

Wesley United Church

Council Meeting Minutes

August 17, 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
Regrets	Glenn Schmuland	Accounting Convenor/Bookkeeper
Regrets	Darwin Roske	Property & Service
Present	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 7:02 p.m.

2. Reflection

Lenore read a blessing by Diann Neu

3. Approval of Agenda

Addition of item 5.13 Blueberry Committee Report

Motion 2023-98: That the agenda be approved as amended

M/S Karen Stoddart/Linda Gunningham – carried

4. Approval of the minutes from Council meeting June 28, 2023

Motion 2023-99: That the minutes be approved as presented

M/S Brenda Patton/Stephanie Dove – carried

5. Reports

5.1.Minister – J. Tenford

Jim has been busy with funerals, pastoral care, JAT and meeting Wesley folk. He is also reviewing the wedding and funeral policies of Sunset and Wesley to identify any differences that may need to be addressed.

5.2.Past President – Wayne Clarke

No report

5.3.President – L. Bewcyk

Lenore met with Polly, Donna, and Brian regarding the website. We should let Donna Hudson know if any changes are needed.

5.4.Treasurer – J. Chernick

Jim gave an informal report as he was unable to confirm some details prior to our meeting.

5.5.Finance & Investments – G. Schmuland

Motion 2023-100: To accept the financial statements as circulated

M/S Jim Chernick/Catherine Maloney

5.6.Property & Service – D. Roske

Motion 2023-101: Council authorizes the Property Committee to arrange to have the parking lot lines repainted if recommended by the realtor

M/S Linda Gunningham/Jim Chernick – carried

5.7.Stewardship – L. Gunningham

Linda will speak on Stewardship during the announcements in late September

5.8.Revenue – K. Stoddart

Statements have been distributed. June Blau will cover for Karen when she goes on vacation in September.

5.9.Trustees – C Maloney

Living Skies will meet August 18 to review the documentation and consider giving permission to list the Wesley property for sale. Wesley trustees plan to meet with realtor Glen Hill next week to sign the listing agreement, pending approval from Living Skies.

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

No report

5.11. JAT – L. Bewcyk

JAT met on July 20th and the update is in the announcements.

5.12. Sunset Representative – D. Towers

The Sunset office is open while services are being held at Lakeview. They are waiting on permits from the city start insulation work.

5.13. Blueberry Committee

The blueberry sale made \$9000, which is more than last year. Council appreciates the work of the Blueberry Committee and hopes that the sale will continue next year at Sunset

6. Business Arising

None

7. New Business

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

See item 5.9

7.2.Staffing update.

Jacque was offered a new contract for 15 hours per week, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. She hadn't signed before going on vacation.

7.3.Format for new council meetings– did tonight's agenda meet our needs?

Are there ideas that would work better?

Council was generally pleased with the meeting.

7.4.Reflection/Opening prayer – how do we want to handle this?

Lenore distributed a sign-up sheet for doing the reflection. Jim Tenford offered to fill in as needed.

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?

An update on the success of the blueberry sale is to be included in the announcements.

9. Closing prayer – Jim Tenford

10. Next Meeting Thursday September 21 at 8:00 p.m.

Reflection – Linda Gunningham

11. Adjournment at 7:42 p.m.



Lenore Bewcyk, President



Stephanie Dove, Secretary