

Humbercrest United Church
Minutes of Church Council Meeting
February 27, 2024 via Zoom
(commenced at 7.00pm)

Present: Rev. Anne Hines, Charlie Evans, Marg Garrie, Howard Gaskin, Dorothy Lothian, Aileen McGregor, Brian Packham, Fern Steggles, Linda Steggles

Regrets: Dianna Seth

Gathering, Land Acknowledgement, Welcome, Inclusivity Checklist –
Linda

Prayer – Aileen

Administrative Ministry of the Church –

Approval of the minutes of January 23, 2024 meeting

Moved: Howard Seconded: Dorothy CARRIED

Approval of Agenda for February 27, 2024 meeting

Moved: Brian Seconded: Aileen CARRIED

No Correspondence

Chair's Report – Linda (see Linda's report)

- Special thanks for Brian Packham's leadership in worship and organizing pulpit supply until our new minister arrives.
Appreciation for Deborah Park's special efforts with music

selection and organizing guest jazz musicians to acknowledge and celebrate Black History Month.

- Pastoral Relations Minister, Rev. Rob Smith has brought to our attention the programme “United Fresh Start” designed to help congregations beginning a new pastoral relationship and/or going through other transitions. A regional facilitator would assist us working through chosen modules.
- Linda and Rev. Sheila Murray have been in discussion regarding the possibility of her becoming a Voluntary Associate Minister at Humbercrest UC

Follow-Up and New Business

1. Search Team/Settlement Group Update – Howard

Howard reported that the necessary paperwork has been completed and sent to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRRC) for an immigration number to be provided to allow Rev. Diane Mugambi to begin the immigration process in Kenya.

2. **Motion** to approve that HUC will look into the support modules through United Fresh Start further. <https://unitedfreshstart.ca/>

Moved: Fern Seconded: Howard CARRIED

3. Live-stream Operator Search Update – Brian

Marlene and Sean are helping train Isaac Anderson for livestreaming our Sunday services.

4. Roof Committee Update – Marg

The roofing committee has met and is preparing to receive quotations for the repair of the sanctuary roof.

Roof Committee Report

Three types of roofing materials were discussed.

Asphalt/ Metal – Steel or aluminum/ Styrofoam insulation covered by any of the above materials.

Decision to: Contact three roofing companies for estimates on using each of the above materials.

Semple Gooder was recommended by IRC roofing consultants. They have been in business for 72 years. Used by Humbercrest in 2000.

Bothwell Accurate industrial Roofers recommended by IRC. Their quote was very close to Semple Gooder. They have been in business 93 years.

R.T.M (Roof Tile Management) recommended by Katja Britten (TUCC) and Knox Presbyterian Church Toronto. They repaired our slate roof and balcony leaks in 2021.

Considering that if we may close at some point, the building belongs to the United Church. Charlie will contact Region for advice on the best solution moving forward.

5. Stewardship of our Resources – Treasurer – Charlie

6. Motion to Approve Treasurer's report –

That the financial reports and cheque register for the month of January 2024 be approved as previously circulated.

Moved: Charlie

Seconded: Marg

CARRIED

Our Shared Ministries

Community Team – Fern

Care and Welcoming - Sharon is looking for people to join this committee. In addition, she is looking for someone to be the permanent Greeter on the third Sunday of the month.

Congregational Life - the resignation of Marg Parsons has been received. The next Tea Time will be Easter Sunday.

Since the Constitution allows persons on Council to serve two three year terms and a seventh year if absolutely necessary, the Chair is pursuing options prior to her constitutional resignation next year.

Devotion Team – Brian

Roster of pulpit supply has been planned until the Sunday after Easter thus far. The roster will include Rev. Sheila Murray, Brian Packham and Mac MacDonald and Chris Hawke, who are divinity students at Emmanuel College.

Facilities Team – Linda (Lead Vacant) – No report

Mission Team – Dianna

A cheque for \$750 has been sent to the Dinner with Dignity program at Roncesvalles UC for their Easter dinner.

Resources – Marg

Resources Report Feb. 2024

Rentals:

Feb.1 Recording Sanctuary - Opus 8

Feb.2 Recital Sanctuary - Dianne Edwards

Feb.15 Recording - Peter Enns

Community Use:

Feb. 23 Scouting groups Banquet - No Charge

Feb. 24 Guiding Community Event: This was a District Event. Our Guide and Embers leaders arranged for it to be held at our church. The budget for this was \$1000. Stage Coach was willing to cancel their Saturday classes to accommodate this rental.

Rental Committee Report:

We are negotiating with Erik Grice to rent room 19 for extra storage space when the water leaks are addressed.

Since our original rental, this group has expanded by three more people who have rented our largest room 20 and it plus using the outside gallery space overlooking the Heritage Hall have become a recording studio with expensive equipment. It is our concern that we now have security on the East Door only, no motion detectors or other door protection. We are paying for full building coverage. Although this will be a learning curve for all key holders plus re-educating our congregation, we feel that it is time to return to our old security system by using the alarm on the west side which will arm the whole building.

We are willing to prepare an information sheet and make it available to all key holders.

We are continuing to try and find suitable storage space for all our people and renters.

Trustees – Howard – No report

Ministry & Personnel – Aileen – No report

Minister's Comments – Rev. Anne Hines

Rev. Anne commented that as a council we were working with great intelligence, making smart, thoughtful decisions, all with good humour!

The meeting was adjourned at 7.58pm.

Next regular meeting: March 26, 2024 at 7pm via Zoom

Annual General Meeting: March 17, 2024 at 1pm via Zoom