

**Wesley United Church**  
Council Meeting  
May 20, 2020 7:00 pm

*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.*

**Minutes**

Present:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position on Council</b>
	Dan Holbrow	President
	Stephanie Dove	Past President
	Laura Thomson	Vice-President
	Al Goudie	Secretary
	Jim Chernick	Treasurer
	June Blau	Admin & Finance Division Coordinator
	Frances Goudie	Christian Education Division Coordinator
	Linda Paul	Pastoral Care Division Coordinator
R	Valerie Stimpson	Pastoral Care Division Coordinator
	Tessa Whyte	Ministry & Personnel Division Coordinator
		Worship Division Coordinator
	Cindy Bourgeois	Minister

R = Regrets    P = Partial

1. Call to order – Dan welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
2. Opening reflection: Linda Paul
3. Approval of agenda

**Motion 2020-30: That the agenda be approved as circulated.** M/S Tessa Whyte/June Blau – carried.

4. Approval of minutes from April 15, 2020 council meeting

**Motion 2020-31: That the minutes of the meeting of April 15, 2020 be adopted.** M/S Al Goudie/Linda Paul – carried.

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.1. Vice President's report
- 5.2. Past president's report
- 5.3. President's report
- 5.4. Christian Education – removed.
- 5.5. Administration and Finance – removed.
- 5.6. Ministry and Personnel – removed.
- 5.7. Treasurer
- 5.8. Pastoral Care
- 5.9. Social Justice
- 5.10. Worship

**Motion 2020-32: That the Consent Agenda be approved (with the Christian Education, Administration and Finance and Ministry and Personnel reports removed).** M/S June Blau/Frances Goudie – carried.

Reports removed from the Consent Agenda:

Christian Education. Fran has been working with Lee to put kids ideas in the announcements each week. Fran sends a message and Lee composes the announcement.

Administration and Finance. The committee recommended going ahead with unbudgeted painting of hallways and ceilings by Jonathan at an approximate cost of \$1,500. The funds are available.

**Motion 2020-33: That painting of hallways and ceilings at an approximate cost of \$1,500 proceed.** M/S June Blau/Laura Thomson – carried.

June said it is clear that the government grant to support rental loss is available to charities.

**Motion 2020-34: That Wesley apply for a government grant to pay one-half of lost daycare rental for April, May and June.** M/S June Blau/Jim Chernick – carried.

Ministry and Personnel. Arising from the M & P report, Tessa proposed the following motion:

**Motion 2020-35: That Council approve a declaration be made to the Wesley congregation that Wesley will continue employing its staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.** M/S Tessa Whyte/Linda Paul – carried.

Arising from the M & P report a discussion ensued about the whether to pay music leaders/soloists in the Sunday worship services during the pandemic.

**Motion 2020-36: That Wesley pay soloists in the Sunday worship services during the Pandemic from the beginning of virtual services until June 14, 2020, an honorarium of \$50.** M/S June Blau/Frances Goudie

**Amendment to motion 2020-36: That the honorarium be \$100.** M/S Stephanie Dove/Jim Chernick – amendment defeated.

**Motion 2020-36 – defeated.**

6. Old business

6.1. Blueberry Sale update. Fran reported that we are good to go. Yesterday Pratt's said that they can supply blueberries. Last year's committee will be meeting later this week. The sale will be on July 25.

7. May strategy and visioning (new business)

7.1. Correspondence – letter of support for St. Andrews.

**Motion 2020-37. That Wesley Church write a letter of support in opposition to the anti-Queer defacement of St. Andrews College, Grosvenor Park United Church, McLure United Church and other churches in Saskatoon.** M/S June Blau/Linda Paul – carried. Dan will ask Kent Stewart or David Kyle to write the letter.

7.2. Program meeting/nominations. Stephanie Dove as chair of nominations suggested that at this time of social distancing a virtual Annual Program Meeting would be difficult. She recommended that the meeting be delayed.

**Motion 2020-38: That the Annual Program Meeting be postponed until such time as the congregation can gather in the church and that until such time the current Council and Officers of Council remain in place.** M/S Laura Thomson/June Blau – carried.

Council agreed to re-evaluate this motion in September.

8. Minister's report. Cindy has been focussing on worship and how to have an operating church. She attends to pastoral care through phone calls. She asked that we think about what re-opening will look like. There will be no choir for at least a year, as singing is more dangerous than speaking during the pandemic. Cindy has asked Lee Stubbe to work on an online choir. She thanked Linda Gunningham and Pam Thomas for their work on stewardship. Tri-church services begin June 21 at Sunset, followed by Lakeview July 19 and Wesley August 16.

9. Next meeting: June 17, 2020, 7:00 pm. Volunteer for reflection: Jim Chernick

10. Adjournment at 8:40 pm

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Dan Holbrow, President

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Al Goudie, Secretary