

**Wesley United Church**  
 Council Meeting in person at Wesley United Church  
 February 22, 2023  
 Minutes

*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
X	Wayne Clarke	President
X	Stephanie Dove	Past President
X	Lenore Bewcyk	Vice-President
X	Al Goudie	Secretary
X	Jim Chernick	Treasurer
R	June Blau	Admin & Finance Division Coordinator
X	Frances Goudie	Christian Education Division Coordinator
X	Carolyn McBean	Pastoral Care Division Coordinator
X	Tessa Whyte	Ministry & Personnel Division Coordinator
R	Sheila Roske	Worship Division Coordinator
X	Carolyn Woodall	Intentional Interim Minister
X	Kent Stewart	Transition Team Representative
R	Linda Gunningham	Regional Council Representative
R	June Blau	Regional Council Representative
R	Dave Towers	Sunset United Church Representative

R = Regrets    P = Partial

1. Call to order – President Wayne called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.
2. Opening prayer – Rev. Carolyn read from *Circles of Grace* by Keri Wehlander.
3. Approval of agenda

**Motion 2023-12: That the agenda be approved as circulated.** M/S Lenore Bewcyk/Jim Chernick – carried.

4. Approval of minutes from the Council meeting of January 11, 2023.

**Motion 2023-13: That the minutes of the meeting of January 11, 2023 be adopted.** M/S Al Goudie/Stephanie Dove – carried.

5. Reports

5.1. Minister. Report attached.

5.2. President. President Wayne commented that attendance at Sunset on Sunday was full. Stephanie felt very welcomed on Sunday. Kent said it was very hopeful. The numbers attending and the music were wonderful.

5.3. Vice President. Report attached.

5.4. Treasurer. Jim reported that the January statement is not ready.

5.5. Administration and Finance. Report attached. Jim said that It may be necessary for Karen Stoddart and Jim Chernick to be authorized to have electronic access to the Wesley accounts at Affinity Credit Union.

**Motion 2023-14: That Jim Chernick and Karen Stoddart be authorized to have electronic access to all Wesley United Church accounts at Affinity Credit Union.** M/S Kent Stewart/Frances Goudie – carried.

Jim will discuss with Karen Stoddart helping June send the tax receipts out by the end of February.

Kent mentioned the note in the Administration and Finance minutes about reviewing the UCAS rent. Rev. Carolyn commented it appears that Daughters of Africa are booking space independently of UCAS. Should we

be asking for increased rent and the use by Daughters of Africa? Kent wondered if it is time to increase the rent to UCAS. It is time for a meeting of the UCAS/WUC Liaison Committee and report back.

5.6 Christian Education. Report attached. Fran mentioned the Ukraine evening this Friday at 7:00 pm. Speakers are Florence and Otto Driedger.

5.7 Ministry and Personnel. No report.

5.8 Pastoral Care. Carolyn M has not heard anything from Men's Club about when they might start meeting.

Rev. Carolyn received a letter and follow up phone call from Mutchmor Lodge requesting financial support. Carolyn will speak to Bill Stoddart as a past Mutchmor Lodge board member.

Rev. Carolyn had a call from a resident at the Bentley asking if Wesley would supply a minister to the Bentley. This led to a discussion of what pastoral care Wesley could offer to the wider community. Carolyn M will do an informal survey of other ministry personnel in the city.

5.9 Worship. Report attached. Note that the Good Friday service is 11:00 am not 7:00 pm.

5.10 WUC/UCAS Liaison Committee. Report attached.

5.11 Transition Team.

5.12 Sunset United Representative. Report attached.

**Motion 2023-15: That the reports be received.** M/S Al Goudie/Lenore Bewcyk – carried.

## 6 Business Arising

6.1 UCAS Renovations. (see WUC/UCAS report)

## 7. New Business none

7.1 Discussion of February 12 Congregational Meeting. None

7.2 Preparation for March 5 Congregational Meeting

A separate announcement should go out to the congregation, with the draft minutes of the February 12 meeting attached. The announcement should go out this coming Monday.

8. Correspondence

8.1 Council letter by Carolyn McBean to Clare Parker Homes Inc. Carolyn M phoned Clare Parker Homes and had a call back from Matt Stephenson, board chair. Their next board meeting is next week. We may expect a response thereafter.

9. Volunteer for reflection for March meeting: Kent

10. Next meeting

Council meeting March 22, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the kitchen lounge

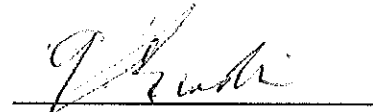
Frances and Al will be away. Stephanie will take the minutes.

11. Benediction – Rev. Carolyn

12. Adjournment at 9:00 pm.



Wayne Clarke, President



Al Goudie, Secretary

## REPORTS

### **5.1 Minister**

Wesley Church Council

IIM Report for February 22, 2023

It's always good practice to begin with gratitude.

I am thankful for all the folk of Wesley who show up – who through their commitment to seeing through the projects and plans they have put in train, realize great things.

The Transition Team members have been thoughtful, vulnerable, discerning leaders for the congregation. Lenore has stepped up to an important role as our liaison with the Sunset congregation.

The Council has been asking questions and seeking for the answers that help us move forward.

Our Committees have been faithful in attending to the ongoing work of the gathered community, helping to plan worship, keeping the building as sound as possible, managing our table fellowship in the kitchen, deepening our thinking and dreaming through study and advocacy, and keeping us laughing and learning with the younglings among us.

Worship leadership has been immeasurably enhanced by the shared gifts of music by choir members, both vocal and with bells. The talents and genius of our Music Director and Accompanist this year have been spiritually sustaining in a time of change and uncertainty.

Pastoral care has been consistently available through the work of a team of loving and caring women committed to the goal of 'no one left behind'. And by House groups we are welcomed and nurtured.

We have many dedicated members of our community who quietly live out their discipleship by supporting the many helping agencies across the city, by upholding Mission and Service in the United Church, and who give generously to the ministry we do together.

Thank you one and all.

I have begun the process of ending my time with you. My status on ChurchHub has been changed to available for call or appointment. As some are already aware, my last Sunday will be July 9<sup>th</sup>, also our last 2023 Tri-Church worship at Wesley. My plans beyond July are not yet fixed.

There is much to do in the meantime. The Transition Team is beginning to do what is within their prevue to enable a smooth transition to the next steps in Wesley's life. At this point, the conversation and "getting to know you" with Sunset is progressing well.

Things will be clearer after the March 5<sup>th</sup> congregational meeting. There will be a final report from the Transition Team later in the spring.

Cordially, Carolyn

### **5.3 Vice President's Report**

#### **Vice President Report February 22, 2023**

- Jan 13/23 -Promoted and organized Games Night. 16 in attendance 4 were Sunset members.
- Jan 14/23 – Chaired Council budget discussion in the absence of the President. After some discussion Glenn developed two budgets proposed one with “business as usual” and one “worshiping with Sunset after tri church.” Details circulated early in the following week. As further plans are established it will be clearer as to which one to be adopted.
- Jan 20/23 - Attended “Deep, Bold, Daring” Regina Area United Church Cluster event. Speaker by Zoom Michael Blair.
- Jan 22/23 - Attended Sunset Congregational meeting where the possibility of amalgamation was raised. Generally, the comments were favourable to the idea, but opinions ranged from “maybe in 5 years when all the options have been considered” to “sell Sunset, use proceeds to repair Wesley’s roof and the amalgamated congregation worship in the larger building. (Wesley has a larger kitchen, more storage.)
- Jan 26/23 – Attended Sunset Board Meeting. The Sunset board created two motions for their congregational meeting March 5/23:

***1. Be it resolved that we, the Sunset Community of Faith,  
welcome the Wesley Community of Faith to join us after tri-  
church 2023 with a view to future amalgamation.***

***2. Be it resolved that we work with representatives of Wesley Community of Faith to develop a memorandum of understanding and partnership plan setting out how Sunset and Wesley work and share resources until amalgamation is finalized.***

- The mood around the table was supportive of these motions. There was no interest in supporting the proposal of selling Sunset's building to repair Wesley's roof. They had names planned for their membership in the joint committee.
- Sunset is dealing with an ice damming problem of the doors and has a proposal from an engineering firm to make a plan for building repair.
- Sunset deals with donations to local charities differently than Wesley. (Carmichael Outreach, LBC, RAPM are this year's named ones.) Instead of budgeting a line item like Wesley does they have a speaker from the agency on a Sunday and envelopes for the named charities are available. Individuals are encouraged to give.
- Jan 29/23 – Attended Wesley table service that let the congregation know about Kindred Works proposal before the vote on Feb 12/23.
- Feb 12/23 – Attended Congregational meeting where the decision was to decline Kindred Works proposal. Also, information session on the concept of amalgamation with the Sunset Community of Faith was shared.
- Promoted next Wesley Sunset Games Night March 3/23 at 730 PM.

Lenore Bewcyk  
February 15, 2023

## **5.5    Administration and Finance**

### **MINUTES**

**Thu., FEB 9, 2023 \*\*\* 10:30 AM in person Kitchen Lounge**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER:**

- a.    **Attending:** Carolyn, Lenore, Darwin, Glenn & Jim . Jim chaired and took minutes of this meeting.

#### **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** as circulated by agreement

#### **3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Jan. 12, 2023)**

- a.    **Approval:** as circulated, by agreement
- b.    **Business Arising:** A church computer hard drive continues to be missing. At the last meeting June was going to call the former admin person Tina and did. June has not been successful in her search and will be making inquiries of Jacquie, the present church admin person for assistance in locating this hard drive. It is reported that this device has personal information on it.

#### **4. REPORTS**

- a.    **FINANCE & INVESTMENTS:** (Chernick, Schmuland)

There was discussion of the following topics:

- June has recently suffered health problems – it is uncertain if this will impact June's role in maintaining church financial records. Jim agreed to contact Karen Stoddart who has helped June in the past and then touch bases with Glenn.
- Items that Jim may wish to bring up at the upcoming Council meeting of February 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - The preparation of 2022 financial statements may be delayed
  - It may be necessary for Council to provide a letter to Affinity Credit Union authorizing Jim Chernick or Karen Stoddart to have electronic access to the church accounts.
  - Glenn will follow up with the payroll service to determine the back up necessary for church payroll.
- Discussion of future archiving took place



b. **PROPERTY & SERVICE: (Roske)**

- Darwin's report was reviewed. The Daughters of Africa Resource Centre (DOARC) is now operating alongside the UCAS organization in church space.
- Carolynn agreed to look into what if anything has been done by Lee to update the church website.
- The church website needs updates and maintenance. Jim agreed to make an announcement at church on February 12<sup>th</sup> asking for volunteers from the congregation to help out.
- A number of questions concerning UCAS construction have arisen. Darwin agreed to speak to this issue at the February 12<sup>th</sup> church service

c. **STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION: (Gunningham)**

Linda's report was reviewed

d. **REVENUE/ADMIN CONVENOR: (Blau)**

5. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- a. UCAS Partnership: A review of the UCAS rental contributions may be in order. The UCAS liason team has not met for some time.
- b.

6. **NEXT MEETING:**

- a. Thu., Mar. 9, 2023 – 10:30 am, in person

7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

5.6 **Christian Education**

Christian Education Committee

Minutes January 11 at 10 am by Zoom

1. In attendance Rev. Carolyn Woodall, Maureen Kolot, Kendra Patton, Barb Schmuland and Fran Goudie. Regrets – Paula Mills and Kathleen Houston.
  2. Minutes of meeting of October 25, 2022 were circulated. No changes.
  3. Programming for children – Barb Schmuland provided a program for young people during November and Advent. Thank you Barb.
- We discussed what further programming we could provide with the staff and volunteers available. We do not know what programming would be the responsibility of a youth program coordinator.

Messy Church – January 27, 2023 – The poster is on the church bulletin board and has been emailed to families, Westminster and Sunset. I changed the wording on the poster from Donations welcome but not necessary to “Donations welcome”. Kendra will put out a basket and pass on numbers from the office to Lenore (January house). Carolyn suggested a theme of Christian Unity. Suggestions for crafts were a hand poster and friendship bracelets. Fran will contact Barb Hendrickson. If Barb isn’t available perhaps Kathleen would handle crafts. Kendra, Maureen, Barb S and Kathleen will be at Messy Church.

No Messy Church in February (Carolyn will be away and we are planning a congregational CE event)

Messy Church dates - March 3, March 31, April 28. Possibly a fun event in May for families.

4. February 24 event – suggested speaker would be someone displaced from the Ukraine by war. Barb Schmuland has a contact. Carolyn will contact Kiera or Lee about running the PA system. (Kiera is available February 24.) Speaker will be paid \$100. And we will put out a basket for donations. What are possibilities for child care at the event? Need to contact February house for coffee.

Barb suggested we might ask the Ukrainian community here if they would bring some Ukrainian sweets for social time and if they wanted to sell baking or perogies, etc. as a fundraiser to assist refugees from Ukraine.

5. CE budget – salary for youth worker is included in the draft budget for 2023. As discussed we see no need to hire a youth worker at this time. However, to support Messy Church and related activities, we suggest the following changes to the submitted budget to be discussed at Budget Meeting Jan. 14/22. There should be a representative from CE at the meeting.

Sunday School (Messy church, family activities) increased from \$600 to \$800.

Youth Group Leadership – increased from \$500 to \$600.

6. Other concerns –

Are Men’s Club doing a year end barbeque? Could it fit in with Messy Church.

Discussion Group – Considering a book called Good Courage as Lenten book study.

## **5.7 Ministry and Personnel**

## **5.8 Pastoral Care**

## **5.9 Worship**

Minutes for Worship Committee Meeting February 2, 2023

Meeting was held via Zoom with Tessa Whyte, Wilma Bell Wessel, Carloyn Woodall, Kiera Eastley, Lee Stubbe and Sheila Roske present.

1. Check in and opening prayer - Opening prayer was given by Carolyn
2. Update on Covid restrictions – Sheila had nothing new to report other than the choir will continue to wear masks when singing.
3. Update on Service Planning: Lent, Easter and beyond – Carolyn reported on services for Lent, Easter and tri church services. Ash Wednesday service will be at

Lakeview held on Shrove Tuesday, February 21. A pancake supper will be offered at 5:30 prior to the service at 7 PM. Maundy Thursday service will be at Sunset on April 6 at 7 PM and Good Friday service will be held at Wesley on April 7 at 7PM. All ministers will share in the services. Carolyn will offer a Holy Saturday prayer walk around Wascana Lake starting at 10AM with lunch to follow at the Willows at 12 PM. Easter Sunday worship will be at Wesley at 1030 AM April 9.

February 26 will be communion at Wesley. Sunset will be joining us for worship. April 23 – Hoping to have a St Andrews College service with a lunch and learn to follow. Carolyn will check with Richard Manly- Tannis to check his availability for this date. The recruitment officer Shaun from the college is also an option.

Eastside will be joining us for this service

Tri Church services – Wesley – June 18, 25, July 2 and 9. July 9 will be Carolyn's last service with us. It will include a de covenanting. Sunset – July 16, 23, 30 and August 6. Lakeview – August 13, 20, 27 and Sept 3.

4. Service Planning when Carolyn away – Carolyn has given us several dates when she will be away. February 19 – Wesley will worship with the Sunset congregation at Sunset. They will have Communion that day.

March 19 – Affirm Committee will lead the service

April 16 – will be a choir led service with Easter themed music and readings

May 7 – Aiming for Camp Sunday that would involve Kiera and an LBC representative. Kiera will check with Kylie Orr about availability and get back to us.

May 28 – Worship Committee will plan the service. Resources are going to be available from Living Skies that will follow the theme of the Regional Council meeting helping us see the next steps in the reconciliation process.

5. Music Planning – Lee is finalizing the music for the April 16<sup>th</sup> service. Is now feeling more comfortable playing the piano and plans a couple of solo anthem piano pieces. We may join Sunsets choir when we have services together.
6. Sacraments – Tessa – Next communion is Lent 1 on February 26<sup>th</sup>. She will ask for help if she needs help with the prep. Sacraments will be passed by the servers. Tessa submitted a green sheet for communion expenses of approximately \$26.00.
7. Technology – Kira – TV's are temperamental on any given day, not sure how to fix. Shot gun mics in the choir loft have quit working will speak to Darwin about. Not a lot of people are watching the live stream averaging maybe 6 people. She is turning the choir speakers as loud as possible without getting feedback. Many are still having difficulty hearing. One amp is dead and she is going to see if all the sound can come through just one amp. Cameras are acting "funny" at times. Kiera thinks she just needs a new USBC cord and will try to purchase one.
8. Any other business – payment of bills – Sheila – Approved paying a bill for the purchase of choir music. She could not remember the exact amount at the time of the meeting. Carolyn mentioned that there will be a program meeting in June. She

suggested committee members should think about nominations and the possibility of a “joint” Worship Committee as part of our integration.

#### **5.10 WUC/UCAS Liaison Committee**

Report to Council  
UCAS/WUC Partnership Committee  
February 2023

We are pleased to report that the renovations in the library and room 105 have been completed. Thanks to Darwin Roske for overseeing this project.

Kent Stewart  
Chair

#### **5.11 Transition Team**

#### **5.12 Sunset United Representative**

Dave Towers report to Wesley Council  
Sunset UC held a meeting to explain to the congregation the talks that were ongoing with Wesley. There were a lot of questions from the audience. Rev. Carolyn and Lenore attended and may be able to offer their thoughts on the meeting.  
We did not entertain any motions as it pertains to amalgamation. The meeting was an information session only.

The actual motion will be made and voted on at our AGM March 5/23

We are looking to strike a committee of 6 or 8 individuals with equal representation from both Communities of Faith, and have a drafted tentative job description (below) so that those interested will have an idea of what is expected.

#### **Wesley Sunset Partnership Team Job Description**

Thank you for your help and leadership in this important work, helping us to live into the United part of our church’s name. This job description is only to get you started in this work and you are encouraged to modify as is appropriate; you are on this team for your leadership and so how this work plays out will be up to you.

**Important!** Not all this work needs to be, or should be done by this team! Your purpose is leadership and oversight, guiding other committees, e.g. trustees, and delegating others to assist in this work

#### **Purpose:**

To guide Wesley and Sunset communities of faith through this transition with the ultimate goal of amalgamation.

**Short term tasks:**

- Ready the communities of faith for worshipping together beginning in September, 2023
- Items of possible discussion:
  - Explore integrating Wesley and Sunset's house groups?
  - how do we make everyone feel at home?
  - new name tags without a church designation or interim church name, or only the United Church crest?
  - decide how offerings will be shared in the interim
- Report regularly to both church councils/boards through one member of the team being a member of each council/board.

**Long term tasks:**

- Plan the process and possible timelines to lead us to amalgamation while our communities of faith worship together
- Strategize and ensure effective and open communication to both communities of faith
- Decide how to smoothly transition from 2 board and committee structures to 1, and how this can honour the work of both congregations
- Work with regional representatives who will help guide this process
- Develop ways to foster a united feel so that amalgamation seems logical and celebratory
- Become familiar with applicable United Church policy
  - <https://livingskiesrc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/PropertyHandbook-Updated-Feb2023.pdf>
  - <https://livingskiesrc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Property-Policies-Processes-April-2022.pdf>
- Work through matters of property and real estate- what to keep, what to sell, give away...
- Report to both church councils/boards
- Develop a process of establishing a new name to the emergent congregation

**Term:**

- This will take as long as it needs to take. Amalgamations have happened in as little as 1 year but sometimes have taken up to 4 or 5 years.
- As the needs of this work change, so too might the makeup of this team, depending on skill sets, interest, and energy.

On Sunday Feb 19<sup>th</sup> there was a large turnout from Wesley at our Sunday service. Hopefully we can do the same on Sunday.

## 8. Correspondence

### 8.1 Council letter by Carolyn McBean to Clare Parker Homes Inc.

2 Culliton Cres.,  
Regina, SK S4S 4J6

January 17, 2023

Clare Parker Homes  
c/o Jennie Binns, Associate Director  
301 Park St.  
Regina, SK, S4N 5B2

Dear Ms. Binns,

I am writing you and the Board of Directors of Clare Parker Homes, Inc., on behalf of the Church Council of Wesley United Church (3913 Hillsdale St., Regina S4S 3Y2). As part of our recent Council meeting, we received, as correspondence, the 'Clare Parker Homes, Inc. 2022 Annual Report to Congregations'. It was sent to Barbara Schmuland, a Wesley member, who has been part of the CPH Board for several years, but who stepped down in June, 2022.

Council is aware that, from its beginning, Clare Parker House [as it was first called] had a great deal of financial and volunteer support from Regina and area United Church congregations, including from Wesley. In recent years, however, as CPH grew into an incorporated body and increased its staff and outreach, the "United Church" aspect of it of its governance seems to be much reduced. In a brief review of your website, we note reference to United Church participation on the Board of Directors; however, of the current bios printed there, only one person mentions a United Church congregation connection (Eastside). This board member – and others – referenced being recruited – in part – through the retirement of the previous board member (a colleague from work, for instance).

The transformation and growth of services from CPH, Inc. is laudable; in fact, it reminds one of Carmichael Outreach (established through Carmichael United Church many years ago). The scope, staff/ board membership and fundraising programs of Carmichael Outreach became such that, in the 1990s, I believe, they requested that an official United Church connection be severed. One pragmatic reason for the request was that it enabled Carmichael Outreach to accept funding from, for instance, from Saskatchewan Lotteries – which United Church policy/oversight would not have allowed. Many United Church people continue to support the work of Carmichael Outreach, including Wesley: every weekday we deliver bread from a bread factory to Carmichael for its food program; we donate other food items and clothing and are glad to do that. The Board there, however, remains a community board.

Our question to you and the present CPH, Inc. Board is this: what are your expectations of United Church congregations for 2023 and beyond? Has your system of oversight and governance changed in such a way that, for instance, refers to "United Church" in the board membership, but, in fact, do not approach United Churches for recommendations to the CPH, Inc. Board? Have practices at CPH, Inc., changed faster than your policy pages/bylaws? [This is not uncommon in any volunteer board, and we are not criticizing you.]

As with Carmichael Outreach's metamorphosis, we would understand if Clare Parker Homes, Inc., would prefer to recruit Board members from any number of faith communities – and from people of no faith group. As long as they support the mission and practices of CPH, Inc., then perhaps that would be an organization system that would work as well as your current documents seem to imply.

On the other hand, if CPH, Inc., wishes to recruit representatives from local United Church congregations (there are 9 at present, including Eastside) and could provide us with a mandate you would see us carrying out, we – and other United Church congregations – would appreciate knowing, especially since some communities of faith are holding AGMs soon, which often include the presentation of nominations for positions within them – and to the wider community.

We applaud your many years of good work, but ask these questions to see what the United Church's involvement might best be given.

Sincerely,

Carolyn McBean  
(On behalf of Wesley United Church Council)