

## James Bay United Church

### Minutes of Special Board Meeting Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Present: Karen Dickey, Marg Lunam, Doug Lunam, Sylvia Scott, Kathie Putt, Judy Krzesowski, and Cheryl Caldwell.

Recorder: Kathie Putt

#### MPS timetable:

**We agree** to defer until September consideration of Karen's moving to full time.

Considerations include:

- the need for a fuller conversation with the Congregation as to what we're about, which of the endless possibilities we want to focus on, and how that affects how we want our Minister to spend her time;
- will/ can Karen limit her activities, meanwhile, to ¾ time;
- recommendation that we present a model for comment rather than leave it wide open.

#### Pro Vision funds:

**We agree** to have Karen talk with Pro Vision committee people to see if grant money can be redirected from the Abundant Community Initiative to another community-based initiative, whereby we convene conversations of concerned citizens to foster dialogue within the JB community to encourage a generous and inclusive spirit in the face of the current, shifting socio-political climate.

#### JBRI as a Neighbourhood Ministry:

**Motion** that we strongly affirm the James Bay Refugee Initiative as one of our Neighbourhood Ministries. M/S Cheryl/ Marg. Carried.

Considerations: While this has been true in practise we need to affirm it more clearly to comply with UCC policy. Cheryl will check whether this needs to be affirmed by the Congregation, which we could do March 19.

#### Budget Review:

**We agree** to recommend this budget, as revised according to today's discussion, to the Congregation at our Meeting on March 19.

Considerations: The amount of \$13,102 at Line 26, the balance of the \$20,000 withdrawn from the Grace Fund for intern's pay, will be returned to the Grace Fund.

#### March 19 Meeting

The meeting will be held after the service, in the sanctuary.

### Tasks

Cheryl will help create a model for comment in September and facilitate discussion about it.

Doug will contact Gail about deferring.

Karen will talk with Pro Vision people.

Cheryl will check Manual to see if we need to bring the motion re JBRI to the Congregation.

Cheryl will refine the budget as discussed and present it at the Meeting March 19.