

Wesley United Church

Council Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2024

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

1. Call to order

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

2. Reflection Brenda

3. Approval of Agenda

Ratification of our email vote and addressing a request to extend the

possession date to be added to item 6. Business Arising.

Motion 2024-1: That the agenda be approved as amended

M/S Linda Gunningham/Catherine Maloney – carried.

4. Approval of the minutes from Council meetings:

November 19, 2023

December 10, 2023

December 17, 2023

January 7, 2024

Motion 2024-2: That the minutes of November 19, 2023, be approved as circulated.

M/S Glenn Schmuland/Jim Chernick – carried.

Motion 2024-3: That the minutes of December 10, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Dec 10 Linda Gunningham/Karen Stoddart – carried.

Darwin advised that the computers were cleared by Kiera, not Polly.

Motion 2024-4: That the minutes of December 17, 2023, be approved as amended.

M/S Stephanie Dove/Glenn Schmuland – carried

Motion 2024-6: That the minutes of January 7, 2024, be approved as circulated.

M/S Catherine Maloney/Linda Gunningham – carried.

5. Reports

5.1.Minister – J. Tenford

Jim remarked that it was wonderful to have our first Christmas together as a combined community of faith.

He replaced the battery on his computer and it is working well. The new soundboard was set up by Craig Martin from B Sharp Music.

Holy Week services will be shared with Lakeview; Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will be held at Sunset. Jim is considering doing a sunrise service at Sunset on Easter morning. Council agreed to a joint cluster service on April 14 with no service at Sunset that day. There will be a

cluster meeting here April 13 with Kent Stewart and Linda Gunningham attending as representatives of Wesley.

5.2.Past President – Wayne Clarke

No report.

5.3.President – L. Bewcyk

Report as circulated.

Motion 2024-5: Wesley United Church Council approves the transfer of Wesley United Church records (those designated by United Church of Canada policy) into permanent storage under the care of Living Skies Archives.

M/S Brenda Patton/Linda Gunningham – carried.

Motion 2024-7: To approve the announcement regarding the sale of Wesley United Church building and land as written in the President's report.

M/S Karen Stoddart/Catherine Maloney – carried.

5.4.Treasurer – J. Chernick

No report.

5.5.Finance & Investments – G. Schmuland

Motion 2024-8: To accept the financial statements as circulated.

M/S Jim Chernick/Catherine Maloney – carried.

December preliminary numbers show a surplus \$15,000, bringing the accumulated surplus to \$40,000. Future discussion will be needed on financials as amalgamation approaches. Many of our funds have conditions around how they are used.

The combined Financial/Program meeting will be held March 3, 2024.

5.6.Property & Service – D. Roske

Report as circulated. Darwin informed UCAS and iDiscover preschool that their occupancy will not be extended. All keys need to be returned to the church office. Jonathon will continue to work under the new ownership. We are looking for someone to take 2 crosses; Darwin will offer them to

LBC and then outside of the United Church. Darwin suggested we put an article about the stained glass on SRUC website.

5.7. Stewardship – L. Gunningham

Brenda reported that \$1253 was raised for the Early Learning Centre book campaign.

5.8.Revenue – K. Stoddart

Karen sent statements out this week. Income tax statements should go out next week. A \$75 Walmart card intended for refugees was stored in the safe at Wesley; it will be kept for the next refugees.

5.9.Trustees – C Maloney

Report as circulated.

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

The Regional meeting will be held June 13-16, 2024.

5.11.JAT – L. Bewcyk/D. Towers

JAT met on January 12 to discuss governance and hospitality.

5.12.UCAS – Correspondence Update

Our letter went to Living Skies Region today. The timeline was not included but will be provided on request.

5.13.Sunset Representative – D. Towers

The JAT report is in the weekly announcements. We are looking for responses to the hospitality survey.

Motion 2024-9: To receive the reports

M/S Karen Stoddart/Darwin Roske – carried.

6. Business Arising

6.1. Motion 2024-10: To ratify the email vote to move the possession date from January 15, 2024, to January 31, 2024.

M/S Brenda Patton/Linda Gunningham – carried.

6.2.Montessori School of Regina is officially requesting the closing date to be moved to February 29th, 2024.

Motion 2024-11: That Wesley Council deny the request for an extension to the closing date of our sale agreement.

M/S Glenn Schmuland/Catherine Maloney – carried.

Darwin will inform our realtor.

A work bee will be held January 25 & 26 starting at 9:00 a.m. Dave and Lenore will announce it at the service this Sunday.

6.3.Staffing Update

Jacque broke her ankle in December and will not be back. Kent and Karen have been working in the office. Kiera and Vicktor received thank you notes for their work at Wesley. Darwin will ask if Vicktor is interested in filling in at Sunset.

7. New Business

7.1. Are there any other steps that need to be taken for the moving out of the building that have not been planned?

Glenn will take meter readings on January 31.

Glenn will contact SaskTel for information on keeping the email and website when we no longer need the two phone lines and internet service. Prairie Microworks wiped the minister's old computer.

Darwin will contact Cooperators Insurance

Kent will contact Crown Shred for pick up.

Glenn will deal with the credit card.

We will keep License Sing for now.

Kent has set up redirect with Canada Post.

7.2. What else do we need to do before an amalgamation vote of both congregations?

We need to decide on a Governance structure. Jim Tenford distributed JAT's proposed council model for consideration.

8. Standing Items

8.1. Is there anything from this meeting that needs to be communicated to the congregation?

The combined Financial/Program meeting will be held March 3, 2024.

8.2. Next Meeting February 15, 2024, 8PM 177 Sunset Drive

8.3.Reflection for February 15, 2024 – J. Chernick

8.4.Closing prayer – J. Tenford

8.5.Adjournment 10:11 p.m.

Lenore Bewcyk, President

Stephanie Dove, Secretary