

**OAK BANK UNITED CHURCH
UNIFIED BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 13, 2017**

PRESENT: Ardith Cook, Karen Hunt, Lawrie Kyle, Kathy Randall, Maureen McCartney, Joan Nurse, Hans Peper, Kori Van Ryssel, Barb Zawada, Doug Zawada, Bobbie Tucker, Kim Reid, Ian Reid, Bruce McLean, Irene Peters

REGRETS: Stacy Walterson, Marge Habing, Karen Ivison, Brenda Tjaden, Barbara Bromilow

CALL TO ORDER: Bobbie Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:21pm

OPENING PRAYER: Led by Maureen.

Mission and Vision read in unison.

Acknowledgement of Treaty Land read by Maureen McCartney.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

1. Springfield Christmas Hamper vegetable storage (see correspondence)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

#50, 2017 Motion: To approve the minutes of the November 8th, 2017 Board meeting.

Moved by: Karen Hunt

Seconded by: Kori Van Ryssel

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. The German church served cake and coffee on November 26, 2017.
2. Adult Christian Education library discussions and decisions are referred to the CE committee to determine the placement, volunteer co-ordination, separation of children's and adult materials, and who is prepared to lead efforts. In the meantime a group of volunteers may start sifting through the materials. Tammy Bleue, Bobbie Tucker and Christine Robinson have purged old books and have a total of 45 books in the new library. Will decide how to label and advertise in the next while. Will meet again after Xmas.
3. Constitution revisions were circulated by Barb Zawada in preparation for the Annual Meeting February 25. The Executive reviewed and finalized a draft. Discussion around changing the title of Unified to just Board – will leave as is. Cosmetic changes were noted. Indicated not more than 25 members but not less than 20 members. Each committee chair will decide how many board members vs congregational members will be on each committee. Reviewed Section D members and adherents and discussed what defines full members. Removed the wording 'Full' and leave out section indicated in red. More discussion and research on "What's involved in joining the church? What are the benefits of adult membership?" Will bring to the meeting in February/18. CE Committee will bring ideas about educating congregants and promoting church membership to the next meeting.
4. On Christmas Eve, Tammy will do the afternoon, and both ministers will do the evening service candlelight and Dugald services.
5. Trustee/Elder recommendations – Ian Reid. Will continue to maintain the existing Elders, need another Trustee in order to have 5. Nominee will be brought forward at AGM.

6. Board Nominating Committee – Barb Zawada. We have 13 confirmed board members for next year. Will have to recruit for 7 more members at a minimum. Maureen will join the nominating committee.

CORRESPONDENCE IN / OUT:

1. Circulated a letter of support Vision 2020 for a personal care facility in Oakbank to government.
2. Springfield Christmas Hamper vegetables were stored here for a week due to hamper assembly at OBUC week of December 18th (approved by Executive).

MINISTERS' REPORT: Verbal report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Lawrie Kyle.

#51, 2017 Motion: That the November, 2017 financial report be accepted as presented. Last cheque from the German Church was received. New line item 'Pavement'. Maintenance repair of \$400 for lawn cutting and \$450 locksmith.

Moved by: Lawrie Kyle

Seconded by: Ian Reid

CARRIED

Selkirk Presbytery Report: as sent by Bobbie Tucker/Joan Nurse. The conference annual meeting will be held at the UofM May 24-27, 2018. All congregations will be encouraged to attend the Sunday Morning worship service in lieu of holding their own services. This has been referred to the Worship Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ministry and Personnel: As previously sent by Irene Peters.

#52, 2017 Motion: That the position of Sunday School/Youth Program Director be approved retroactively to July 1, 2017 in the amount of \$500 per month.

Moved by: Irene Peters

Seconded by: Kim Reid

CARRIED, with 1 abstention.

Stewardship: Hans Peper gave verbal report. Did reminder of PAR last Sunday. M&P and Stewardship should sit down together from a budget planning measure.

CE: report was submitted by Karen Ivison.

Pastoral Care: As sent by Kathy Randall. Looking for members for this committee along with a new Chair.

Worship: As sent by Karen Hunt.

Fellowship: Dinner theatre Volunteer Fair Sunday with chili lunch happened on November 19th.

Outreach: As sent by Barb Bromilow. Bus ticket funding request will be advertised.

Building and Property: As submitted by Doug Zawada. Action items for inspection with Fire Chief.

Ministry Search Committee: Kori gave a verbal report. Outlining the earliest possible start for a new minister would be around May or June 2018. Our positions are now posted with a January 10 application deadline.

GROUP/INDIVIDUAL REPORTS:

United Company: No activities since the last report. Hardly any tickets left.

Vision Fund: No activities since the last report.

NOVEMBER NEW BUSINESS:

1. Decision on using the church for weddings based on ministers' discretion. Info will be included in new rental agreement.
2. Memorial fund request - send flowers to Elsie McLeod on her 100th birthday. Kim Reid will send flowers.

#53, 2017 Motion: Christmas Eve Offering Silver collection – donate all to West Broadway to be used for Bus Tickets as a gift from OBUC.

Moved by: Irene Peters **Seconded by:** Karen Hunt **CARRIED**

#54, 2017 Motion: That beginning March, 2018 the OBUC Unified Board will meet the second Wednesday of the month.

Moved by: Barb Zawada **Seconded by:** Ian Reid **CARRIED**

CLOSING PRAYER: Maureen closed the meeting in prayer at 9:30pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, January 10 at **7:00 p.m.** (Coffee at 6:45 p.m.).

Chairperson: _____
Bobbie Tucker

Clerk: _____
Kathy Randall for Brenda Tjaden