

# JBUC Board Meeting - November 7, 2018 - Minutes

Location: Welcome Room, 10 AM

Chair: Cheryl Caldwell

Secretary: Louise n'ha Ruby

**Present:** Karen Dickey, Cheryl Caldwell, Doug Lunam, Gordon Miller, Martin Stewart, Cheryl Macpherson and Louise n'ha Ruby

**Regrets:** Kathie Putt

**Opening (Karen) Check-in (Cheryl/All)**

Minutes of October 10, 2018 were approved and sent to Nola for posting on the website.

## Correspondence:

1. Letter from Presbytery - Karen advised the final gathering of Presbytery will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Old Business:

1. *Email from Our Place* (distributed May2 for consideration in the fall) - Gordon and Karen had spoken with Don Evans of *Our Place* at a Presbytery meeting. Concern was expressed regarding availability, resources (water/sewer.) Discussion regarding being placed on an emergency list - Extreme Weather Protocol as well as various possibilities.

**Action items/dates:** Louise will follow-up via e-mail to all when more information is received from Don Evans.

2. *Church security update* - follow-up to September meeting.

**Action items/dates:** Martin to complete draft of procedures by November 30th

## New Business:

1. *Communication and Neighbourhood Engagement Initiative:* Gordon Miller

Year Two Priorities:

- Formal Neighbourhood Engagement Team, Gordon responded to comments, arising out of the congregational meeting, about more connection with people in the congregation as well as connection with folks in the neighbourhood. Gordon talked about our need to be “nimble”.
- A number of teams already exist or have emerged as a “way in” for the congregation and the individuals from the neighbourhood.

Tuesday Morning Coffee

Thrift Shop

Music - *A Place to Listen, Jazz Night*

Social Media - web/e-news

Refugee Initiative

Social Justice

Pride

Worship

Street Engagement

Christian Education

Hospitality & Greeting

- The goal is to find linkages for the Teams, both in and outside the congregation. These are opportunities for people to follow their passion.

Gordon expressed his view that the individual teams work best and that there is no need for over-all control/coordination.

**Question for Board:** Did we agree? I'm not sure if I put the question.

The next immediate plan is to continue with Wednesday evenings simple supper, prayer and then spend time one on one Listening time with members of the congregation. (See also #3 below.) The idea is to find a pairing with someone we don't know very well. There would be a couple of questions available for the *interviewer* with 10-20 minutes for the *interviewee* to respond and experience being fully listened to. Then they would trade places.

**Action items/dates:** Gordon will produce e-news and an insert for next Sunday (November 11th.)

- Funding beyond October 1, 2019. Cheryl advised we have recently received the final grant of \$5000 for 2018 plus 75% of the rest for the second year. CNEI needs to be sustainable beyond this date. We need to explore other financial resources going forward to fund this work.

**Action items/dates:** Board needs to develop a plan.

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2. *Study Leave Update* Karen shared her experience during the week and expressed appreciation for the opportunity.
3. *Presbytery Workshop* with *Weird Church* co-author, Beth Hanstock.
  - several members of the congregation attended
  - listening with intent - within us to experience a deeper knowing of each other. A suggestion was made that someone might be available as a "Listening Post" perhaps on Thrift Shop sale day.
4. *Budget 2019* Cheryl C. A sub-committee to review revenues and expenses for 2019 was struck (Cheryl C, Doug, Martin, Vanya) and will meet the week of November 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Action items/dates:** All team leaders to submit their 2019 budget to Cheryl C. by November 16.

5. *Weird Church* - Karen will get in touch with the members of the book study to see if we want to carry on.

**Action items/dates:** Karen will report back at the next Board meeting.

6. *Website updates:* Protocols need to be established for approval process for items that go on the website.

**Action items:** Cheryl will organize a small group (Cheryl C., Kathie, Gordon and Nola) and come back to the Board with a proposal. Proposed date: January 2019

**Next meeting dates/Agenda Items:**

Board meetings: December 12, 2018, January 9 and February 13, 2019 at 10 a.m.

- for consideration: a Board Retreat in the New Year

Annual General Meeting: February 24, 2019