

Golden Ears United Church, Maple Ridge B. C.
Council Meeting
March 9, 2022 – 7:30 pm via Zoom

Present: Elaine Dipalo, Lesley Fairley, Angela Finley, Heather Holness, Sue Kellas, Pam Kennedy, Tim Killins, Lenore McLean, John Petty, Alex Pope, Lynn Rajala, Lonnie Roscoe, Rev. Leenane Shiels, Cathy Ward.
Regrets: Lisa Thomson.

Opening Prayer – Rev. Leenane Shiels

Call to Order

1. Approval of Consent Agenda

- 1.1. Minutes of December 15, 2021 Leadership Executive minutes
- 1.2. Approval of the agenda
- 1.3 No reports
- 1.4. Corresponding privileges extended to Lesley Fairley.

MOTION: M/S acceptance of the consent agenda. Carried.

2. Correspondence

- 2.1 Thank you cards from Rev. Leenane Shiels and Lesley Fairley for their Christmas gifts.

3. Treasurer's Report Alex Pope

3.1 Alex Pope did a narrative review of the 2022 Budget. **Motion: M/S that we forward the 2022 budget to the Annual Congregational Meeting, as recommended by the Leadership Executive. Carried.**

3.2 Receipt of the year end financial report, reviewed by Angela Finley. **Motion: M/S that we receive and forward the reviewed year end financial report to the Annual Congregational Meeting. Carried.**

4. Minister's Report

4.1. Rev. Leenane Shiels

Leenane Shiels has signed up for a Pacific Mountain Region study; Moving from Decision Making to Discernment. The study will be held on a month for a year and will be done in combination with Chinook Winds Region.

4.2 Whonnock/Webster's will be disbanding by the end of this year.

4.3 Refugee Sponsorship. We have been approached about sponsoring a Vietnamese family. There is currently little help from the national church around sponsoring refugees. Iris Challoner, from Eagle Ridge and works for Mosaic, is overwhelmed with helping refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine.

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Elaine Dipalo and Lonnie Roscoe will meet with Leenane Shiels and look at the paperwork that remains to be completed for the refugee family we are currently sponsoring. It needs to be completed and the procedure is complicated.

4.4 We will celebrate Leenane's 10 anniversary of ordination and GEUC 10th year of amalgamation on June 26. This date is the closest date to the first amalgamated service.

4.5 Rev. Shiels asked for input on the Yampolsky family's request to hold a secular celebration of life for Nathan Yampolsky.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 The Annual Congregational Meeting will be on March 20, 2022 following a potluck lunch after morning worship. Elaine Dipalo sends her regrets.

5.2 Rev. Leenane Shiels will produce the agenda for the Annual Congregational Meeting.

5.3 Nominations: Angela Finley has agreed to serve as treasurer and Lesley Fairley has agreed to serve as the second Regional Representative for Pacific Mountain Region.

5.4 Louise Berketa will be approached about serving as the reviewer for the 2022 financial reports.

11. Adjournment 8:43 pm

Next Meeting April 27, 2022