

Southwood Church

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

February 8, 2021

Location: ZOOM Video Conference

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Council Members	Position	P=Present R=Regrets	Other Attendees	Position
Abawana, Million	Member	P		
Annesley, Sandra	Member	P		
Carroll, Derek	Treasurer	P		
Chikinda, Neena	SCW Rep.	P		
Hanley, Bill	Regional Rep.	P		
McKearney, Judy	Regional Rep.	P		
McLean, Jan	Chair/Acting M&P	P		
Pearson, Donna	Non-Voting	P		
Grottenberg, Samuel	Min. Personnel	P		
Nain, Corinne	Min. Personnel	P		

ACTIONS SUMMARY FOUND AT BOTTOM OF MINUTES

Overall Objective:

To create a culture of transformation that will lead to renewal at all levels of our church.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM

- 1. Devotion & Opening Prayer (Rev. Samuel Grottenberg)**
 - Check-in Time – How are we all doing? Followed by prayer.
- 2. Review/Confirm of Agenda**
 - Add Discussion of Rental Updates re Updated COVID Restrictions
- 3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings (January 11, 2021)**

MOTION 06-2021: That the Council accept the minutes of January 11, 2021 as presented. Moved by Derek Carroll. Seconded by Bill Hanley. CARRIED
- 4. Financial Update**
 - Numbers were slightly skewed for January because of end of December amounts being deposited in January, shortfall was about \$7,000
 - Doing alright, seeing shortfalls every month but not unexpected
 - Non-PAR giving at about \$5,000 for January, which is pretty good
 - Prediction that we will dip into the line of credit come March
 - Have not seen a response from the province on the Faith-Based grant we applied for in December

5. **Business Arising from Past Minutes**

- Tabled until further notice

6. **New Business**

6.1. **Rental Updates**

MOTION 07-2021: That Council approve Lucid Martial Arts to resume in-person classes following all guidelines for Youth 18 and under as of February 8, 2021. Moved by Derek Carroll. Seconded by Neena Chikinda. CARRIED.

6.2. **Vaccine Location Discussion**

- Are we open to potentially becoming a location for vaccine distribution? At this time, we will wait until the province opens up opportunities for this.
- **ACTION: Provide update in the newsletter**

7. **Updates**

7.1. **M&P**

- Honorary Associate Minister will be taking the Ministry of Supervision course, which may potentially open the possibility of us having students in the future; could we reimburse the [REDACTED] course fee?
- Discussion; consensus was that this is an advantage to us and the Council approves of the expense (no motion required).

7.2. **Chinook Winds Region Updates / Wider UCC**

- Meeting re: First Report from Region's Affirming Committee
 - Discussion; Council expressed disappointment that the focus is on sexuality and nothing else.
- **ACTION: Bill & Judy to provide more general information about the things the Region is doing, as they are able; ex: number of committees and what they're doing**
- Cruxifusion
 - Sam & Corinne attended a meeting; very rewarding/enlightening experience
- Other Church Updates
 - Bill provided some general updates as to happenings with other congregations in our region.

7.3. **Global Outreach**

- Refugee Sponsorship
 - Nothing at this time
- Other
 - Benevity account still exists and it needs to be terminated to ensure no further donations come in; **ACTION: Bill to connect with relation who works there to connect to Donna**

7.4. **Local Outreach**

- Food Pantry
 - Shelves are being built tomorrow

- ACTION: Will prep a public version of the Food Pantry Policy
- ACTION: Will reconnect with the SWCRC to let them know how to access

7.5. Caring Ministries

- Leslie has been making cookie deliveries; as well, Beth [REDACTED] and Beth [REDACTED] have been providing soup/casserole to those who need it

7.6. Southwood Church Women

- Last meeting was held January 13, 2021 where "A Year in Review" was presented and each committee provided a report on 2020 activities
- Executive will remain the same
- Beth [REDACTED] and others continue to make soup and other items and take them to various people of the congregation
- Next meeting is Feb 10th; will be discussing plans for 2021 including possible fundraising ideas

7.7. Children's & Family Ministry

- Corinne spent the past weekend delivering the February "Kids Church in a Box"; she used this as an opportunity to connect with the families (saw more than half face-to-face) and get feedback
- Will need a few more drivers for next month
- Back to having regular meetings between Corinne & Riley
- Shrove Tuesday Zoom Pancake dinner (Feb 16th) 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM – open to all congregation
- Forming "Prayer Partnerships" for Lent – adult congregant with no children connected with families with children, connecting once/week to pray together
- For Palm Sunday Corinne & Riley have a plan in place for a baking challenge (name TBD)
- Visiting all student leaders for Valentine's Day

7.8. Youth & Young Adult Ministries

- Riley received direct feedback from his students last month and how appreciative they feel around everything Riley has been doing
- Young Adults core group is expanding; having outdoor social gatherings
- Riley & Sam recorded a "React Video" to the videos the youth sent

7.9. Learning & Growth

- Gary will be running another Lenten Study Group: "Cracked Wide Open"; will announce this over the next 2 weeks
- Confirmation / Membership Activities – aiming for Pentecost (outdoor celebration)
- Lent in a Box
 - 25 boxes sold!
 - Lenten devotions will be put online weekly

7.10. Worship / Music Notes

- During Lent we will begin a practice of silence where the Psalm would usually be

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- Music/Liturgy is scheduled until Pentecost
- Now have 13 remote scripture readers
- Ash Wednesday will be pre-recorded to premiere on YouTube and Facebook
- Gary will preach Feb. 21st
- Riley will preach Mar. 21st

7.11. Staff

- Sam will be taking some vacation time this month (Feb 15-27)

7.12. Property Committee

- The sagging part of the roof is still a problem but we have a system in place to catch the water
- The alarm system has been upgraded and more sensors installed; will be connecting with Telus as 2 sensors are not responding correctly

7.13. Trustees

- Nothing to report at this time

8. Other Business

- Nothing at this time

9. Date of Next Meeting:

- Monday, March 8 @ 6:30 PM

10. Executive Authorization Motion

MOTION 08-2020: That the Council authorize the Executive to make decisions that would normally be made by the full Council in an emergency situation when a Council meeting cannot be arranged. (Executive is Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, M&P Chair (currently vacant), Minister, and non-voting Recording Secretary). Moved by Neena Chikinda. Seconded by Million Abawana. CARRIED.

11. Meeting Adjourned

- Time: 8:28 PM

ACTION ITEMS SUMMARY

#	Action Item	Responsibility	Due Date	Completed
1.	Develop plans/policies for reopening.	Staff	Ongoing	
2.	Contact Sponsor re withdrawal of last applicant	Derek & Million	ASAP	
3.	Identify congregants / Council members who could become a core team for the church's outreach / justice efforts with the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good	All Council Members	Early 2021	
4.	Update the congregation in the newsletter about the church being used as a vaccine location.	Samuel Grottenberg	11-Feb-2021	
5.	Provide updates on the work of the	Judy McKearney	Every Council	Ongoing

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	region at Council meetings.	& Bill Hanley	meeting	
6.	Prep a public-access version of the Food Pantry Policy.	Donna Pearson	ASAP	
7.	Reconnect with SWCRC to develop Food Pantry partnership.	Judy McKearney & Donna Pearson	ASAP	
8.	Terminate account with Benevity.	Bill Hanley & Donna Pearson	ASAP	

PRE-PANDEMIC ACTION ITEMS SUMMARY – WILL RETURN TO THESE POST-PANDEMIC

#	Action Item	Responsibility	Due Date	Completed
1.	Complete a full insurance review in time for next renewal. Donna to send the documents to Million.	Donna Pearson & Million Abawana	End of Aug 2020	
2.	Procure Sign Repair/Retrofit quotes.	Bruce McIntosh	On Hold	
3.	Investigate other options for coffee service. Update Council as info is collected.	Sam & Donna	On Hold	
4.	Sam to determine with UCC what the polity is around not deferring contributions for Legacy/Memorial giving.	Sam	On Hold	
5.	Derek to ensure transparency with the congregation around what it means to give "In Memoriam"	Derek	On Hold	
6.	Sam to review Giving Policy, contains disclaimer that was put on the website regarding how donations are utilized	Sam	On Hold	