

**Wesley United Church**

Council Meeting

March 18, 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
	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 7:01 pm.
2. Opening reflection: Linda
3. Approval of agenda

**Motion 2020-14: That the agenda be approved as amended.** M/S Tessa Whyte/June Blau – carried.

4. Approval of minutes from February 12, 2020 council meeting

**Motion 2020-15: That the minutes of the meeting of February 12, 2020 be adopted.** M/S Al Goudie/Stephanie Dove – 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
- 5.5. Administration and Finance
- 5.6. Ministry and Personnel - removed from the consent agenda
- 5.7. Treasurer
- 5.8. Pastoral Care
- 5.9. Social Justice
- 5.10. Worship

**Motion 2020-16: That the Consent Agenda be approved (with the Ministry & Personnel Committee report removed).** M/S Jim Chernick/Linda Paul – carried.

Reports removed from the Consent Agenda:

Ministry & Personnel Committee: Tina's doctor has written a letter advising her to cease working until she is well. Lee Stubbe has offered to fill the position for the time being. Cindy supports this. Hours and terms need to be determined and the situation is fluid.

**Motion 2020-17: That the Ministry & Personnel Committee be empowered to negotiate the hours and terms of temporary employment as Office Administrator with Lee Stubbe to be reviewed by the Executive Committee and communicated to Council.** M/S June Blau/Stephanie Dove – carried.

6. Old business

6.1. Congregational survey & next table service - deferred

7. March strategy and visioning (new business)

7.1. Membership rolls - deferred

7.2. Wesley's COVID-19 response. Dan referred to the United Church of Canada Emergency Plan, Guidelines for Communities of Faith. Cindy spoke with Kent Stewart, Sheila Roske and Al Goudie and they have agreed to join an Emergency Preparedness Committee. Cindy will also ask Linda Gunningham, considering with her connection to Regional Council.

**Motion 2020-18: That an Emergency Preparedness Committee comprised of Cindy, Kent Stewart, Sheila Roske, Al Goudie and Linda Gunningham be appointed to follow the United Church guidelines and make recommendations and to keep Executive and Council informed.** M/S Tessa Whyte/Jim Chernick – carried.

**Motion 2020-19: That Cindy be empowered to make decisions regarding urgent situations as needed and that she report her actions to the Executive.** M/S Stephanie Dove/Valerie Stimpson – carried.

**Motion 2020-20: That Wesley United Church suspend in-person Sunday services until it is safe to return to worship together and that we explore alternative forms of worship in the meantime.** M/S Laura Thomson/Stephanie Dove – carried.

User groups update by Cindy: Preschool is closed; all one-off rentals to mid-April have cancelled; ongoing groups are not planning to meet except the Yoga group (2 more weeks of classes) and AA which wants to continue and will sanitize their space. Cindy is fine with this – Council agreed. Council also agreed that we not take any new rentals or allow any other meetings in the building until the emergency passes.

Garage Sale go or no go decision to be made by April 15.

**Motion 2020-21: That the church purchase ZOOM video conferencing software.** M/S Laura Thomson/Linda Paul – carried.

Dan will compose a letter to the congregation and email it to Cindy for electronic distribution.

7.3 Correspondence. Council at Eastside United shared their approach to COVID-19.

8. Minister's report – as circulated.

9. Next meeting

Council April 15, 7:00 pm. Volunteer for reflection: Fran

10. Adjournment at 8:51 pm

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Dan Holbrow, President

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Al Goudie, Secretary