

**Wesley United Church**  
Council Meeting  
April 15, 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 7:03 pm.
2. Opening reflection: Fran
3. Approval of agenda

**Motion 2020-24: That the agenda be approved as amended.** M/S Tessa Whyte/Linda Paul – carried.

4. Approval of minutes from March 18, 2020 council meeting

**Motion 2020-25: That the minutes of the meeting of March 18, 2020 be adopted.** M/S Al Goudie/June Blau – carried.

Since the last Council meeting, the following motions were passed unanimously by Council Executive:

**Motion 2020-22: That Wesley apply for a \$40,000 interest-free loan under the federal government's COVID-19 assistance program as soon as it becomes available.** M/S Al Goudie/Jim Chernick – carried.

**Motion 2020-23: That Wesley offer 1) rent relief to iDiscover to June 30, (\$1253/mo) and 2) a two week equivalent refund to the Yoga group (~\$320).** M/S Al Goudie/Jim Chernick – carried.

The Trustees were informed of Motion 2020-22 and unanimously passed the following motion:

**That the Trustees of Wesley United Church approve the application for a \$40,000 interest-free loan under the federal government's COVID-19 assistance program and direct Glenn Schmuland and/or Jim Chernick to complete and sign any and all loan documentation on behalf of Wesley United Church.**

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 – pulled out of the Consent Agenda
- 5.6. Ministry and Personnel
- 5.7. Treasurer
- 5.8. Pastoral Care
- 5.9. Social Justice
- 5.10. Worship

**Motion 2020-26: That the Consent Agenda be approved (with the Administration and Finance Committee report removed).** M/S June Blau/Laura Thomson – carried.

Reports removed from the Consent Agenda:

Administration and Finance Committee: June reported that she sent notice of motion 2020-22 to the Regional Council but had not received a response. At a Webinar today, she and Glenn learned that churches are not eligible for the \$40,000 loan. Churches were encouraged to apply for the 10% wage top-up through ADP. The United Church Foundation is offering a \$10,000 interest free loan; Regional Council approval is not required.

**Motion 2020-27: That Wesley apply for a \$10,000 interest-free loan from the United Church Foundation.** M/S June Blau/Stephanie Dove – carried.

June also mentioned that she had received notes of appreciation from iDiscover Daycare and Yoga group for the rent forgiveness.

6. Old business

6.1. Wesley's COVID-19 response / emergency preparedness committee. Cindy reported that the committee has met several times and has fulfilled all of the recommendations/suggestions of the United Church. There was a good response to the phoning tree. Some follow up calls are happening.

6.2 Garage Sale decision. The Men's Club has postponed the Garage Sale until the fall.

7. April strategy and visioning (new business)

7.1. Correspondence – none.

7.2. Sunset/Wesley Refugee Committee decision to provide \$200 per month for 5 months from the refugee fund to support the Fattal family and their loss of income due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

**Motion 2020-28: That \$1,000 be taken from the Refugee Fund to support the Fattal family for 5 months, \$200 per month.** M/S Linda Paul/Laura Thomson – carried.

7.3 Joint Services with Eastside United Church. Cindy and Russell Mitchell-Walker discussed sharing one service per month each to allow Cindy and Russell a Sunday off. They agreed that Russell would conduct the service on April 26<sup>th</sup> and Cindy on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Both services would be by ZOOM. An extra license is required to allow for an increased number of attendees. The cost of the extra license would be shared by Wesley and Eastview.

**Motion 2020-29: That Council authorizes the expenditure of approximately \$40 per month for an extra license to increase our ZOOM capacity.** M/S Tessa Whyte/Fran Goudie – carried.

7.4 Blueberry sale. Linda and Fran will be speaking to Pratt's next week and if they can supply blueberries for a summer sale, will convene a committee meeting to discuss the feasibility of having a summer sale.

8. Minister's report. Cindy is wondering when she can stop talking about the pandemic! Everyone has stepped up to help in this difficult time. Morgan's Kyrie generated a lot of interest. Dan thanked and recognized Cindy for all her work in a difficult and stressful time.

9. Next meeting: May 20, 7:00 pm. Volunteer for reflection: Linda Paul

10. Adjournment at 8:06 pm

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Dan Holbrow, President

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Al Goudie, Secretary