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Humbercrest United Church
Approved Minutes of Church Council Meeting
November 26 2024
(commenced 7:00 pm.)

Attendance: Dianna Seth, Marg Garrie, Linda Steggles, Rev. Diane Mugambi, Howard Gaskin, Charlie Evans, Dorothy Lothian, Aileen McGregor, Barbara Pattison, Brian Packham

Gathering, Land Acknowledgement, Welcome

1. Welcome by Linda

Prayer : Dianna

2. *Administrative Ministry of the Church*

Motion: Brian/Howard

Carried

That Council Approve the Minutes of October 22, 2024, Council Meeting

Motion : Dianna/Dorothy

Carried

That the Agenda for the meeting be approved as circulated

Correspondence None

Chair Report – Linda

After consultation with Rev. Diane and Dianna, I'm proposing March 23rd for our AM of the Congregation. Would this be in-person?

At the Potluck I shared info about the Mississauga's of the Credit's Moccasin Identifier Project.

People present seemed very receptive to the idea of making sure that area schools know about it, including offering to fund half an educational kit if a school would do some of their stencilling on our church sidewalks. Just want to clarify that that is correct and that people are comfortable with that?

Linda

UCC Anniversary Plans Update

It seems that the idea of a collective community service has been on the UCC's minds as well.

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Ministers received a pamphlet, which includes content which can be printed off (pdfs of sections are available and the following has been planned. Here's a summary:

June 1 2025 - our own 100th Anniversary service at 10:30

June 1 - a Sunday eve service in congregational clusters (Islington UC or Kingsway-Lambton UC?). They have to accept to host.

June 8 - National Anniversary theme to the 10:30 service

June 8 - 5 p.m. National Service live-streamed from Gower St. UC in St. John's NL and Lab

June 10 - Centennial Multi-Congregation Telecast at 9 pm from Montreal (will include a few other church's participation from across Canada)

So the idea of a "Progressive" Service will be achieved in these other ways.

Any other ideas regarding celebration of the anniversary? These could involve accessing the grant or not. The Worship Committee will plan for services June 1 and 8 as they would, knowing that the next applications are due December 15, March 15 and June 15.

Follow up and new business

1. Motion: Barb/Marg

Not carried

To move poinsettia funds from the Operating account back to the Pastoral Fund.

After discussion, it was decided that from 2025 onwards donations for poinsettias will be deposited into the Mission Fund and then withdrawn.

2.Motion: Aileen/Dianna

Carried

To give our usual Christmas gift to our six staff.

3.Roof and Eavestrough Update Marg

We have received a quote from Bothwell Accurate for repairs to existing eaves troughs including leaf guards on the whole church for a cost of \$6,862.00 + tax

Unfortunately replacing the down spout and eaves + leaf guards on the northwest corner of the sanctuary roof (over the volunteer office) was not included in this and we will receive a new quote. There will be a new eaves trough and probably the downspout. There has been damage when it fell. The repair of the flat roof by the fire escape and flashing repair on the roof over the vestry is \$5684.00 + tax

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Total \$12,546.00 + additional cost of the new replacement on the NW corner.

This expense will be charged to the Building and Grounds budget 2024

4.Fund raising for roof

The banner will be installed shortly outside of the church showing donations contributed so far.

Charlie reported that approximately \$40,000 has been raised to date.

5.Update on East Hall Airconditioning

The AC for East Hall will be followed up in the new year.

6. Annual General Meeting

It was decided to hold the AGM on March 23rd, 2025.

7.Discussion re envelopes in pews

Brian will coordinate this with Chris. Pastoral fund donation envelopes will be inserted (by the greeter) into bulletins on Communion Sundays. Brian is looking for ways to facilitate communication between newcomers/visitors and the Minister/church office. At present there are “Humbercrest Connection Cards” in the narthex for distribution.

Stewardship of our Resources - Charlie

Motion: Charlie/Dianna

CARRIED

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

It was decided to hold the 2025 Budget meeting on January 7th, 2025

Our Shared Ministries

Community Team Barb

Thank you to the Book Club, Care and Welcoming Committee and Visitation Group for hosting a wonderful teatime to celebrate Humbercrest’s 112th Anniversary.

A List of Teatime Hosts for 2024 and 2025 will be posted in the kitchen. This list can be subject to change.

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Our next Teatime will be December 1 2024, after the service of Lessons and Carols with the combined choirs of Royal York Road United and Humbercrest. The Building and Grounds Committee will host.

VISITATION TEAM:

The team met on Monday, November 18, 2024. Twenty-three poinsettia plants will be ordered for Christmas. A motion will be made to move the payment for these from the operational fund to the pastoral fund.

There was a concern expressed about the lack of contact information envelopes in the pews. They are requesting the worship committee refill the pew boxes.

Rev. Diane needs this information to reach out to new people.

|Devotion

Worship:

Past Worship

No comments or concerns about any past worship services.

Present Worship (Nov 2024 – Jan 2025)

Decorating the Church

- Sunday November 24, 2024 following church
- Chris will be asked to put an invitation in The Beacon for all to help out

Advent Season

- Advent candles okay for another year.
- Advent 1 morning service to celebrate communion
- Joint Advent Carol Sing at HUC with Royal York United
- o Practice for choirs at 2:30 pm
- o Carol Sing at 4:00 pm
- o Collection to be taken up for The Sharing Place
- o Chris has already sent out promotions on social media about this event.

Christmas Eve

- Christmas Eve service is scheduled for 7 pm
- Christmas Eve Service to celebrate communion
- Brian to ask Chris to order tapered candles for use at this service.

Christmas 1 (December 29)

- Rev. Diane will be off this Sunday; Brian to lead worship
- Everyone will be asked to wear their Crazy Christmas Sweaters this Sunday

Epiphany Season

- January 5 morning service to celebrate communion
- January 19 informal musical service in the afternoon

Screens for Sanctuary

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· Brian to call a meeting of anyone who is interested in working on an ad hoc sub-committee of the Worship Committee for early December and post this information in The Beacon.

Facilities Team Linda/Howard

Building and Grounds

We've asked Chris to contact a locksmith to address wear and tear of the latches of the east and centre/office doors.

The cost of the eavestrough replacement and repairs will take the balance of the B & G Budget which was anticipated.

East Hall AC heat pump will be a 2025 expense.

Mission Dianna

No report

Rental Committee Report Marg

Nov. mapping memories continues Wed. until Nov.27th

Nov.15th Young Voices extra rehearsal time

Nov. 15th Music video Sanctuary

Nov.17th Birthday Party

Trustees Howard

No report

Minister's Report

Sweet hour of prayer on the second Tuesday of month, previous information corrected.

Potluck was enjoyed by all 17 people who came to enjoy the evening.

Possible potluck in future. March 4th possible date. Pancakes or again whatever people choose to bring for others to enjoy.

Food supplies for the Sharing place are coming Keys will transport.

Possible Longest Night of the Year 20th December I will be calling for people to play different roles.

The meeting adjourned at 9.11 pm

The budget meeting will be held on January 7th at 7 pm on zoom

The next meeting of Council will be held on January 28th at 7 pm on zoom

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L. Steggle – *Council Chair*

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