

Humbercrest United Church
Draft Minutes of Church Council Meeting
October 22nd 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
Regrets : Fern, Brian

Gathering, Land Acknowledgement, Welcome

1. Welcome by Linda

Prayer : Howard

2. Administrative Ministry of the Church

Motion: Dorothy/Barb

Carried

That Council Approve the Minutes of September 24th 2024, Council Meeting with amendment

Motion : Charlie/Howard

Carried

That the Agenda for the meeting be approved as circulated with the addition of the Chair Report.

Correspondence None

Chair Report – Linda

Regarding celebrating the UCC 100th Anniversary, I reached out to North Runnymede, Runnymede and Roncesvalles re ideas and asked whether they wanted to do something together. I let the others know I'd contacted the other two. I heard back from Roncesvalles and Runnymede.

Rev. Anne had an idea about a progressive service i.e. part of the service would be held in each participating church - we would apply for grant \$ to hire buses to carry a group from one church to another. Anne's Board feels that June it too busy.

Rev. Ted thinks the idea is cool and will take it to his Board. June 8th though won't work.

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Rev. Diane is also in favour. We may move it to a different month or reach out to Royal York Rd. The conversation will continue.

I followed up with Katy Whitfield re “They Walked these Streets... We Will Remember Them”. Chris will help to determine where to put up the display which will be up for a week leading up to Remembrance Day. Nov. 5th at Runnymede UC there is an event called “On Active Service Stories” (a regular monthly meeting of the West Toronto Junction Historical Society and sponsored by RUC as part of their 100th anniversary). 7 - 8:30 p.m.

I and Madeleine if available will share info re the Moccasin Identifier at the Potluck on Nov 14th. In particular I’d like the group’s support regarding inviting school groups (if interested, if not, then we can) stencil moccasins on our sidewalks.

Many thanks to everyone who planned for and participated in the Covenanting Service on Sunday. It was a very meaningful service and a wonderful way to link us all. Thanks to Kento and the Choir as well for their beautiful music. Now, the Search Committee work is over, and they are officially disbanded. We are very grateful for their hard work over a couple of years which has brought Rev. Diane and HUC together.

The Canada Student Jobs Grant application was briefly discussed as applications are due mid December. It was felt that we would not have a job which would meet the criteria.

Follow up and new business

1. Motion Dianna/Dorothy carried

To increase the Lead’s pay per call to \$70 from \$65 effective November 1, 2024 – June 30th, 2025

2. Roof Update – Marg

Sanctuary and work on the east side of the church is completed. We will be receiving the invoice shortly. Quotes for eaves trough repair and leaf guard for the east sanctuary and north are being done.

3. Sale update

We have enough Sales help to cover sections for Sat although any extra would be a help in someone cannot make it.

We always need help sorting and setting up during the week starting Wed. morning.

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At this point I am not sure of Scouts participation so we will need a clean up crew.

Islington U.C. will be coming around 12.30 pm to borrow our clothing racks. We will need help putting away on Nov. 9th

Sections

Heritage Hall: Books and Collectables

West Hall & Stage:

Men's & Women's clothes also Men & Women Boutique

Children's clothes, Games and Toys

East Hall:

Christmas Decorations, Miscellaneous items

Snack Bar serving tea/coffee and mini cinnamon rolls

4. Update on East Hall Airconditioning

The Board of KEYS agreed to support 50% of the cost of the air conditioning installation in the East Hall

5. Children's Ministry

Rev Diane asked for volunteers to support children in the Narthex, when they attend church with their families, with some basic Sunday school activities. It is hoped that there will always be someone to offer to work with any children who may attend.

Stewardship of our Resources - Charlie

Motion: Charlie/Dianna

CARRIED

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

Our Shared Ministries

Community Team Barb

I am representing the Congregational life committee as Fern is unable to attend. Thank you everyone who helps with the Teatime and Special Events. We realize there will be overlap in Committee members hosting.

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Thank you to the Trustees and Archives committees for the lovely covenanting celebration.

Our next teatime will be November 3rd our Anniversary Service for Humbercrest. We will ask the Book Club and Care and Welcoming committees with the Visitation Group to host a “regular teatime” with the assistance of the Congregational Life Committee.

|Devotion

Rev Diane reported on behalf of Brian that the Sanctuary will be open for prayer and in person pastoral care on Wednesdays 9 – 10 am

Anniversary Sunday November 3rd

Remembrance Sunday November 10th

Mission/Stewardship Sunday November 17th

Carols and Lessons joint service with Royal York United Church December 1st

Facilities Team Linda/Howard

Buildings & Grounds (Facilities)

The heat is on and balanced meaning no area is over-heated at the current settings. This system is far more sensitive to the outside temp than our previous system. Annual maintenance happened on Oct. 15th. Boilers # 2 and 3 are on (fan was replaced on #3). #1 is off, waiting for a part for the heat exchanger.

Rev. Diane is enjoying her climate-controlled office!

A cutlery basket was purchased for the HH dishwasher. As a result, we can be more ecologically friendly by using washable cutlery and nice plates for special events which Congregational Life ran through the dishwasher and provided to the Board of Trustees and Archives for the reception following the Covenanting Service on Sunday. Many thanks to these committees and their helpers

We have contracted with Richview for snow removal.

Mission Dianna

A cheque for \$600 was sent to Roncesvalles for the Thanksgiving dinner with dignity.

Rental Committee Report Marg

Rentals

Sept. 25 harp recording with Symphonia
Oct.17th Recording
Mapping Memories Oct.23 for 6 weeks (no fee)
Two recitals in the West Hall and Sanctuary on 27th October.

Trustees Howard

Full replacement Insurance for the church renewed. The increase in the deductible is to maintain our current premiums.

Ministry and Personnel Aileen

No report

Minister's Report

Sharing of vision board activity by Council in September.

1. Introduction and appreciation 2. Vision Board Analysis (SPIRITUAL EXERCISE) 3. Minister's Report • Zoom Prayer meeting AKA Sweet Hour of prayer beginning on Monday 16th 7.00pm-7.30pm. We have done two so far. The turn up is encouraging. We need to decide on whether we want to continue, is it a weekly, By weekly or once a month. • Pastoral visits both virtually and in person • Meetings with the ministers around; Runnymede United and Roncesvalles United Church. We have more plans to meet. 23rd Oct organized by Rev Ann Hines and on Wednesday November 20th at Runnymede. • Joint advent service with Royal York Road. I wrote to the minister, and I am waiting for his feedback. • Making myself available on Wednesday mornings from 9.00-10.00am. for prayer and physical meetings for any spiritual need • Planning for Potluck Fellowship to be held on the 14th November. • Old carpeting: several people have mentioned that some carpets in the building are quite worn. It may involve finances but also we can have it in stages. Our image matters.

Sweet hour of prayer will take place on 2nd Tuesday of the month via zoom

The meeting adjourned at 8.45 pm

The next meeting of Council will be held on November 26th at 7 pm

L. Steggles – *Council Chair*

D Seth – *Secretary*