

## Wesley United Church

### Council Meeting Minutes

October 19, 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
Present	Wayne Clarke	Past President
Present	Stephanie Dove	Secretary
Present	Jim Chernick	Treasurer
Present	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 8:00 p.m.

#### 2. Reflection

Catherine reflected on aging and change.

### 3. Approval of Agenda

Lenore added item 7.1 Discussion of Decommissioning Service

**Motion 2023-110: That the agenda be approved as Amended**

M/S Karen Stoddart/Catherine Maloney – carried.

### 4. Approval of the minutes from Council meeting September 21, 2023

**Motion 2023-111: That the minutes be approved as distributed**

M/S Stephanie Dove/Linda Gunningham – carried.

### 5. Reports

#### 5.1. Minister – J. Tenford

Theatre of the Beat performed 3 short plays at Sunset. The plays depicted dysfunctional relationships and were performed a second time with input from the audience on better ways for the characters to relate to one another.

Jim is struggling to prepare a decommissioning service for Wesley, having had only a short time to get to know the congregation.

Our community has had two funerals this past month.

Jim receives many emails, but aims to clear his inbox by the end of the week.

#### 5.2. Past President – Wayne Clarke

Wayne has been hearing concerns about the amalgamation process with some people mourning Wesley.

The upcoming garage sale will be a good opportunity for fellowship.

#### 5.3. President – L. Bewcyk

Council agreed to defer a motion to accept the Disbursement Committee's recommendations for use of funds from the sale of Wesley property and building until such time as our future is more clear. Lenore will advise the congregation of the recommended recipients and corresponding percentages.

Council members do not want their emails or phone numbers posted on the website.

Lenore reminded Council of the potluck lunch following the

decommissioning service, the garage sale next week, and the Christmas market in December.

5.4. Treasurer – J. Chernick

See Finance & Investments

5.5. Finance & Investments – G. Schmuland

Glenn has felt warmly welcomed at Sunset, particularly by the choir members.

**Motion 2023-112: To accept the financial statements as circulated**

M/S Jim Chernick/Catherine Maloney – carried

We are on track to have a surplus of \$12,000 at year end as opposed to the \$30,000 deficit as budgeted.

Glenn will ask M&P to look at recommended salary increases.

Rentals are very strong.

Glenn and Jim will meet with Infinity Credit Union regarding redeeming GICs or transferring them to the new entity.

5.6. Property & Service – D. Roske

Report attached.

5.7. Stewardship – L. Gunningham

Linda had good feedback on the stewardship announcement last Sunday.

She will have Jacque distribute an email for donations and time and talents.

5.8. Revenue – K. Stoddart

Statements will be coming out soon.

5.9. Trustees – C Maloney

Trustees haven't met since the last Council meeting. They will likely meet next at the direction of Council.

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

Meeting planned for November 2.

5.11. JAT – L. Bewcyk

JAT met yesterday on governance.

Grief/transition workshop and chili lunch November 12.

5.12.UCAS – K. Stewart

UCAS used one side of the sign one time.

5.13.Sunset Representative – D. Towers

**Motion 2023-113: To receive the reports**

M/S Linda Gunningham/Karen Stoddart – carried

6. Business Arising

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

Waiting for the bid process to conclude November 7.

6.2. Staffing update

Since our last Council meeting, we had an email vote to increase Jacque's hours to 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday for the month of October due to the increased workload generated by the garage sale, disbursement of goods process, and inventory that needs to be entered in the spread sheet. M/S Darwin Roske/Lenore Bewcyk – carried.

**Motion 2023-114: To ratify this motion made by email.**

M/S Glenn Schmuland/Wayne Clarke

7. New Business

None

8. Standing Items

8.1. Fundraising items in our budget:

Garage Sale \$5,500 Scheduled Oct 27/28

Christmas Market \$4,600 Scheduled Dec 2/23

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?

JAT updates have been helpful.

9. Next Meeting 8:00 p.m. November 16, 2023 at 177 Sunset Drive.

Reflection – Jim Chernick

10. Closing prayer – Jim Tenford

11. Adjournment at 9:04 p.m.

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Lenore Bewcyk, President

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Stephanie Dove, Secretary