

Wesley United Church

Council Meeting Minutes

November 16, 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
Regrets	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
Regrets	Catherine Maloney	Trustee Rep
Present	Rev. Jim Tenford	Minister
Partial	Brenda Patton	Regional Council Rep
Present	Dave Towers	Sunset Rep

1. Call to order

Lenore called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

2. Reflection

Lenore read a traditional Irish blessing.

3. Approval of Agenda

Addition of item 8. Correspondence and correction to the name of Broadview magazine.

Motion 2023-115: That the agenda be approved as amended.

M/S Karen Stoddart/Linda Gunningham – carried.

4. Approval of the minutes from Council meeting October 19, 2023

Motion 2023-116: That the minutes be approved as circulated.

M/S– Linda Gunningham/Glenn Schmuland – carried.

5. Reports

5.1.Minister – J. Tenford

Jim has been working mostly from home during construction. He is concerned that the welcoming of newcomers is being missed because we assume they are from the other congregation. Suggestion to place a coffee cart near the front following the service.

5.2.Past President – Wayne Clarke

No report.

5.3.President – L. Bewcyk

Lenore had a meeting on November 14 with Jan Harvey to make a plan for archives.

5.4.Treasurer – J. Chernick

No report.

5.5.Finance & Investments – G. Schmuland

Motion 2023-117: That the December 2023 contribution to shared service with Sunset remain at \$4000 for the month.

M/S Glenn Schmuland/Karen Stoddart – carried.

Motion 2023-118: That the 2024 contribution to shared service with Sunset be increase to \$4200 per month until amalgamation occurs or shared service ends and to be reviewed for 2025 if necessary.

M/S Glenn Schmuland/Linda Gunningham – carried.

Motion 2023-119: That donations of \$500 to LBC and \$500 to St. Andrews College be made from the CE budget.

M/S Glenn Schmuland/Brenda Patton – carried

A decision for the \$1000 donation from Social Justice has been tabled.

Motion 2023-120: To accept the financial statements as circulated.

M/S Catherine Maloney/Glenn Schmuland – carried.

Rather than create a budget for 2024, budget items will be brought to Council as needed.

Broadview magazine subscriptions will be discussed closer to the renewal date.

Some furnace work was necessary. The invoice is expected to be approximately \$1000.

Jim Chernick reached out to Infinity; they do not have a policy on whether our GICs should be redeemed or transferred to the new entity and are willing to work with us when the time comes.

5.6. Property & Service – D. Roske

Report attached.

5.7. Sales Committee Report – C. Maloney

Confidential

Motion 2023-121: Motion that the Wesley United Church Council (WUC) accept the offer to purchase the property at 3913 Hillsdale Street from Montessori School of Regina at a price of \$1,910,000 and possession date of January 15, 2024.

M/S Catherine Maloney/Glenn Schmuland – carried

Motion 2023-122: Motion that Wesley United Church Council (WUC) direct the Trustees to ask Living Skies Regional Council to approve the offer to purchase bid from Montessori School at a price of \$1,910,000 and possession date of January 15, 2024.

M/S Linda Gunningham/Karen Stoddart – carried

5.8. Stewardship – L. Gunningham

Linda attended a Zoom meeting with Vicki on Advent as a time of new beginnings.

5.9. Revenue – K. Stoddart

Karen sent out contribution statements.

5.10.Trustees – C Maloney

No report.

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

Next meeting on November 23.

5.12.JAT – L. Bewcyk

JAT held a good workshop last Sunday.

5.13.UCAS – Response to letter from UCAS

Lenore shared a draft of her reply to UCAS.

5.14.Sunset Representative – D. Towers

Dave

5.15.Social Justice – L. Beck

Motion 2023-123: To receive the reports

M/S Linda Gunningham/Catherine Maloney – carried.

6. Business Arising

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

See item 5.7

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 November due to the increased workload generated by the Christmas Market, disbursement of goods process and inventory.

M/S Darwin Roske/Lenore Bewcyk – carried

Motion 2023-124: To ratify this motion made by email.

M/S Catherine Maloney/Linda Gunningham – carried.

6.3.Termination notice to staff – when shall we ask M&P to do this?

Motion 2023-125: That WUC Council direct M&P to provide termination notice to Jacque Crowther, Jonathan Weichel and Kiera Eastley according to Saskatchewan Labour Standards.

M/S Glenn Schmuland/Catherine Maloney – carried.

7. New Business

7.1. Early Learning Centre book fundraiser – are we doing this in 2023? Who will lead the project?

Brenda will call the Early Learning Centre and ask them to provide a speaker for an upcoming Sunday service.

8. Standing Items

8.1. Fundraising items in our budget:

Garage Sale raised approximately \$4,200 plus \$500 after sale

Christmas Market \$4600 Scheduled December 2, 2023

Miscellaneous Fundraising \$1500

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

9. Correspondence

9.1. We received a thank you card from The Singing Grannies.

10. Next Meeting 8:00 p.m. January 18, 2024, at 177 Sunset Drive.

Volunteer for Reflection – Brenda Patton

11. Closing prayer – Jim Tenford

12. Adjournment at 9:58 p.m.

Lenore Bewcyk, President

Stephanie Dove, Secretary