

Wesley United Church
Council Meeting by Zoom
April 20, 2022 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
		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
	Tessa Whyte	Ministry & Personnel Division Coordinator
		Worship Division Coordinator
	Carolyn Woodall	Intentional Interim Minister
	Kent Stewart	Transition Team Representative
R	Linda Gunningham	Regional Council Representative
	June Blau	Regional Council Representative
	Wayne Clarke	visitor
	Lenore Bewcyk	visitor

R = Regrets P = Partial

1. Call to order

Past President Stephanie Dove called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and welcomed Wayne Clarke and Lenore Bewcyk. Wayne has agreed to come onto Council as President and Lenore has agreed to come onto Council as Vice President.

2. Opening reflection – June

3. Approval of agenda

Motion 2022-22: That the agenda be approved as amended. M/S Kent Stewart/Jim Chernick – carried.

4. Approval of minutes from March 16, 2022 Council meeting

Motion 2022-23: That the minutes of the meeting of March 16, 2022 be adopted.
M/S Al Goudie/Tessa Whyte – carried.

5. Transition Team report. Kent reported that the Transition Team to meet monthly. The team is working on governance and leadership. They will be having consultation meetings with members of our community in May.

6. Consent Agenda

6.1. Vice President's report

6.2. Past president's report

6.3 Minister's report

6.4 Christian Education report

6.5 Administration and Finance

6.6 Ministry and Personnel – removed from consent agenda

6.7 Treasurer

6.8 Pastoral Care

6.9 Social Justice

6.10 Worship

6.11 Staff

6.12 WUC/UCAS Liaison Committee

Motion 2022-24: That the Consent Agenda be approved with the Ministry & Personnel Committee report removed. M/S June Blau/Fran Goudie – carried.

Reports removed from the Consent Agenda:

Ministry & Personnel Tessa provided an update to the report that was circulated. We have hired Jacqueline Crowther to be the office coordinator. She has started already. She knows how to run an office and has an united church background. Ellen is there for a couple of days and Lee will be available to help as well.

7. Old Business

7.1 UCAS renovations.

June reported that a budget for the renovations was shared with Administration & Finance. The plan is to get the renovations done before the Autism Resource Centre Camp begins. These extensive plans include the door to the office, outside signage, cupboards in room 105 and more. It is a fair sized renovation project. Kent added that they are working with a designer. The Liaison Committee will review the design and renovations and make a recommendation to Council and the trustees. They are aware of the limitations when the camp is in operation. The budget is \$81,944 representing funds received from a government grant. Council and Trustee approval will be required before commencement of construction.

7.2 Emergency pastoral care policy development.

Carolyn said that it is not possible to have a policy because it involves the interaction and good will of other clergy in the city. Having a good plan when the minister goes away is important. The Pastoral Care Committee could have a list of steps, a check list. These are procedures, not policy. Carolyn will draft a procedure piece for Pastoral Care. No policy is required. Council agreed.

7.3 Meeting with Eastside United Church Leadership Team.

Carolyn said that in the discussion group consultations in May we will discuss how we move forward with other congregations which may or may not include Eastside. We don't know that. She had a conversation in March about how to proceed with the South Regina cluster, which may or may not happen before the summer break. Kent suggested taking this item out of the agenda. Fran said that In view of the meetings that are planned unless we have some specific idea about Eastside it should come off the agenda. Council agreed. Tri-Church summer services do not include Eastside, just Sunset and Lakeview.

Each of the three communities of faith is leading for four weeks, beginning with Sunset United on June 19, 26, and July 3 and 10th. Then Lakeview United will lead for the four Sundays, July 17, 24, 31, and August 7th. Wesley United will close out the span by leading on August 14, 21, 28, and September 4th. The community that is leading worship is also providing emergency pastoral care during their four week segment.

7.4 Resumption of in person services – any changes necessary?

Carolyn said that she will keep her mask on now that we are singing. The Easter service space and time was fine. We added extra chairs to increase to 60. We didn't fill all the chairs but someone was seated in all sections. There is room for up to 70 with the choir and still be distant. Kent said the service with the singing and the choir was wonderful. June was online and everything was fine, could hear Carolyn with her mask on.

7.5 Nominating Committee report.

Fran read the attached report. There are still some committees that need members. It's time to craft an announcement to go to the congregation requesting volunteers. Al thanked the Nominating Committee for their extensive work. Stephanie and Fran will draft an announcement.

7.6 Recruitment of a new Youth coordinator.

Fran referred to the minutes of the last Christian Education meeting. The Committee is planning to get an ad out for May, hire in June and start in August. Hannah will help. They need to work on the job description and salary offered.

7.7 Change of date for Annual Program Meeting

Motion 2022-25: That the Annual Program Meeting be held after worship on May 29, 2022. M/S Al Goudie/Frances Goudie – carried.

Carolyn said that the church has been booked for the meeting. Reports will be due by May 8. An announcement will go out right away. Formal notices will go into the announcements the 2 weeks before and at the Sunday services as well.

7.8 Inter Church Sandwich Project

A report is attached. Thanks to Lee Beck and all those who helped.

8. April strategy and visioning (new business)

8.1 Donation to UCC Emergency Relief Fund to support Ukraine.

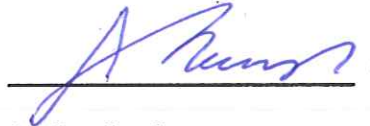
Kent suggested that Wesley should donate funds to support Ukraine. June suggested that we should also ask the congregation to donate. Carolyn asked Ellen to investigate buying packets of sunflowers to raise funds and to plant, through the Ukrainian Canadian Congress.

Motion 2022-26: That Wesley United Church donate \$1,000 to United Church of Canada Mission & Service designated for Ukrainian Relief. M/S Kent Stewart/Jim Chernick – carried.

9. Correspondence. None
10. Next meeting May 25, 2022 at 7:00 pm by Zoom. Volunteer for reflection Kent
11. Benediction - Carolyn
12. Adjournment at 8:32 pm.



Stephanie Dove, Past President



Al Goudie, Secretary

Reports and Correspondence

6.3 Wesley Council Report of the IIM April 20, 2022

The last month has been focused on Easter preparations and the end of the Lenten season. Thank you to Hannah Dove for her videos of the Lenten Garden idea. Thank you to Barb Schmuland for arranging the activities for our young people on Palm Sunday, and again on Easter Sunday. Our shared Lenten and Holy Week events with Lakeview and Sunset United Churches went well. Several choir members and Lee Stubbe participated weekly in the Holden Evening Prayer held on Tuesdays through to April 5th. Both Pastor Carla and Rev. Tricia helped lead the observance of Maundy Thursday here at Wesley and we each had a part in Good Friday worship at Lakeview. Previously, we held an Imposition of Ashes at Sunset on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. Six of us, and a friend from Eastside United Church, walked together around Wascana Lake on Holy Saturday morning. We paused at 13 installations along the way to pray for various peoples and situations in our world. We were about two hours on the way. The day was mild and sunny with little wind, so it was perfect for our walking. I hope we will do it again next year. The Worship Committee decided we would not attempt an Easter Sunrise worship this year. We may hold one next year when Easter is a week earlier, so sunrise is a bit later. We had Communion on Maundy Thursday, in-person, which was delightful. We had in-person singing on Easter Sunday morning, so did Communion as take-out. Perhaps we may be able on Pentecost Sunday to have both in-person singing and in-person Communion. The weather may be improved enough that we can have doors open to increase the air exchange.

We are coming into a busy season for the congregation. The Transition Team is asking for input from the members about next steps in our process, so we will hold three Saturday morning consultations in May to which all House members will be invited. Members who are not part of House groups will also be included, and the Transition Team will be working through a process for feedback from folk who cannot attend any of the in-person sessions. The Team will share at the Annual Congregational Program Meeting on May 29th what has been discerned through the consultation. It is the hope of the Transition Team that as many people in the congregation as possible will participate in one way or another.

Cordially, Carolyn

Rev. Carolyn Woodall

Intentional Interim Minister

Wesley United Church

5.2 Minutes of the Christian Education Committee meeting February 2, 2022, at 7:30 pm.

In attendance: Rev. Carolyn Woodall, Hannah Dove, Kendra Patton, Maureen Kolot, Fran Goudie

Regrets: Amy McGregor

Rev. Carolyn opened with a reflection about Candlemas (the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ).

Membership Report – a draft report has been prepared in response to the June, 2020 request.

--The responsibilities and privileges of membership as defined by the United Church are laid out in the Manual (which is now online). The Historic Roll is maintained.

-- One of the challenges is that the structure of the Church changed and because of Covid 19, there have not been the same opportunities for communities of faith to be knowledgeable about what the structure is now.

--We talked about what should be emphasized to anyone who comes to Wesley and wants to explore membership in the congregation. What can we do to make a person feel welcome? What values of Wesley should be stated? For example, we have a strong mission statement that states we are an Affirming congregation, justice and social action are important to us, and music plays a large part too.

-- A mentoring program where there is a personal connection was suggested. Could House Groups play a role here. In the past, Pastoral Care has set up lunch after church for new people attending Wesley. --- How do we reach Post-secondary students? This is not a new question.

-- The Info and Program brochure has not been updated for a few years and we discussed whether this was a worthwhile action to take now when Covid-19 is still very active and a concern. Fran undertook to work on a brochure that would be available to members and groups meeting in the church.

-- A Confirmation program (in person) is being worked on by the Region.

-- Carolyn noted that the Transition Team are looking at Governance models and will bring a recommendation to Council. This will affect the Membership report.

Check in with Hannah

Youth group has not been active. Carolyn suggested Youth take up the Region's snow sculpture challenge. The Family Day weekend was suggested. There is lots of snow beside the church and the weather is forecast to be cooperative. Hannah will prepare an announcement.

Lenten themes for Children's time – Hannah will think about how that might look. Black History Month might be part of that.

Valentines – the call has gone out for Valentines for shut ins made by the children and distributed by Pastoral Care.

Carolyn raised an issue that had been discussed by the YAYAC in the Living Skies region – Grandparent mentoring of children.

-- Carolyn noted the Christmas storybooks she put out during Advent had attracted attention. Hannah had done crafts for Advent. There was discussion about crafts for Lent.

-- Carolyn will prepare a series with a bible stories for Lent and suggestions for elements to build a 'Lenten Garden' by families. This would be like building a 'Fairy Garden'. Parents or Grandparents could participate with children.

Carolyn closed the meeting with a benediction.

Christian Education Committee meeting Minutes April 6, 2022 at 7 pm

We met on Zoom.

Rev. Woodall opened the meeting with prayer.

In attendance: Rev. Carolyn Woodall, Hannah Dove, Frances Goudie, Maureen Kolot and Kendra Patton.

1. Get your HOP on for an Easter Egg hunt - Barb Schmuland offered on April 3 to run an Easter program for the children after the Children's time in church on Palm Sunday April 10. It would take the shape of stories, crafts and an Easter egg hunt. She has contacted Carolyn with her idea and prepared an announcement. The Committee were happy to agree to her idea. Barb will forward the announcement to the office so it can be sent to the families who were registered in Sunday School in March 2020. Barb is asking that if people are planning to attend they contact her.
2. CE Committee – Fran asked if anyone on the Committee would like to Chair the Committee. There were no volunteers but all agreed to stay on the Committee. Hannah had a suggestion of someone who might be asked and agreed to call her.
3. Youth Coordinator - Wesley Council received the news that Hannah Dove wished to leave her position with Wesley at Easter time. Hannah will make the announcement during church on Easter Sunday, April 17.

The CE Committee was tasked with filling the position. Members of CE were sent the job description for the Youth Coordinator position. Hannah thought that the position should be filled by someone with a background of working with children. Hannah offered to mentor the new Coordinator. She felt she didn't have any preparation time with the previous youth coordinator and it would have been very valuable to her

After Easter the students have Easter break and church school usually has its wind up early in June. Tri-church begins June 19 and ends Sept. 4. Wesley hosts on August 14, 21, 28th and September 4.

Carolyn will be away in July and back for August 14 when it is Wesley's turn, and could then work with the new person before September. After discussion, it was felt that we should aim for advertising in June and hiring by August. Frances has been in touch with Tessa about the hiring process for the Office Administrator.

4. Sunday School Curriculum – The GO Project has prepared curriculum available from UCRD. An annual subscription is \$200.00. This could be a possibility for the Fall but need to do some research on what audio/video equipment would be needed for at least one class space.

5. Reconciliation – Fran purchased some books at Christmas time about Reconciliation. These will be saved for an event marking National Reconciliation Day in September.
0. Broadview announcement – There has been an announcement inviting people to donate \$25 to cover the cost of the Broadview magazine which is ordered for every family by Wesley. It was agreed to put an appeal in again. There was discussion about whether we should make a copy available by the bulletin boards for renters or visitors.
0. Membership report – The United Church put a new governance structure in place in 2018 after much discussion. This resulted in presbyteries eliminated and cluster groups formed. Congregations in the new structure are communities of faith. Carolyn is planning to reflect on these changes in worship, some of which apply to membership, in her Easter reflections. This will make the task of presenting a report on membership much easier.
0. YAYAC announcements – Barb Schmuland had received an email from YAYAC detailing events and earning opportunities for youth for the spring and summer. Fran will ask Ellen to include these in the announcements.
0. Discussion Group has 9 participants and Carolyn joins us when she can (which we really appreciate). The book presently being studied is “An Audacious Invitation”, a reflection on the Gospel According to John by Walter Farquharson and Jeff Cook. Carolyn has suggested the next study book could be “The Prophetic Imagination” by Walter Brueggemann.
0. Next meeting May 4 at 7 pm in person at Wesley

6.6 M&P Report to Council, April 2022

Perhaps we will have found an Office Coordinator by the time you receive this.

After Lee Stubbe resigned we hired Ellen Hayes to the position. However, Ellen has now resigned as of April 21, as she wants to be able to help her mother once she is out of hospital. The committee is now looking at another possible person. Perhaps it will be third time lucky! Lee will be available to fill in the gap if necessary.

Tessa Whyte

7.5 Nominating Committee Report to Wesley Council meeting April 20, 2022

Stephanie and Fran looked at the list of Lay Ministerial Leadership for July 2, 2021 – June 30, 2022. We identified positions vacant on the Executive (President and Vice-President), Pastoral Care (Chair, House Groups Convenor and Newcomer and Welcoming Convenor), Christian Education, Ministry & Personnel, Worship, Admin and Finance (Stewardship Convenor) and the Board of Trustees.

We made a number of phone calls in an attempt to fill these positions.

The following Wesley members have agreed to fill positions for July 1, 2022 but may start sooner if they wish.

President – Wayne Clark

Vice-President – Lenore Bewcyk

Pastoral Care Chair – Carolyn McBean (Linda Paul will attend Council meetings and report)

Worship Chair – Sheila Roske (Tessa Whyte will attend Council meetings and report)

Board of Trustees – Gordon Beck

Christian Education Committee member – Paula Mills

Ministry & Personnel Committee member – Jan Turner

I believe it is time to craft an announcement asking members of the Wesley Community of Faith to come forward and express their interest in joining the Wesley leadership team.

7.8

Interchurch Sandwich Project

Wesley Council approved Wesley's participation in the Interchurch Sandwich project after a request was received from Nicholas Jesson Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina.

Sunset United Church approached Wesley about partnering with them to provide bag lunches on March 26th, 2022 at First Baptist Church for people needing food on Saturdays when other places are closed.

Lee Beck, Shelby Love, Linda Paul, Linda Tait, Sheila Roske, Fran Goudie and Paula Mills

volunteered from Wesley. Sunset, Westhill Baptist and First Baptist also had volunteers working.

Wesley spent \$298.51 to provide their half of the groceries to make over 180 sandwiches. Each bag contained a meat or egg sandwich, energy bar, banana, cheese and juice. Water and hot coffee were available for pickup. Some people chose to eat at the tables provided other chose take out. 65 people attended and picked up what they needed for their household.

The few leftovers were donated to the Warriors of Hope Community support which is the rebranded Regina Needle Recovery and Community Support program who were involved with Camp Hope, the tent city that developed in late fall in Regina.

Submitted by Lee Beck