

Wesley United Church
Council Meeting by Zoom
March 15, 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
	Linda Paul	Pastoral Care Division Coordinator
		Pastoral Care Division Coordinator
	Tessa Whyte	Ministry & Personnel Division Coordinator
		Worship Division Coordinator
	Bryan Tudor	Pastoral Charge Supervisor

R = Regrets P = Partial

1. Call to order. Elaina called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
2. Opening reflection – June: Doubt is not the opposite of faith.
3. Approval of agenda

Motion 2021-22: That the agenda be approved as circulated. M/S Tessa Whyte/Fran Goudie – carried.

4. Approval of minutes from February 18/24 Council meeting

Motion 2021-23: That the minutes of the meeting of February 18/24, 2021 be adopted. M/S Al Goudie/June Blau – carried.

Since the last Council meeting the following motion was passed by email vote on March 4, 2021:

Motion 2021-24: That Wesley United Church Council supports initiatives to ban conversion therapy and tasks the Wesley Affirm Committee to lead this initiative on behalf of Wesley United Church. M/S Al Goudie/Elaina St. Onge – 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 consent agenda
 - 5.7 Treasurer
 - 5.8 Pastoral Care
 - 5.9 Social Justice
 - 5.10 Worship

Motion 2021-25: That the Consent Agenda be approved (with the Ministry and Personnel report removed). M/S June Blau/Jim Chernick – carried.

Reports removed from the Consent Agenda:

Ministry & Personnel Tessa followed up on concerns raised regarding the work environment.

6. Old Business

6.1 Approval and appointment of Transition Team

Motion 2021-26: That Council approves the appointment of Deb Anderson-Pratt, Linda Gunningham, Gordon Beck, Amy McGregor, Kent Stewart, John McKenzie and Glenn Schmuland to form the Transition Team, along with Bryan Tudor as Regional Council Representative, for Intentional Interim Ministry. M/S Al Goudie/Linda Paul – carried.

6.2 Discussion of preliminary goals

Strengthen or build our relationship with UCAS – celebrating differences and diversity

Find a new way forward in a post-Covid world – how do we see our identity going forward

Engagement – how do we engage our community, bring them in, get them involved in Council and church; engage new leadership

Preparing for new ministry – a strong and stimulating preacher

A stronger connection with the university community

Expand and build on the relationship with Sunset, Lakeview and Eastside

Improve children's programs; get the children involved

7. March strategy and visioning (new business)

7.1 Wesley and Eastside Gathering. Rather than parking it, carry along in parallel so it becomes part of who we are. The relationship needs to evolve rather than stopping now and starting later. Alternating services would help with our pulpit supply. Tessa says we have services arranged until September. Should we be trying to bring Eastside into the circle with Sunset and Lakeview? Add Eastside into the shared summer services? Worship committee will have a look at this.

7.2 Discussion of whether to resume in person services or continue with live streamed services. With Regina being one of the cities with the highest

numbers of Covid cases per capita in Canada, and rising numbers of variant cases, now is not the right time to re open. Elaina will draft an announcement to go to the community of faith.

7.3 Church leaders and the Sask Vaccination program. This was in this week's announcements, so the community of faith has been informed.

8. Correspondence. None

9. Next meeting: April 21, 7:00 pm. Volunteer for reflection: Bryan

10. Adjournment at 8:04 pm

Elaina St. Onge, Vice President

Al Goudie, Secretary