

**DRAFT**  
**BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**MEETING:** No. 6 - 2019 – 2020

**DATE & LOCATION:** February 19, 2020 7:00 pm at BCUC

**PURPOSE:** To carry out the business of BCUC Church Board

**QUORUM:** – Met (6, including Chair and Minister, required)

**CHAIR:** Jordan Berard.

**PRESENT:**

Rev. Kim Vidal	Norm Pound
Jordan Berard	Sue Morrison
Ellen Boynton	David Stafford
Bill Johnson	Desna Sulway
John MacFarlane	Will Wightman

**GUESTS:**

**REGRETS:**

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, March 18, 2020

**1. Opening Remarks**

Jordan welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**2. Devotions:** Sue gave a reading about “Team Work” in the time of Jesus.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

*Motion:* Moved by Ellen, seconded by Will, that the agenda be approved, with the addition of item 6.2. Photo Directory. Carried.

**4. Approval of the Minutes**

*Motion:* Moved by Will, seconded by Desna, that the minutes of the meeting of January 22, 2020, be approved as distributed. Carried.

**5. Business Arising**

**5.1. Finalization of the Documentation Required for the March 1, 2020 AGM**

The following topics were reviewed. The documentation is to be revised as agreed and submitted to the office by Friday noon so that the handouts can be prepared for distribution, if requested as electronic or printed copy, after the Sunday service.

- Agenda (Handout)
- Minutes of March 3, 2019 and December 9, 2019 Congregational Meetings for Approval (Handouts)
- Summary of Significant Church Board decisions taken during 2018 (Handout)
- BCUC Annual Report 2019: Motion to receive it (Handout)
- Overview of Fiscal Year 2019, including the Auditors’ Report
- Proposed Activity Plan for 2020
- Proposed Budget for 2020, including major projects which are requesting funds from the Stinson Bequest (Handout).

The proposal from the Trustees that a portion of the remaining Stinson funds be transferred to the Memorial Fund was tabled for further consideration at the March Board meeting.

*Motion:* Moved by Bill, seconded by David, that the proposed budget for 2020 be presented to the congregation at the AGM in March for approval. Carried.

- Annual General Meeting: Logistics Childcare, Potluck Lunch (finger food), Help, Clean-up, etc.

**5.2. Nomination Report**

Eleven new members have been recruited to assist on several committees, but there is an ongoing need for more volunteers, including new Chairs for several committees.

**Ellen**

**6. Business Arising**

**6.1. Policy Reviews**

It was agreed that the proposed changes, which were primarily editorial in nature, to the SOSA, Pastoral and Spiritual Care and Stewardship policies be accepted and the revised policies be posted to the website.

**Jordan**

**6.2. Photo Directory**

The committee, Lorrie Lowes, Nicole Beaudry and Gerry Okolowsky are making arrangements with a company to produce a new directory during the first 2 weeks of October 2020.

**7. New Business**

**7.1. Request that BCUC host the 2020 OWECC Concert**

This event will require facilities for up to 400+ attendees. Regretfully, BCUC cannot host such an event because it does not have the space to accommodate an event of this size.

**Jordan**

**8. Standing Reports**

**8.1. Ministers' Reports** (Attachment 1)

**8.2. Finance Report**

**8.3. M&P Report**

Stafford, as interim Chair, reported that:

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- The committee has applied for a Summer Student grant again this year
- Rev. Bailey has agreed to be pulpit supply for March 15 and will attend the March 18 Board meeting as quorum.
- The committee is moving forward to seek approval to make a Provisional Call to Lorrie Lowes, Candidate, as Diaconal Minister, effective May 1, 2020.

**9. Devotions for March:**

**Ellen**

**10. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 18, 2020

**11. Closing Prayer:** Rev. Kim led us in a closing prayer.

**12. Adjournment:** 9:10 pm.

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Jordan Berard, Chair

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Norm Pound, Secretary

**Attachments**

1. Minsters' Reports

**Attachment 1:**

**MINISTERS' REPORT  
BCUC Board Meeting – February 19, 2020**

Here are the highlights of my ministry from January 23 to February 19, 2020

**Worship:**

- January 26 – Third Sunday after Epiphany / Second Sunday of the Stewardship and Volunteers Appreciation Sunday. We celebrated Ian Howes' 80 birthday after the service in the main hall with a lunch prepared by his family.
- February 2 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany / Third Sunday of the Stewardship Campaign. Soup and sandwich lunch was offered by the members of the Stewardship Committee after the service.
- February 9 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany. I preached on the two images used by Jesus for his followers: Salt of the Earth & Light of the World
- February 16 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany / Annual celebration Hymn-Sing Sunday. 13 hymns/songs were requested. I based my reflection on the song: The Sound of Silence.

**Christian Education:**

- Lectionary Group meets every Tuesday at 10:30 am.
- Worship/CE Committee met on February 5, 2020.
- The Seekers, composed of 15 members, met on January 27, February 3 and 10 and discussed the book of Diana Butler Bass, *Christianity after Religion*.
- Lorrie & I met on Feb. 18 to plan for the upcoming Confirmation Class.

**Pastoral & Spiritual Care:**

- Offered pastoral care to members and adherents at home, in the hospitals, retirement homes and long-term care facilities.
- Led worship services at Harmer House (Jan 29), Stillwater Creek (Feb 5) and Lynwood Lodge (Feb 12).

**Blessings,  
Rev. Kim Vidal**

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## **Ministry Candidate Report to the Board – February, 2020**

### **Christian Education-**

- Sunday school classes continue as usual. With my travel this year for study, vacation and outreach work, I am working to have lessons done several weeks in advance.
- I co-facilitate the weekly Lectionary Study group on Tuesday mornings with Rev. Kim, taking the lead when she is unavailable.

### **Family Ministry**

- I work with the Family Ministry Committee, attending meetings and helping to plan and coordinate activities to involve and serve the young families in our congregation and to look at ways to attract more young families to BCUC. Our “Secret Pals” activity has been warmly accepted by children and adults alike. The mailbox is busy on Sunday mornings! In the spring we will hold a celebration to reveal who each child’s mystery pal has been. We hope this will serve as one more way that the children and adults in our church can get to know each other and that the children will see themselves as part of the church “family”.
- We are looking into the possibility of having a speaker offer a workshop for parents on the topic of bullying. This would be open to the community as well.
- Each Thursday evening we continue to offer a family dinner for the families of children and youth singing in the choirs. Many thanks to Monica Peck who takes on the bulk of the planning and preparation for this each week. I attend whenever possible as I find this is a great way to bond with the kids and their families. It serves as both family Ministry and Pastoral/Spiritual Care for a demographic that tends not to reach out to the church for support.

### **Pastoral Care**

- I continue to be a member of the Pastoral and Spiritual Care committee and all that this involves.
- I continue to visit a list of seniors and also keep in touch with many others by phone. I have also met with some young families dealing with difficult issues.

### **Worship**

- I continue my role in the worship service as before – Call to Gather, Opening Prayer, and Children’s Time plus any other pieces that we feel make sense week to week.
- I accompany Rev. Kim to services in the seniors’ residences when possible.

### **Outreach**

- I provide the ministerial presence on the SOSA Committee I remain involved with the Ottawa West End Community Chaplaincy as a member of its Board of Directors.
- I am working with a committee at Emmanuel UC to formalize a partnership with the Chipembi Mission in Zambia. Plans are now in place for an adult visit to Chipembi from March 12-22 to work out the details with the leadership there. Neil and I will represent BCUC on this trip.
- I continue to serve on the Bridge Building Committee between BCUC and the Jami Omar Mosque.

### **Other**

- I continue my studies toward graduation from the Centre for Christian Studies. There are still several assignments to finish but I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. I am still waiting for information regarding my final interview with the Candidacy Interview Board - the final step in approving me for commissioning.
- As a member of DUCC (Diaconate of the United Church of Canada), I am part of the local arrangements planning committee for the biannual national conference that will be held here in Ottawa next May.

Thanks for your continued support.

Respectfully,  
Lorrie Lowes