

# Wesley United Church

Council Meeting by Zoom

June 17, 2021 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.*

Present:

	Name	Position on Council
		President
	Stephanie Dove	Past President
	Elaina St. Onge	Vice-President
	Al Goudie	Secretary
	Jim Chernick	Treasurer
	June Blau	Admin & Finance Division Coordinator
	Frances Goudie	Christian Education Division Coordinator
R	Linda Paul	Pastoral Care Division Coordinator
		Pastoral Care Division Coordinator
	Tessa Whyte	Ministry & Personnel Division Coordinator
		Worship Division Coordinator
	Bryan Tudor	Pastoral Charge Supervisor
	Kent Stewart	Transition Team Representative

R = Regrets    P = Partial

1. Call to order  
Elaina called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

2. Opening reflection – Frances

3. Approval of agenda

**Motion 2021-47: That the agenda be approved as amended.** M/S June Blau/Frances Goudie – carried.

4. Approval of minutes from May 20 Council meeting

**Motion 2021-48: That the minutes of the meeting of May 20, 2021 be adopted.** M/S Al Goudie/June Blau – carried.

Since the last Council meeting the following motions were passed by email vote:

**Motion 2021-45: That Council approves the Covenant between Wesley United Church and Living Skies Regional Council and appoints Allen Goudie, secretary of Council to sign and forward the Covenant to the Regional Council.** M/S Kent Stewart/June Blau – carried.

**Motion 2021-46: That Wesley United Church apply for a \$60,000 interest-free loan under the federal government's CEBA assistance program and direct the Trustees to enter into the loan transaction.** M/S Al Goudie/June Blau – carried.

5. Transition Team report. Kent filed a written progress report. The team will meet next Monday to debrief and discuss the interview with the candidate and shortly after that will be in touch with Council with recommendations. Kent suggests a Zoom meeting of Council in relation to the recommendations – agreed. Kent mentioned that the Team has incurred some expenses and may incur further expenses in the interview process.

**Motion 2021-49: That the Wesley Interim Ministry Transition Team be allocated a budget of \$2500 for Transition Team expenses. In consideration of confidentiality, expenditures from this budget will be managed and approved by the Transition Team.** M/S Kent Stewart/Jim Chernick – carried.

6. Consent Agenda

- 6.1. Vice President's Report

- 6.2. Past president's report

- 6.3. President's report

- 6.4. Christian Education

- 6.5 Administration and Finance – removed from consent agenda
- 6.6 Ministry and Personnel
- 6.7 Treasurer
- 6.8 Pastoral Care – removed from consent agenda
- 6.9 Social Justice
- 6.10 Worship
- 6.11 Staff
- 6.12 WUC/UCAS Liaison Committee

**Motion 2021-50: That the Consent Agenda be approved with the Administration & Finance and Pastoral Care reports removed.** M/S Frances Goudie/Tessa Whyte – carried.

Reports removed from the Consent Agenda:

Admin & Finance. June reported that she was informed that because the CEBA loan potentially involves major renovations a request has to go to the Property Commission of Regional Council for approval, so it's in their hands. Jim has already filed the application for the loan so as not to miss the application deadline. She doesn't think it will be an issue.

Kent clarified that the WUC/UCAS Liaison Committee meeting that was scheduled for May 29 was rescheduled to June 18.

Pastoral Care. The report from Linda Paul recommends offering Darrell Reine compensation for all that he did in providing emergency pastoral care.

**Motion 2021-51: That Wesley pay Darrell Reine \$200 for his pastoral care services for Wesley in the past period of time.** M/S Tessa Whyte/June Blau.

Considerable discussion followed. Concern was raised that Wesley does not have a policy on paying for emergency pastoral care. Up until now, this has been handled as a reciprocal arrangement among the ministers, with the help of volunteers such as Pam Thomas and Christa Eidsness. None of the ministers or volunteers has asked for or received payment. It was suggested that to single out Darrell Reine for payment would be inconsistent and perhaps unfair to the others.

The motion was defeated 5-2

June suggests that we ask Ministry & Personnel to look at a policy on paying for emergency pastoral care and report back to Council.

**Motion 2021-52: That Ministry & Personnel in conjunction with Pastoral Care develop a policy for standard practices and payment for emergency pastoral care and report back to council for approval.** M/S Kent Stewart/June Blau – carried.

7. Old Business

7.1 Blueberry Sale – Frances reported \$8,996 in online sales. Tickets have been issued but there is no information on money received from ticket sales. At least \$300 has been turned in to the office, so we are over \$9,000. Thanks to Tina and Jonathan for using the church sign which has proven to be very effective. The committee will be looking for help on the day of sale.

7.2 Provincial Re-opening and resumption of face to face worship

Al referred to Trisha Gerhard's letter and her words of caution as churches consider when to resume face to face worship. Given that the shared summer services are starting it would be wise to put the decision off until August. The target date could be the first Sunday after shared services, September 12. Council should meet in August to discuss. What should we communicate to the congregation? We're keeping an eye on things. We have shared services for the summer and Council will meet again in August. Elaina will draft something for the announcements.

7.3 UCAS renovations (referred to Admin & Finance last meeting) The WUC/UCAS Liaison Committee will be meeting tomorrow.

7.4 Emergency pastoral care. This item was dealt with under the Pastoral Care report.

7.5 Shared summer services. Tessa reported that Sunset starts this Sunday followed by Wesley, Lakeview and Eastside, 3 weeks each. Tessa described some of the services and who is doing emergency pastoral care.

8. June strategy and visioning (new business)

8.1 Reminder to return red binders to the church for updating

8.2 Voluntary Associate Minister Application from Carolyn McBean

**Motion 2021-53: That Council approves the appointment of Carolyn McBean as a Voluntary Associate Minister of Wesley United Church.** M/S Kent Stewart/Frances Goudie – carried.

8.3 Meeting with Eastside United Church Leadership Team. A received an email from Sarah Tkachuk suggesting a gathering of the leadership teams in the fall. Are we receptive to gathering this fall? It was agreed that it would be good to signal our intentions that we would like to get together and we will sort out timing and logistics later in the summer.

9. Correspondence

Request for Donation from Regina Food Bank. In answer to a question, Al replied that the church receives many requests for donations just the same as every household and normally these are ignored unless they are from charities that Wesley supports.

10. Next meeting August 18 at 7:00 pm. Volunteer for reflection Jim.

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Elaina St. Onge, Vice President

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Al Goudie, Secretary