

Approved by HUC Council

Humbercrest United Church
Approved Minutes of Church Council Meeting
March 28th 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, Brian Packham,
Charlie Evans
Invited Guest : Sven Steindorff

Gathering, Land Acknowledgement, Welcome

1. Welcome by Linda
Rev. Lena shared a scripture reading John 21 vs 1-6, We reflected on what the passage might mean to Humbercrest.
2. Prayer: Brian
3. *Administrative Ministry of the Church*

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Dianna/Dorothy **CARRIED**

That council approved the agenda for the March 28th meeting.

Motion: Marg/Howard

That Council Approve the Minutes of February 28th meeting **CARRIED**

Correspondence

Chair report Linda

interested in continuing to walk with HUC, as we discern our path over the next year.

Music Director candidates would need to be told up front that HUC is in a time of transition.

As a result of these conversations, and my own experience, I will be suggesting to the congregation at the Annual Meeting, that Humbercrest's future lies in

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collaboration and will recommend that we take a month to reflect and to consider this opportunity.

Follow up and new business

1. Working with other churches –Linda - follow up from the annual meeting. Potential special congregational meeting April 25th 6.30 p.m. HVUV refugee group meeting March 29th 6.30 p.m.

Council Members took turns to share what collaboration means to each of us.

We acknowledged that with increased rental revenue, our financial situation has stabilized. We have any physical assets but we are fewer in number. We discussed whether now is the right time to explore collaboration with re churches and open ourselves up to something new given our more positive context over last year or whether to stay the course of calling a permanent minister to focus on building our community of faith in that way. We shared our views on the pros and cons of each and after much discussion decided on the latter.

We will hold a special congregational meeting on April 25th to communicate how the GO project and other collaboration in mission such a working with Humber Valley and Royal York Road United Churches on refugee settlement fit into our growth goal identified by the Transition Team last year.

Another goal is to identify and strengthen our capacity as a “Faithful” Community of Faith. How do we live out our mission and “feed the hungry” in ways that are engaging and relevant to our community at large.

2. Live Stream Operation Update - Brian

Brian reported that a job description will be posted next week. We hope to get the livestreaming resumed soon. Zoom broadcasting will then be available for those who would join by telephone.

3. Faith on Friday GO Project – next event April 21st at 5.30 pm Volunteers are needed.

4. Motion: Brian/Marg **CARRIED**

That the all are welcome banners made by Mary Jo be placed permanently in the chapel area subject to the ability to install safely.

5. Motion

That our Affirm certificate and an affirm symbol be placed on the wall in the Narthex on each side of the main door coming into the sanctuary.

This motion was deferred to the April Meeting pending consultation with Care and Welcoming.

6. Motion : Brian/Howard **CARRIED**

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That an affirm symbol be placed in the main entrance of the building to show that all that are entering the church that we are an affirm church.

Stewardship of our Resources Charlie

Motion : Charlie/Dianna

CARRIED

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

Our Shared Ministries

Community Team Fern

No report

Devotions Team Brian

Brian circulated a poster document which showed worship and Easter activities for Holy Week.

Affirm report

1. MOTION: That the “All Are Welcome” banners made by Rev. Mary Jo be placed permanently in the chapel area, one on each side of the main wall.
2. MOTION: That our Affirm certificate and an affirm symbol be placed on the walls in the Narthex on each side of the main doors coming into the sanctuary.
3. MOTION: That an affirm symbol be place in the main entrance areas of the church to show to all that are entering the church that we are an Affirming church.
4. Changes to the Affirm Team: Natalie has advised that she will not be sitting on this team any more, however would help with anything that she can. Brian will not be the chairperson of this team. Brian will continue to be a member. Brian and Donna will continue to be the Affirm contacts for our church with Affirm United. A new chairperson is needed to be found.
5. Brian has sent the Affirm Logo package from Affirm United to Chris in the church office. We need to begin to make sure that the Affirm logo is on everything that is promoting Humbercrest United including things like: letterhead, website, signs, letterhead, church bulletins, event promotions and anything else. Brian has advise Chris to start doing this.
6. Brian to speak to Chris about adding an Affirm webpage to our church website to start highlighting what Humbercrest has and is doing for Affirm.

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This webpage will become where everyone can find information about Affirm instead of a weekly Affirm Bulletin in The Beacon.

7. Brian to send photos from our Affirm Celebration in June to Affirm United, with copies to Fred for the Archives and Chris in the office.

8. The Affirm Team will be reviewing our Affirm action plan and setting the date for our 1st anniversary Affirm Celebration at their next meeting.

Facilities Team Linda

Buildings and Grounds

New Fire extinguishers will be installed in the balcony area of the Heritage Hall and in the East Hall near the elevator to be handy for all users.

Mission Dianna

Dianna reported that \$750 was sent to Roncesvalles United for the Dining with Dignity food programme to support the Easter dinner and other needs.

Resources

Rental Committee Report Marg

March 5 Violin recital

11 - Documentary film

16 - Video concert

17-18 Piano recording

25 Fund raising concert (Peruvian children

26 Birthday party Heritage Hall

We have signed a new lease with Erik Grice for room 20, our largest room. He will have three other renters sharing the cost. This leaves three small rooms left to be rented.

The Friendship room painting is completed now. We need to make a new furniture placement design to make the room more multipurpose. Dianna's daughter Victoria will be reviewing this with us. Once that is completed, we will know what size of an area carpet to purchase.

We are also negotiating with a children's dance / theatre group looking for a twice a week rental (3 hours per session) for next September. They are expanding and currently run programs at Royal York Rd U.C. and St. James U.C.

Trustees Howard

No Report

Ministry and Personnel Aileen

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Rev. Lena Medeiros will be taking the week after Easter off for vacation, April 10, 2023 – April 16, 2023. Brian Packham will cover pulpit supply on Sunday, April 16, 2023. Hiring a Music Director - a search committee consisting of Brian Packham, Marg Parsons, Shannon Matthews and Aileen McGregor, will begin the process of looking for a new Music Director in early April. Gerald Martindale will serve as a consultant to the committee. The choir should provide their input to the committee regarding priorities for choral leadership and will also take part in the audition process for each eligible candidate.

Minister's Report

Rev Lena concluded our meeting with a prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 9.52 pm

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

L. Steggles – *Council Chair*

D Seth – *Secretary*