion 2017-09** Moved by June seconded by Linda G that we pay up to \$600 for organ lessons for our Choir Director/Accompanist.

CARRIED

- d. **Motion 2017-10** Moved by June, seconded by Val that Wesley continue to fund the food for the Potluck and Play Group with the Spiritual Path Project Meetings.

CARRIED

- e. Spiritual Path Project Updates - project is proceeding with mostly positive comments.
- f. AED - June will discuss with the Heart & Stroke Foundation and the RHQHR coordinator the potential funding of an AED for Wesley and make a recommendation at a later date. Council agrees with June looking into this project.

6. New Business

- a. None

7. Committee Updates

- a. Minister - attended board meeting of Affirm United. Cindy brought info on opportunities to support LGBTQ people.
- b. Worship Committee - two baptisms in near future - Ben Dyck and Roland St Onge will be baptized at Wesley.
- c. Christian Education - no report - have not had a meeting.
- d. Ministry and Personnel - see written report received prior to the meeting.
MOTION 2017-11 Moved Tessa seconded by Linda G, that recommended M&P, that the Wesley Music Director/Accompanist be paid her full 12 months' salary, as set out in her contract, whether or not there is tri-church or other similar arrangement; this to be ongoing.

CARRIED

- e. Administration and Finance - had a meeting - talked about AEDs, parking rentals. Planned Giving Committee will be part of Stewardship.

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- f. Treasurer - no report
- g. Pastoral Care - report provided as attachment B
- h. Presbytery - met at Wesley with Jan 20 - Comments by Linda G - a large part of meeting was dealing with Remits. Good meeting.
- i. Past President - no report
- j. Vice-President - no report
- k. President - no report

8. Next Meeting March 15, 2017

Motion 2017-11 Moved by June, seconded by Linda G that the meeting be adjourned.

Reflection next meeting by Kent

Phil Sevigny, President

Gordon Beck, Secretary

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Appendix A

M&P report to Council, February 15, 2017

Wesley Music Director/Accompanist's Salary

Council had asked M&P to consider the possibility of negotiating with Sarah a two-month hiatus of work and pay in the summer, due to the tri-church arrangement.

MOTION 2017+ moved Tessa seconded by Linda G that ... CARRIED.

M&P recommends that the Wesley Music Director/Accompanist be paid her full 12 months' salary, as set out in her contract, whether or not there is tri-church or other similar arrangement; this to be ongoing.

Planning the next year's music is a major summer task for the Music Director; she will not be without work in the summer.

A contract is already in place; any change would necessitate an indeterminate period of notice and the negotiating of a new contract.

When Sarah heard recently about the possibility of losing two months' work, she was unhappy. The tri-church idea had been mentioned briefly at the time of hiring, but at that time there was no plan for 2017. Nothing was said about the possibility of less pay.

We are at present paying less annually for the one position of Music Director/Accompanist than we would pay for the two positions separately; a saving compared to last year.

Sarah is very talented at her job, and is appreciated by the choir and congregation; it would be a big loss if she resigned because the work and salary were reduced, and experience tells us it would be difficult to find a replacement as good and as talented.

Tessa Whyte

Co-ordinator, M&P

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Appendix B

Pastoral Care Meeting Feb12, 2017

9 members in attendance and several committees heard from.

Shirley Dodds and Darwin handling Curling/Chili supper along with Gordon Beck.

Cost is \$7.00 for curling and for supper no cost but a salad or chili dish expected.

Supper at 5:30 and curling time to be confirmed. Shirley requires a little help with set-up and kids that are curling need an adult assistant. Whitmore and Sunset to be invited.

Re: Greeters on Sunday, a request made for them to stay at entrance until 10:35.

Lee Beck re house groups, every house expected to cater to Men's club and if need be call on other house groups to help with catering.

Clare Parker House doing well with a diverse board not necessarily connected to a church.

A clip recently sent out and info to be given for Wesley Word. Deadline for WW is two weeks.

Women's Night Out still in planning stages possibly in May.

Newcomers Luncheon for May 28 maybe a barbecue, congregation to be invited along with food donations. Newcomer names to be sent to Sharon Mark.

Sunday school windup is June 11.

Re Visiting Team Cindy suggests we try to get more visitors.

Norma Quinn handling Women's group well.

Men's Club: next event Pancake supper Feb.28 then Garage Sale April 21 and 22.

Point made by Carolyn McBean that every organization within Church should have finances reported on.

Wascana hospital situation somewhat complex, difficult to obtain United Church residents due to privacy concerns. Sunday services going ahead next one - March 19 volunteers doing a good job but Wesley names tags to be used in future. Leaders needed for July and Sept.

United church housing report already sent in.

Next meeting for Pastoral care April 30.

Sent by Valerie Stimpson