

**Wesley United Church**  
Council Meeting  
March 22, 2023  
Minutes

*Wesley United Church, located on Treaty 4 land, is an Affirming Ministry of Jesus Christ, nurturing spiritual exploration and growth. We advocate for justice and social action. We love and care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout the world.*

	Name	Position on Council
X	Wayne Clarke	President
X	Stephanie Dove	Past President
X	Lenore Bewcyk	Vice-President
R	Al Goudie	Secretary
X	Jim Chernick	Treasurer
X	Jim Chernick	Admin & Finance Division Coordinator
R	Frances Goudie	Christian Education Division Coordinator
X	Carolyn McBean	Pastoral Care Division Coordinator
X	Tessa Whyte	Ministry & Personnel Division Coordinator
R	Sheila Roske	Worship Division Coordinator
X	Carolyn Woodall	Intentional Interim Minister
X	Kent Stewart	Transition Team Representative
R	Linda Gunningham	Regional Council Representative
X	Dave Towers	Sunset United Church Representative

1. Call to order – President Wayne called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Reflection – Kent led us in prayer.
3. Approval of agenda

**Motion 2023-22: That the agenda be approved as circulated.** M/S Lenore Bewcyk/Tessa Whyte – carried.

4. Approval of minutes from the Council meeting of February 22, 2023.

**Motion 2023-23: That the minutes of the meeting of February 22, 2023, be adopted.** M/S Kent Stewart/Jim Chernick – carried.

5. Reports

5.1 Minister Report attached.

**Motion 2023-24: There be an informational meeting between Edward Archibald, Darwin Roske, Lenore Bewcyk, Carolyn Woodall, Wayne Clarke, and a member of the trustees. M/S Lenore Bewcyk/Kent Stewart – carried.**

5.2 President

5.3 Vice President Report attached.

**Motion 2023-25: That we create a partnership team with Sheila Roske, Cintra Kanhai, Carol Chernishenko, Linda Gunningham, Pam Thomas, and Lenore Bewcyk. M/S Lenore Bewcyk/Jim Chernick – carried**

There was discussion on what council/board positions might look like as we begin to work together with Sunset. Lenore distributed an organizational chart (attached). Lenore and Dave both stated a willingness to co-chair if requested by the congregations.

The next games night will be held March 31<sup>st</sup>.

5.4 Treasurer

5.5 Administration and Finance

With the resignation of June Blau, Jim Chernick is now convenor of Admin and Finance.

**Motion 2023-26: That Council approve the 2023 budget as prepared by Glenn Schmuland and also recommend that the congregation approve the 2023 budget indicating projected revenue of \$221,783, expenses of \$249,761 and deficit of (\$27,978), and that Council approve the January and February 2023 budget report prepared by Glenn Schmuland indicating a projected deficit of (\$10,146). M/S Jim Chernick/Lenore Bewcyk – carried**

**Motion 2023-27: That Council approve that the \$60,000 CEBA loan be repaid now rather than at the maturity date of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. M/S Jim Chernick/Carolyn McBain – carried.**

**Motion 2023-28: That Kent, in accordance with article 7, draft a letter of information to be provided to UCAS that covers the concerns brought forward by Admin and Finance. M/S Kent Stewart/Jim Chernick – carried.**

**Motion 2023-29: We accept June Blau's resignation with regret, and we appreciate her service over many years. M/S Carolyn McBain/Kent Stewart – carried.**

**5.6 Christian Education**

No families with children attended the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Messy Church. If we don't have any families respond by Monday that they will attend, Messy Church will be cancelled and there won't be one planned for April.

**5.7 Ministry and Personnel**

**5.8 Pastoral Care**

The team continues to do fabulous work to ensure that people don't feel forgotten.

**5.9 Worship**

Carolyn reviewed the upcoming services:

Wesley is hosting Good Friday.

We will have Communion on Easter Sunday.

Maundy Thursday service will be at Sunset.

There are plans for a St. Andrews College service on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We are grateful to the A Team for the service on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

**5.10 WUC/UCAS Liaison Committee**

Discussed with Admin and Finance report.

**5.11 Transition Team**

**5.12 Sunset United Representative**

Sunset voted in favour of working towards amalgamation by an overwhelming majority and they have chosen 4 volunteers for the committee.

Dave acknowledged the many decisions to be made as we unite our congregations.

Sunset will be holding a sunrise service at 6 a.m. on Easter Sunday

**Motion 2023-30: To receive the reports M/S Kent Stewart/Lenore Bewcyk – carried.**

**6. Business Arising None**

**7. New Business**

**7.1 Discussion of March 5 Congregational Meeting**

7.2 Preparation for March 26 Fiscal Meeting

Discussed with Admin and Finance.

Kent is working on preparing documents to send out to the congregation in Jacque's absence.

Carolyn will do an opening prayer.

8. Correspondence

8.1 Letter from Clare Parker Homes Inc.

Received.

9. Volunteer for reflection for April meeting – Lenore

10. Next Council meeting:

April 19, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the kitchen lounge

11. Benediction Rev. Carolyn Woodall

12. Adjournment at 8:57 p.m.



Wayne Clarke, President



Stephanie Dove, Acting Secretary

Report of the IIM to Wesley Church Council March 23, 2023

Liturgically, we moved into Lent this past month. We had communion on Lent 1 with members of Sunset United joining us for that occasion.

Everyone was delighted by the large choir we have when we are together. I attended Dexter van Dyke's covenanting service with St. James UC on March 12th. The A-Team led worship when I was away on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Everyone enjoyed the P.I.E. focus and the pie afterwards.

In programming, we held a very informative evening event on February 24th in recognition of the ongoing aggression of Russia against Ukraine. It was an honour to be the MC for the Annual, and for Dr. Becca Whitla the inaugural, Gruchy Lecture at St. Andrew's College on March 1<sup>st</sup>. We planned and prepared for Messy Church for March 3rd. Though we had no children with their families arrive, the volunteers had a lovely craft time and supper, before others joined us for Games Night with Sunset folk. We began a new book for our study group and have had some different people join us, as well as our regulars. I attended the National Church's AFFIRM webinar in honour of P.I.E. Day at Sunset on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Coffee times on Friday at 11 AM on ZOOM continue, though I've haven't been able to attend every week.

I was invited to three homes for visits this month. I met with a colleague who had some feedback for us about our Messy Church event in September. Three meetings were had for funeral planning, one of which was held on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, and the other to come in April. A faithful group of people continue to gather on ZOOM on Tuesdays at 7 PM for an hour of pastoral concern and prayer for the community.

Preparations are ongoing for the Regional Meeting in Prince Albert in May. Each month I chair the planning committee meetings, and field questions in between.

The Congregational Meeting of March 5<sup>th</sup> yielded a decision to move forward in a path towards amalgamation. Consultation has begun as to who will represent Wesley on the Implementation Committee that will shortly be formed.

Cordially, Carolyn

### **Vice President's Report for March 22/23**

- Feb 24/23 – Attended Ukraine Evening with Otto and Florence Driedger.

- March 3/23 – Promoted and organized Sunset/Wesley Games Night. 16 in attendance.
- March 5/23 –Presented Council’s motions to the Congregational meeting regarding the amalgamation possibility with Sunset. Both motions passed.
- March 12, 2023 - Nomination committee meeting to plan for the future needs of Wesley.
- March 16/23 – Attended Sunset Board meeting.

### **POTENTIAL FUTURE STRUCTURE FOR THE WESLEY PARTNERSHIP WITH SUNSET**

<b>Wesley Current</b>	<b>Sunset Current</b>	<b>Future Shared Sunset’s current structure plus the following from Wesley’s committees</b>	<b>Wesley until Amalgamation complete</b>
President	Chairperson		President
Past President	Vice chairperson		Vice president
Vice President	Past chairperson		Past president
Secretary	Secretary		Secretary
Treasurer	Treasurer		Treasurer
Affirm	Chair of the affirming congregation committee	2	Finance
Transition		Partnership team 4 from both Sunset & Wesley 1 rep on council	Property
M&P		1	Stewardship
Outreach	Chair of Community Service Committee	2	Fundraising Events
Pastoral care	Congregational Care (house groups)	2	Communication – to make sure those not on email are kept up to date could be a pastoral care function

UCAS Liaison			UCAS rep could this be combined with the communication role will this not be needed when we no longer are a building?
Worship	Worship & Christian Education Committee	2(W) +2 CE	Trustee rep
Regional Rep	Regional Council Rep	2	
Christian Education	Member at Large		
Ministry (ex-officio)	Ministry (ex-officio)		
*Admin and Finance	Finance		

Admin & Finance is composed of chair, treasurer, Accounting convenor, assistant treasurer, property convenor, office convenor, steward ship convenor, minister ex-officio

Report to Council  
UCAS/WUC Liaison Committee  
March 2023

1. We have been advised that effective January 10, 2023, in accordance with *The Non-Profit Corporations Act, 1995* Uganda Canadian Association of Saskatchewan (UCAS) name has been amended to UCAS & African Descent Professional Associates Incorporated. This incorporation is the same as the 1990 UCAS incorporation entity and as such, it an update and not a new entity.
2. Renovations to the library and 105 have been completed. Additional work was required including adding shelves in the storage unit in 105, putting ventilation into the storage unit. UCAS has moved back into the office and library space. A mobile whiteboard, new chairs and tables have been received and are now stored in 105. New chairs have been purchased and located in the kitchen lounge. A two-way deadbolt has been installed on the door between the WUC Office and UCAS office.
3. A meeting is scheduled for March 24, the agenda will include issues concerning communication and the status of The Daughters of Africa Resource Centre (DOARC).

Respectfully submitted,  
Kent Stewart  
UCAS/WUC Liaison Committee

## Social Justice Report

\$1115.84 was spent by Wesley for groceries to prepare bag lunches for the interfaith Saturday lunch program. This program began in December 2021 and is held at First Baptist Church. Wesley hosted on March 19, 2022 with Sunset United Church and on October 22, 2022 Wesley hosted this lunch program. A big thank you to the 10 or more volunteers who helped each time to make sandwiches and pack 200 lunches.

Respectfully submitted Lee Beck  
2023-03-07

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March 5, 2023

Carolyn McBean  
United Wesley Church Council  
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Dear Carolyn:

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As referenced in your letter, CPH has a strong history of financial and volunteer contributions from local United Church congregations. However, as CPH has grown as an organization and increased the support it provides in the local community, CPH has evolved into a community based organization, with board members who do not necessarily represent any particular faith community. Going forward, CPH intends to continue to recruit board members of any particular faith, as long as they share the vision and values of CPH and are committed to ensuring CPH can successfully fulfill its mission.

Thank you for bringing the United Church references on our website to our attention. We will update the messaging to reflect CPH's current status as a community based organization.

CPH continues to value the ongoing support of the United Church. Although there is no direct affiliation between CPH and the United Church, there are current board members who are part of the United Church faith, and I know that CPH and the United Church share similar values, such as inclusion, respect, and community. On behalf of the Board, we look forward to continuing the relationship between CPH and the United Church.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 306-527-0480 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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