Squamish United Church Board Minutes
October 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Rev. Karen Millard, Grace Halvorson, Cindy Roy, Trevor Harris, Bruce Larson, from Pacific Mountain Regional Council- Rob Crosby-Sheaver, non-Board member, Julie Larson

Absent: Glen Van Brummelen

1. **Opening Prayer**
   We who are meeting in person are happy to meet on the traditional unceded territory of the Skwxwu7mesh people.

2. **Additions to Agenda**

3. **Approval of Agenda**   motion-Cindy, 2nd Trevor, approved

4. **Acceptance of Board Minutes from July 20, 2022**
   Trustee update – 3 GICs not 4
   Moved- Cindy, 2nd Trevor, approved

5. **Acceptance of Board Minutes from September 21, 2022**
   Moved to accept- Trevor, 2nd- Cindy, approved

6. **Reports**

   a. Treasurer- donations reflect a loss of a couple of long term congrants, the amount donated is pretty constant, salary expense has gone down mostly related few admin hours. End of Sept. deficit of $12, 000. Down $2,000 in giving. We had projected a bigger deficit than we currently experience. On pace to end the year with a $15,000 deficit.

   Compliments to Cindy for clear, easy to read financial reports.

   b. Finance
   c. Worship-
      Who makes a decision about a piano, Arlene R owns the piano and a year ago spoke of donating the piano to the church (this hasn't happened), Arlene will be part of a meeting on Sunday. Julie M has found a family that will donate an upright piano. If the donated piano is valued at 1,000 it needs to be appraised before we can issue a gift in kind receipt. The challenge is how to turn down the gift of a grand piano and how to actually pass it on. Trevor will attend the meeting on Sunday.
   d. Pastoral Care- keeping in touch with people, looking for an event in the near future to get folks together during the week.
   e. M&P
   f. Stewardship- Trevor and Carlotta will move this forward, Rob Crosby-Shearer spoke well of the national lead of Stewardship, Dave Jager, check in with national office stewardship wing,
   g. Administrator's Report- currently a shortage of fobs, Elaine is in the SUC church on Wed. from 1-5.
   h. Minister's Report-

7. **Business arising from Minutes**

    a. Part-time ministry further discussion-
        Glen and Karen met on a Sunday after the last Board meeting. Glen shared with Karen the conversation at the meeting regarding Karen being present at all worship. The Board and Karen began to discuss how to continue with part-time ministry.

        Review in January how Oct- Dec with Karen participating in most services has gone.

8. **Church Office work distribution**
    Gus is doing inputting for Quickbooks- 5 to 6 hours per month, initially more than that.
    Cindy has been doing much of the other accounting work, hoping to move that back to Elaine.
    Elaine is working 12 hours a week (currently 1.5 hrs a week is charged to the CUP).
    Karen has been working with Elaine on rentals.
    Elaine now works in the SUC office on Wednesdays from 1-5 p.m.

9. **Grants –** Is anyone interested in working on a Community Enhancement of Squamish grant with Grace? There is also an Enhance the Spirit grant through UCC. Bruce volunteered to help with writing grants once a need is identified. Trevor is also willing to help with obtaining grants.

10. **Chairs, Acknowledge Ami.** Cindy and Bruce will figure out how to acknowledge Ami for her work setting up chairs for worship most weeks.

11. **New Business**
    a. Property and liability insurance update- tabled until next month.
    b. Centre Point strata- There is money owed to Sea to Sky for funds loaned to the strata over the last 3 years. We owe $4,800 (1/2 to be paid by SUC and 1/2 by CUP). We will pay this loan off in either 4 or 5 montly installments.

12. **Calendar of Events**

13. **Next Meeting Date – Nov. 16, 2022 at 7 p.m.** (Bruce and Julie will be away)

14. **Adjournment-** Grace moved to adjourn, 2nd Cindy, meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

15. **Closing Prayer-** Karen gave a closing pray

Approved: Nov. 16, 2022

Bruce Larson, Chair   Grace Halvorson,Secretary