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Humbercrest United Church
Minutes of Church Council Meeting
May 28 2024
Via Video Conference
(commenced 7:00 pm.)

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

Gathering, Land Acknowledgement, Welcome, Inclusivity Checklist

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

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Dianna/Dorothy

CARRIED

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

Approval of the Minutes

Motion: Howard/Marg

CARRIED

That Council Approve the Minutes of April 23rd meeting

Correspondence

None

Chair report Linda

Thank you to the Congregational Life Comm. and M & P for a much appreciated Good Bye to Deborah Park, Music Director, on the 19th. These special events happen with ease owing to all your planning and work.

I also wish to thank Aileen in particular for her work as Chair of the Music Director Search Committee along with Brian Packham and Marg Parsons. We are very grateful.

Reminder to the Worship Committee of the guidelines (March) for members of committees who speak during the Worship Service: Be brief; 1 to 3 minutes. I

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suggest that Council recommend that “Minutes and Moments” be stopped until the Worship Committee has met to review this model.

I look forward to meeting Rev. Diane May 28th via Zoom during a video call with the Settlement Committee. Thank you to them for setting up these opportunities and for their work in preparation for her arrival.

Please do come to the June 10th follow-up session on Diversity Training with Rev. Rob Smith and Rev. Kellie McComb. In the recent edition of Broadview, there is an article entitled, “United Church Pauses Admission Minister Applications”. One UC minister who has been employed in the UC since 2011 is quoted as saying of the United Church, “They say your gifts are welcome, but that is not necessarily so. It’s “This is our way of doing things, and you are expected to adapt.”

Let us at HUC appreciate and welcome the opportunity that we have chosen. We are taking good steps. Let us continue along that pathway. Please encourage as many people as possible to attend the session on June 10th.

1. Search Team/Settlement Group Update

Howard reported that the sessions will continue for the congregation to meet by zoom with Rev Diane. Feedback from those already participating is very positive

2. United Fresh Start Update

Linda reported that the second part of the diversity training will take place on June 10th at 6.30 pm.

3. Roof Committee update: Marg

We are waiting for two quotes for the West wing roof.

Hy-Grade roofing. They specialize one style of steel roof only for residential and commercial roofs.

Bothwell Accurate have submitted a reasonably priced quote for a laminated fiberglass/ asphalt shingle. We are waiting for a steel roof quote as well as a repair on flat roofs and slate. They also will repair eaves troughs. Bothwell-Accurate is a commercial/industrial roofer only.

7. Stewardship of our Resources Charlie

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Motion : Charlie/Dianna

Carried

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

Our Shared Ministries

Community Team Fern

The 4Ts met on May 9 with four attending. Our next gathering is Thursday June 13.

On May 19 we had a Tea Time in honour of Deborah Park with a light lunch and celebratory cake.

The Annual Strawberry Social will be June 23rd

Devotions Team Brian

No report

Facilities Team Linda (Lead vacant)

Building & Grounds Report for May 2024

All exterior key holders were given information on how to arm the entire building which we have gone back to since early May. We only had a couple of false alarms...

The push pad for the Accessible Elevator door has been repaired. Should there be any issues in the future, we have a company with whom we have confidence to call.

An Eastern Redbud or *Cercis Canadensis* has been planted as the memorial tree for Barbara Gory. Please see the Beacon May 17th for more details about the tree. Here's a link for more info:

<https://onplants.ca/shop/cercis-canadensis/>

Rita shared info on best practices for mulching and for dealing with Dog Strangling Vine

Resources Report - Marg

May Rentals

Concert Miller Piano Duo Sanctuary

100th Birthday Party Heritage Hall

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Birthday Party East Hall

Recital Sanctuary

Film Lunch East Hall and make up etc. West Hall two day rental

Recording Sanctuary

Green 13 (no charge for community environmental group)

Mission Dianna

Dianna reported that \$1500 has been sent to Roncessvalles for the dinner with dignity programme. An exciting Canada Day dinner is planned.

Trustees Howard

Howard reported that the Trustees had received repayment from Charlie of the outstanding loans.

Ministry and Personnel Aileen

Music Director

Sunday, May 19, 2024 was the last service as our Music Director for Deborah Park. We took time after the service to gather in Heritage Hall for a Goodbye lunch, cake and fellowship. In appreciation of her time with us, Deborah was presented with gifts from the congregation, shared with much gratitude. Although we will definitely miss Deborah's lively music and her encouraging, enthusiastic energy, we wish her all the very best in her new position at Trinity St. Paul's UC.

For the month of June 2024, Marg Parsons has agreed to be our accompanist along with our section lead, Amanda Singh. Amanda will help lead the congregational singing and sing some solo pieces.

For our services during the summer months of July and August, Marg Parsons will again fill the sanctuary with her beautiful musical accompaniment on the piano.

With special thanks to the Music Director Search Team of Marg Parsons, Linda Steggle and Brian Packham. We contacted and re-interviewed Kento Stratford, one of last year's candidates, who had really impressed us during the audition/interview process. We are delighted to report that Kento is indeed still interested in the role of Music Director at Humbercrest UC. Kento completed the necessary paperwork this past Friday and will start with us as our new Music Director on September 1, 2024. We very much look forward to having Kento join our staff at Humbercrest UC.

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Minister's Report

Rev. Sheila said she is fully supportive of all of our endeavours for the future of Humbercrest.

The next meeting of Council will be held on June 25th

Adjourned 8.13 pm

L. Steggles – *Council Chair*

D Seth – *Secretary*