

Wesley United Church

Council Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2023

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.

	Name	Position on Council
Present	Lenore Bewcyk	President
Regrets	Wayne Clarke	Past President
Present	Stephanie Dove	Secretary
Present	Jim Chernick	Treasurer
Present	Glenn Schmuland	Accounting Convenor/Bookkeeper
Present	Darwin Roske	Property & Service
Regrets	Karen Stoddart	Revenue Convenor
Present	Linda Gunningham	Stewardship & Regional Council Rep
Present	Catherine Maloney	Trustee Rep
Present	Rev. Jim Tenford	Minister
Present	Brenda Patton	Regional Council Rep
Regrets	Dave Towers	Sunset Rep

1. Call to order

Lenore called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

2. Reflection Linda G.

Linda led us in prayer.

3. Approval of Agenda

Lenore emailed council with additional items in the President's report.

Motion 2023-102: That the agenda be approved as amended

M/S Linda Gunningham/Catherine Maloney – carried.

4. Approval of the minutes from Council meeting August 17, 2023

Motion 2023-103: To receive the reports from the August 17, 2023 meeting.

M/S Brenda Patton/Linda Gunningham – carried.

Motion 2023-104: That the minutes be approved as amended.

M/S Linda Gunningham/Jim Chernick – carried.

5. Reports

5.1.Minister – J. Tenford

Jim has enjoyed having so many in attendance at the services and being able to hear everyone singing. He is the Saskatchewan liaison to the national church for refugee work. He continues to work on the wedding and baptism policies. Jim will hold a Blue Christmas service on December 21; Council agreed to move the December Council meeting if one is required.

5.2.Past President – Wayne Clarke

No report

5.3.President – L. Bewcyk

South Regina United Community (SRUC) is not a legal entity. Motions that affect congregational life must be passed by both Wesley Council and Sunset Board. The following come from Sunset's meeting September 14, 2023. Wesley Council needs to consider these motions.

Motion 2023-105: Wesley United Church council proposes a Refugee Committee be struck under the South Regina United Community.

M/S Glenn Schmuland/Catherine Maloney – carried.

Motion 2023-106: Wesley United Church Council proposes sharing the cost of moving property related to amalgamation with Sunset United Church.

M/S Linda Gunningham/Glenn Schmuland – carried.

In the amalgamation process the resources of both communities are combined for the benefit of everyone who will be worshiping together in the future. An interest has been expressed in moving the following to 177 Sunset Drive, SRUC's new home.

- Exchange Wesley chairs for Sunset's chairs. This will provide comfortable seating at our new home but still leave adequate seating for any rental events at Wesley.
- Upright piano
- Possibly the grand piano
- All the vinyl tables and carrier if space can be found to store them safely.
- Shed with garage door
- Tablecloth cupboard in the kitchen lounge (this is extremely heavy and will need to be moved by movers when the piano goes.)
- Two plastic kitchen carts
- Office guest chairs and desk chair from the minister's office
- Three hymn book rollie carts
- More Voices

Lumsden Beach Camp has expressed interest in some small kitchen and housekeeping items.

Lenore will make an announcement at the October 22nd decommissioning service for Wesley congregation to let us know what items they want to bring with us to Sunset.

Keira will look into what should be moved with regards to the sound system.

After our meeting with the realtor September 15, 2023, this transfer of goods is on hold as some purchasers might want to buy a building with contents. We need to create a list of items to be excluded from the sale (ie. stained glass at the back of the auditorium.) Once the purchaser has been chosen and what they want clarified, the list above will be revisited.

50 Wesley chairs and some office furniture will be moved to the Sunset building in the near future.

The dispersal committee will be meeting to put together a recommendation of what we want to do with the proceeds from the sale of the property. There will be an announcement on Sunday. LBC requests that Wesley consider the LBC dining hall as a financial priority.

5.4. Treasurer – J. Chernick

Our deficit is lower than forecasted as reflected in the financial statements.

5.5. Finance & Investments – G. Schmuland

Givings have remained strong and staffing has been reduced. We will not be making a budget at this time; Jim and Glenn will bring any concerns to Council.

Motion 2023-107: To accept the financial statements as circulated

M/S Jim Chernick/Darwin Roske – carried.

5.6. Property & Service – D. Roske

Parking lot is repainted. Rentals are steady.

The bid form and marketing brochure for the sale of church property has been finalized and a sign is on the church lawn. Bidding deadline is November 7 and the closing date of December 20 is flexible. Council will meet November 23 to decide on the bids.

Garage Sale October 27 and 28 with proceeds going to Wesley general revenue. Jacque will work additional hours that week.

5.7. Stewardship – L. Gunningham

Linda will speak on stewardship during the announcements, but will not be sending time and talent forms this fall.

5.8. Revenue – K. Stoddart

June is covering for Karen while she is away. No report.

5.9. Trustees – C Maloney

Catherine will set a meeting date for the trustees shortly after the November 23 special Council meeting. Trustees will need Council's recommendation of where they would like the proceeds from the sale of church property to go. Jim Tenford will talk to Regional Council about increasing our percentage to LBC.

5.10. Regional Representatives – B. Patton & L. Gunningham

No report

5.11. JAT – L. Bewcyk

JAT met yesterday. A grief workshop is in progress.

The amalgamating groups have the first choice for surplus items. Once the Wesley building sells and the contents are no longer required for rentals, and we have chosen what we will jointly use, the United Church Policy states surplus items must be offered free of charge to other United Churches in the region. If there is no interest, they may be sold or donated to another interested group.

Dates were decided for requesting items (to be distributed after they are no longer in use).

Sept 27 Wesley and Sunset

Sept 28-29 LBC

Sept 30-Oct 24 remaining items offered to Living Skies United Churches

Oct 27-28 Wesley Garage Sale

October 22 Decommissioning Service

5.12. UCAS

UCAS wants to place a sign on the building above the mural.

Motion 2023-108: Council denies the request to mount a sign on the exterior of the building.

M/S Glenn Schmuland/Darwin Roske – carried.

Council agreed to offer UCAS use of one side of our existing sign.

5.13. Sunset Representative – D. Towers

No report

Motion 2023-109: To accept the reports

M/S Linda/Brenda – carried.

6. Business Arising

6.1. Where are we at with the procedure for sale of the building?

We need to provide the realtor with a consolidated list of items not to be included in the sale. Modular storage in room 105 belongs to UCAS.

UCC identifiers will need to be removed from the building.

Darwin and Ken Fensom will discuss what items will fit at Sunset.

6.2. Staffing update

Jacque will stay and requested additional hours for inventory. Council is in agreement.

7. New Business

7.1. UCAS request for sign

Addressed with the reports.

7.2. Event dates need to be set:

Wesley Decommissioning Service October 22

Sales Committee Meeting to review and recommend a bid for the purchase of Wesley and property TBD

Council will meet November 23 to review Sales Committee information and decide on the bids. Council would then instruct the Trustees to bring the proposal to Living Skies for approval. A congregational meeting is not required as the congregation has already voted to sell the building.

Garage Sale October 27-28

Christmas Market – are we having one? Location? Date? Contact Kiera? Lenore will contact Kiera.

Next library/office work bee and inventory September 27 at 9:30 a.m.

8. Standing Items

8.1. Fundraising items in our budget:

Garage Sale \$5,500

Christmas Market \$4,600

Misc Fundraising \$1,500

8.2. Is there anything from this meeting that needs to be communicated to the congregation? In the announcements? On web site? Written correspondence to those not on email circulation list? Hard copy letter to all? Bulletin board notice?

Jim Chernick will review the website and make a list for Donna.

9. Next Meeting 8:00 p.m. October 19, 2023, at 177 Sunset Drive.

Reflection – Catherine

10. Closing prayer – Jim Tenford

11. Adjournment at 10:08 p.m.

Lenore Bewcyk, President

Stephanie Dove, Secretary

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