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Humbercrest United Church
Minutes of Church Council Meeting
June 28 2022
Via Video Conference
(commenced 7:00 pm.)

Attendance: Fern Steggles, Dianna Seth, Marg Garrie, Aileen McGregor,
Linda Steggles, Rev. Mary Jo Patterson, Dorothy Lothian, Howard Gaskin
Brian Packham
Regrets : Charlie Evans

Gathering, Land Acknowledgement, Welcome

1. Welcome by Linda

Prayer : Linda

2. *Administrative Ministry of the Church*

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Dianna/Aileen

CARRIED

That council approved the agenda for the June 28th 2022 meeting.

Motion: Dorothy/Howard

That Council Approve the Minutes of the May 24th 2022 Council Meeting

CARRIED

Chair Report – Linda

Inclusivity Check list for Council, Committes and special project groups at Humbercrest

Inclusivity Checklist for Council, Committees and special project groups at HUC Has everyone's voice been heard or represented in our discussions and decisions? Have we followed our Affirmation of Faith? Would each of the following feel included in our actions? HUC Affirmation of Faith... -the non-white person? -the Indigenous person and the Métis person? -the non-Christian? -the non-religious person? -the lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender, queer, two-spirited person? -the young or the senior? -the partnered or single person? -the person differently-abled? -the person less economically secure? "Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to reform".

Mark Twain

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Many thanks to the Affirm Team for their leadership culminating in the meaningful service June 12th; Brian Packham, Natalie Cakebread, Donna Magee and Rev. Mary Jo. The reception afterwards was enjoyed by all. I'd like to emphasize that this marks an important benchmark in our journey and that the journey continues.

Many thanks to Dorothy Lothian and the Transition Team, Fred Atkinson, Colin Grant, Natalie Cakebread, Catherine Lococo, Lydia Pedersen (Regional Rep) and Rev. Mary Jo (IIM) for all their work and report which has been circulated. Gratitude also to the Minster Search Team, Howard Gaskin, Fred Atkinson, Marlene McBride and Catherine Lococo, with the support of Paul Stott, Regional Rep for following the steps to approval for our new minister.

Gratitude also to Marg Garrie, Barb Gilmour and Sharon Lawrie for their important work in writing the Community of Faith Profile which will be posted on Church Hub, once ready.

Thanks also to the Tech Team, Marlene McBride, Sean Anderson, Howard Gaskin and Brian Packham along with our three volunteer students, Adam, Finn and Noah for all their hard work and dedication.

Lastly thanks to Congregational Life and all those who said "yes" when called to help out with the Strawberry Social; setting up, preparing the food, taking down. Many hands make light work.

Brian P. and Aileen McGregor, thank you for expressing heartfelt thanks and best wishes to Meredith and Rev. Dr. Nancy on our behalf.

I am happy to report that Chris Higgins in the Office is quickly getting up to speed. Thank you all for your support during this time of transition to a paid Acting Office Administrator in the role.

Follow-up / New Business

1. Transition Team

Motion: Dorothy/Brian

CARRIED

That the two final reports of the Transition Team be accepted.

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2. Motion : Fern/Dorothy

CARRIED

That the 2022 budget of Congregational Life be increased from \$175.00 to \$475

3. Motion : Brian/Dianna

CARRIED

That an additional \$50 be added to the summer soloists' pay from the Harold Durnan fund (music) (9 x 50 = \$450)

4. Motion : Brian/Howard

CARRIED

That \$800 be paid to Robert Picard for the use of his equipment over the past eight months (8 x \$100)

5. Motion : Brian/Howard

CARRIED

That the expenses for the Affirm Celebration be paid from the Harold Durnan Fund (\$500-\$600)

6. Motion : Dianna/Marg

CARRIED

That Katherine Hill be removed as a Member of Humbercrest as requested.

Stewardship of our Resources Dianna

Motion : Dianna/Marg

CARRIED

That the financial reports and cheque register for the month of May be approved as previously circulated.

Our Shared Ministries

Community Team Fern

Please note the motion for a request to increase the Congregational Life budget.

Greeters have helped acquaint families with children under 4 with the services in our Narthex play area, as through June we've had an increase in this age group.

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On June 26, the Strawberry Social was the back-drop for our thank you celebration to Meredith Gries and Rev. Dr. Nancy Hardy. Gifts were present to the women who graciously thanked the congregation.

Devotions Team Brian

Past Worship (April – June 2022)

- Good turn out for Good Friday service, many were visitors
- A picture of one of worship services is going to Shining Waters Region
- Everyone thinks the services are very meaningful
- We are needing to request that more bulletins be printed for regular services
- Possibly 50 for regular Sundays and 30 for summertime

Future Worship (July - August 2022)

- Review Worship Schedule (see attached)
- Summer Services (Outside/Inside)

§ We need to plan earlier to have services outside possibly next year

§ Maybe have an earlier service down by the Humber River

§ Consensus was to stay inside this summer

§ Brian spoke with Katherine at Windermere and decided it was too late for this season but maybe we could share in other services in the future.

Monies for summer sololist: \$50 extra

- Thanks for the electronic vote, unanimously passed to take this money from the Durnan Fund.

Monies for loan of equipment to Robert Picard \$800

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Funds for flowers in the Sanctuary

· Donna and Jenny to work out an annual budget for flowers which is to include the artificial flowers that we have currently and bring to the next Devotions meeting.

Long Range Worship (September - November 2022)

- Live Streaming – to begin Sunday September 11
- Electronic Words for hymns etc – Brian noted that this is in the long range plan for live streaming but probably not for the fall
- Blessing of the Pet/Animals – Sunday September 11
- Mary Jo's last Sunday – Sunday September 25
- Worldwide Communion – Sunday October 2
- Thanksgiving – Sunday October 9
- Remembrance Service – Sunday November 6

Faith Formation & Sunday School

§ Resignation of Meredith – regretfully received by the committee, but understand her full time teaching profession. We wished her good luck in her teaching.

§ Meredith brought forward a few ideas of how Sunday School could continue to happen. A possible Prayground to start immediately in the chapel area of the church, and evaluate for the fall.

Bible Study Groups

§ For fall 2022 there would be a Theological Reflection which would be done once a month starting with Rev Mary Jo and then another person from the congregation leading the next ones

§ Also for the fall there would be a Healing Circle another Sunday during the month.

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§ The above two ideas would be immediately following the service or Teatime respectively until 1:00 pm

Outreach (Mission & Service)

- World Day of Prayer – Saturday March 4, 2023
- Any future M&S endeavours
- We wondered what sort of Mission & Service projects would the church have. Barb to meet with interested members and come up with some ideas for next year.
- Mel suggested a possible speaker series with known speakers 3 times a year to bring in the community.

Affirm

- Thanks to all for making the Affirm Celebration so wonderful
- MOTION: that expenses from the Affirm Celebration by taken from Durnan Fund
 - o 4 for; 2 against; 2 abstaining
- Two Affirm contacts for 2022 – 2023 – we will post in the next Beacon
- Send our what we are doing for future – we will post in the next Beacon

Worship Planning Schedule for 2022

Calendar Liturgical Scripture

Date Date Celebrating Preaching Music Reader Openers

03-Jul 4th aft Pentecost Mary Jo Marg Catherine Lococo Sean
10-Jul 5th aft Pentecost Mary Jo Marg Madelaine McDowell Fred
17-Jul 6th aft Pentecost Mary Jo Marg Donna Magee Dianna
24-Jul 7th aft Pentecost Brian Marg Fred Atkinson Linda
31-Jul 8th aft Pentecost Brian Marg Howard Gaskin Sean
07-Aug 9th aft Pentecost Brian Marg Catherine Lococo Fred
14-Aug 10th aft Pentecost Brian Marg Diana Seth Dianna
21-Aug 11th aft Pentecost Mary Jo Marg Madelaine McDowell Linda
28-Aug 12th aft Pentecost Mary Jo Marg Fred Atkinson Sean

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04-Sep 13th aft Pentecost Mary Jo Mel Wendy Hurst Fred
11-Sep 14th aft Pentecost Bless the Pets Brian Mel Dianna
18-Sep 15th aft Pentecost Mary Jo Mel Sean
25-Sep 16th aft Pentecost Mary Jo Mel Charlie Evans Fred

· Affirm Banners – Brian thanks Keith, John and David for putting up the new banners. Their original location is on the back wall of the chancel. John says a pew would need to be removed and scaffolding put up to this. Rev. Mary Jo said they are ours and we can put them anywhere we choose. Brian to take to council to see what they suggest.

Other Business

§ Devotions Budget – Brian to clearly advise what this year’s Devotions budget is at the next meeting.

§ The Devotions Team wondered what the faith during the week would look like that the Transition Team was proposing. Brian to ask at Council.

§ Climate Change & Indigenous Issues – we would put into the Beacon that our team is looking for someone to lead in Climate Change and someone in Indigenous Issues.

Facilities Team Linda

Buildings and Grounds

Keith and David G. Put up a new pride flag, higher than the previous one, thanks to them. The defibrillator battery has been replaced as well as the pads. All is in working order. (\$743.71 including tax and a surcharge for dangerous goods)

Many thanks to Marg, Fred, Sinead, Peter and Dorothy Lothian and the President of West Toronto Keys to Inclusion for getting the garden in shape for a wedding held June 18th.

Resources

Marg – Rental Report

June was a busy month.

June 1-- SC Dance

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June 3 – Toronto Kidz Pd Day

June 6-7 – Oratorio Benefit Concert & Rehearsal

June 8-9 - Video/ Recording

June 13-14 Recording

June 19 – Wedding

June 20 + 25 Toronto Kidz Leadership Workshop

June 29 – Recording

July 5 -- CBC recording

July& Aug. Toronto Kidz 8 weeks camp

July & Aug. Keys Holidays first week each month. At HUC Monday, Tuesday & Thursday with Wed. all day outings. Closed Fridays

July & Aug. Rainbow Songs - Thursday mornings on the lawn

July & Aug. Yoga Grove - on the lawn

July & Aug. TMH every second Sunday

Aug. several weddings

Keys has requested a Lawn Sale a Saturday in Aug.

Keys also asked the days of the week the cleaner was working.

Pandemic Response Team Aileen and Linda

No report

Trustees Howard

No report

Ministry and Personnel Aileen

The Acting Church Administrator role has been filled by Chris Higgins. He started in the office on May 30, 2022 and will be with us until August 31, 2022

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with the potential for extension of his contract at that time. Linda spent time training Chris the first week and kindly remains available for support as needed. Chris is in the office Monday through Thursday between 8.45am – 3.00pm and on Fridays between 8.45am – 12 noon.

Music Director - Mel Hurst has renewed his contract with us until June 30, 2023.

Our cleaning contract with Sam Walters of S6 Cleaning is up for renewal on June 30, 2022. Sam will finish up his term with us and then Felix Kelon, who has been filling in for Sam these past 6 months, will take over the contract with his own cleaning company Felixx Klean Sweep in July 2022. The terms and conditions will remain the same, as will the hourly rate of \$25 per hour for services rendered up to a maximum of \$1000 per month.

Rev. Dr. Nancy Hardy has been our part time preaching support and has provided pastoral care at Humbercrest for the last year and a half; her contract will finish on June 30, 2022. We greatly appreciate her time and work with us through these past months and wish her well in the future.

Meredith Gries is resigning from her position as Child and Youth Coordinator as of June 30, 2022. She has been with us for 8 and a half years. We will miss her faithful leadership and dedication to the young people at Humbercrest and wish her God's blessings as she pursues her teaching career.

A celebration of gratitude for Rev. Nancy and Meredith was held after our church service on Sunday, June 26, 2022.

**Minister's Report and A Time of Reflection and Discernment Rev. Mary Jo
Closing Remarks/Adjournment**

THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION FORMAT

Presenting Idea/Concern

Facts:

Faith Response Feelings:

Faith Story (Bible/Hymn)

Council discussed children in the Sunday School under the above headings.

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The meeting adjourned at 9.13 pm

The next meeting of Council will be held on September 27th 2022 at 7 pm

L. Steggle – *Council Chair*

D Seth – *Secretary*