

Approved by HUC Council

Humbercrest United Church
Minutes of Church Council Meeting
June 20th 2023
Via Video Conference
(commenced 7:00 pm.)

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

Gathering, Land Acknowledgement, Welcome

1. Welcome by Linda
2. Prayer: Charlie
3. *Administrative Ministry of the Church*

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Aileen/Fern

CARRIED

That council approved the agenda for the June 20th 2023 meeting.

Motion: Charlie/Howard

That Council Approve the Minutes of May 23rd meeting

CARRIED

Correspondence

Chair report Linda

June Chair's Report:

June 7th, Madeleine, Chris, Fern and I visited with Rev. Anne Hines at Roncesvalles and learned about their journey which resulted in Philip Côté painting a beautiful creation mural in the sanctuary there and more.

The Office computer, a Mac mini needs replacing. It was bought January 2012 and the hard drive has gone. It has been very reliable, unlike our Internet service recently. Andrew H. suggests that a new one will cost about \$600, so I've asked Chris to go ahead and research this and then make the purchase.

There are a number of services with special focus such as Pride Sunday and Indigenous Sunday during the month of June. Many thanks to Rev. Lena and all worship participants for the prayers and celebrations leading us to new understanding.

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Follow up and new business

1. Minister Search Committee Update

Howard reported that the chosen candidate has taken another opportunity.

2. Music Director Search Committee Update

Aileen reported that that there is a good response to our advertisement. Auditions/interviews are ongoing.

3. Livestream Operator search update

Currently there are no applicants.

4. Faith on Friday:

First, huge thanks to the many people who stepped up and helped us be able to offer this pilot. Set up, program support, food, Music and even a few curious participants from HUC made this partnership worthwhile to our two HUC families who participated with enjoyment and appreciation. One event, we had two adult guests who came for the dinner and to chat, who likely saw a Library ad.

Our goals were to offer Faith Formation aimed at children to the wider community in an alternative worship format, agreed on goals of the Transition Team. Following a review, done by Alana Martin of the GO Project, Brian Packham, Worship, Linda Steggles, organizer and Rev. Lena, minister and supporter, it was decided that this did not meet our primary goals, was labour heavy for the few who offered/were able to help, and that we would not recommend that we continue the partnership at this time. It may be that there is not the need for such events in our community at this time.

Instead, we suggest that a quarterly Pot Luck event with a liturgical component such as the Maundy Thursday supper be held quarterly. It is recommended that this be organized by either Faith Formation (Worship) or Outreach or both cooperatively. Families would be welcome, but the focus would be inter-generational rather than child-focused.

5. Warming Centre update

Linda referenced the City of Toronto guidelines for warming centres

The City of Toronto operates the largest shelter system in Canada. Although the City has added capacity, demand for shelter and wrap-around support services continues to grow. The City is looking for new sites to help maintain and expand the shelter system, especially during the winter months. The types of emergency services offered by the City and functional requirements for potential new sites is outlined in this document. The City is able to work with property owners to complete renovations on suitable properties to provide for the necessary functional requirements. Types of Shelters and Services Offered
Emergency Shelters 24-Hour Respite Sites Warming Centres • Provide temporary

accommodation and related support services year-round • All locations are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week and provide wraparound supports including: • ♣beds, hot meals and laundry • access to harm reduction and mental and physical health supports • Counsellors/case managers to develop permanent housing plans • assessments and referrals to other community services, as needed • New sites typically have a welcome centre, universal washroom, community meeting and program spaces, a community resource centre, and laundry and pet cleaning areas • On-site community services may include health-related services, childcare, education and skills training, and pet care • Provide low barrier services that prioritize ease of access to safe indoor space, especially to those who are vulnerable and may not otherwise access shelters • Sites may be open year round. Winter Respite will be open throughout the winter season (November 15 – April 15) • Sites provide resting spaces, meals and service referrals • Temporary sites that are activated when temperatures reach -5°C or colder; and/or when Environment and Climate Change Canada issues freezing rain, snow squall, winter storm, snowfall and/or blizzard warnings • Provide the following services: • ♣Resting spaces • Snacks • Access to washroom facilities • Referrals to emergency shelter • Access to harm reduction supplies Property Requirements and Functional Criteria Located across the City of Toronto Size Proximity to transit and resources Accessible infrastructure Meet zoning and shelter-by law requirements . Emergency Shelters 24-hour Respite Sites Warming Centres Number of clients Space for approximately 80 to 100 beds Space for approximately 50 to 100 cots Space for approximately 30 to 50 cots Minimum Sq. Ft 20,000 sq. ft. 8,000 sq. ft. 3,000 sq. ft. Activation Long term site, activated year-round Activated for the duration of the winter season (some respite sites operate year-round) Activated when temperatures reach -5°C or colder or in response to active weather alerts Agreement Term Availability for purchase or lease for a minimum of 10 years November 15 – April 15 of the following year for winter respite sites OR Short- to medium-term lease for year-round respites November 15 – April 15 of the following year Meals and dining space • Hot meals served • Dining area required • Area for storing and serving meals • Hot meals served • Dining area required • Area for storing and serving meals • Cold meals served • Dining area preferred • Fridge for storing cold meals required (fridge can be provided, if needed) Showers 1 shower per 20 clients required 1 shower per 20 clients required Showers are preferred but not required Washrooms 1 toilet per 15 clients 1 toilet per 15 clients 1 toilet per 15 clients Staff space Staff space and staff washroom required Staff space and staff washroom required Staff space and staff washroom required Fire and Life Safety Fire and Life Safety System required Fire and Life Safety System required Fire and Life Safety System required To discuss available properties or ask questions, email ssha.homeless@toronto.ca

6. Moccasin Identifier Project

All information is on the website moccasinidentifier.com

Rev Lena will reach out to Madeline this summer to see if there is anything concrete we can do.

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7. Mel Hurst access to the church

It was decided to continue with the current arrangements one more year.

8. Working with other churches

Runnymede UC Property Manager Update

No update currently

9. Motion Marg/Dorothy

CARRIED

To approve sending old church records as listed in the attached chart to the United Church Archives as recommended by Fred Atkinson

10. Motion Dianna/Marg

CARRIED

To approve that the Executive (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Minister) or a quorum of one third members plus Minister, make urgent decisions as needed during the summer

Stewardship of our Resources Charlie

Motion : Charlie/Dianna

CARRIED

That the financial reports and cheque register for the month of May 2023 be approved as previously circulated.

Our Shared Ministries

Community Team Fern

The Beacon is still being delivered to Sharon, for which she is grateful. Care and Welcoming is looking into expanding pastoral care with Rev. Lena. They are also wondering what social events persons in the community could be interested in attending.

Monthly Tea Times will cease with the Strawberry Social and thank you/good-bye for Gerald Martindale on June 25th, this Sunday.

A new kind of gathering (the first of perhaps four next year) will happen on Sept. 21, 2023 in the Friendship Rm. 1:30 - 2:30 or 3:00 p.m. Rev. Lena will attend. Anyone will be welcome to come to tea and talk on these Thursday afternoons.

Devotions Team Brian

No report

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Facilities Team Linda

Buildings and Grounds

Building and Grounds:

The eavestrough on the east side of the sanctuary is challenged when rain is of high volume such as we had a couple of weeks ago. This has caused some water damage on the inside wall. First is to determine if there is any blockage in the downspout, then if not, seal the trough and seek more effective solutions.

Roof leak: There is a leak about two-thirds of the way back on the east centre side of the sanctuary. A sheet and plastic is currently protecting the pew. The roof committee under Marg G will meet in the near future I expect.

Mission Dianna

Dianna reported that a letter of thanks has been received from Davenport Perth community Ministry and Jane Finch Community for our donations.

It is expected that we will continue to support The Sharing Place Food Bank. Runnymede Presbyterian Church will lead the World Day of Prayer Service and Humbercrest will participate. The date is March 2nd 2024

Rental Committee Report Marg

Rentals:

June 1 Toronto Kidz - Leaders Workshop for summer camps

June 2 TDSB PD day - Toronto Kidz

June 2 Young Voices Concert Rehearsal

June 3 Young Voices Concert

June 4 Book Launch Chris Higgins

June 5 Recording Lisa Horvat

June 6 " " "

June 7 Barwell Organ Scholarship Completion

June 8 Student piano recital - Lark Popov

June 18 Student Recital - Dianne Edwards

June 25 Wedding

June 25 Recital Caitlin Nugent

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June 26 Polling Station -Election mayor

June 27 KEYS AGM (evening)

Stage Coach has requested rental space using the Heritage Hall, East and West Halls, on Sunday afternoons from 2 – 5 pm starting in September. They are continuing their Saturday rentals. The Rental Committee has discussed the pros and cons of such a rental and would like this discussed at Council level as it will cancel all usual rentals, book launches, recordings, weddings family events and limit Humbercrest's own use of the space. Our halls are used most evenings except Friday occasionally. Saturday is available only after 6 pm. On the plus side is added rental income and providing community space.

The Committee has designed a Rental Request Form which will have all our needed information. This will be added to the website and hopefully reduce a number of phone calls.

After discussion Council agreed that it was not feasible for the Church rooms to be rented on a Sunday afternoon.

Trustees Howard

Howard reported that the Trustees had informally wished John Mutton best wishes on his move out of the city.

Trustees will meet in the early Fall to discuss investment strategies which support

Ministry and Personnel Aileen

Rev. Lena Medeiros – her contract has been renewed until December 31, 2023

Rev. Lena is taking a week of vacation June 26, 2023 to July 2, 2023. During this time, Rev. Anne Hines, from Roncesvalles UC has kindly offered to cover any emergency pastoral care issues.

Chris Higgins, his contract for Acting Church Administrator has been renewed until December 31, 2023.

Felix from Felix Klean Sweep (our cleaning service) - his contract will be renewed for July 1, 2023 until June 30, 2024.

Music Director – we have had a good response to our advertisement. Auditions/ interviews are ongoing.

Minister's Report

Rev Lena concluded our meeting with a round table "I give thanks for..."

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The meeting adjourned at 9.15 pm

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The next meeting of Council will be held on September 25th 2023 at 7 pm

L. Steggle – *Council Chair*

D Seth – *Secretary*