

DRAFT BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MEETING: No. 1 - 2020 – 2021

DATE & LOCATION: Nov 18th, 2020 7:00 pm held virtually on zoom

PURPOSE: To carry out the business of BCUC Church Board

CHAIR: John MacFarlane.

PRESENT:

Lorrie Lowes	Norm Pound
Jordan Berard	Kim Vidal
Ellen Boynton	David Stafford
Bill Johnson	Will Wightman
	Desna Sulway

GUESTS: Denis Watson, Sue Morrison, Jan Pound

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, Dec 16th, 2020

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| 1. Opening Remarks | Chair |
| 2. Devotions | Desna |
| 3. Accepting of Corresponding Members | Chair |

David made a motion to accept Denis, Sue and Jan corresponding members, Jordan seconded. Approved.

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| 4. Approval of Agenda | Chair |
| 5. Approval of Minutes – Oct 21st, 2020 | Chair |
- David made a motion to accept changes to agenda and Bill seconded. Approved.
Ellen moved acceptance of minutes, Desna seconded. Approved.

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| 6. New Business | Chair |
| 6.1. Insurance renewal | Jan |

Denis has agreed to be nominated as co-chair, Board of Trustees and to take responsibility for the portfolio of Insurance. Insurance rates have gone up and have gone slightly higher than the existing budgeted amount. There are new exclusions in the policy due to infectious disease and pandemics. I recommend that we accept the insurance renewal proposal from Rhodes and Williams for \$11740.00. David made the motion, and Jordan seconding it. Approved.

7. **Standing Reports**

7.1. **Ministers' Report - attached** Rev. Kim/Lorrie

7.2. **Finance Report - attached** Bill

Expenses have decreased and we hope to find a way to encourage 7% more revenue particularly to fund charitable givings to SOSA. Bill made a motion to accept report, Norm seconded. Approved.

7.3. **M & P Report -** David

7.3.1. Add Commission Motion to M&P Report– attached.

The chair of the board will be deciding if a meeting is required on Covid requirements in January.

~~Discussion was had on who is responsible for keeping up to date on the regulations on Covid Pandemic.~~
It was stated that the worship/CE committee and Ross Brown would have this responsibility knowing that the office has Ellen who is on the worship/CE committee.

“**David Stafford moves:** that The BCUC Board appoints the Worship/CE Committee as a Commission (in the meaning as given in the UCC Manual) with the authority and responsibility to monitor all applicable Ontario or City of Ottawa guidelines, bylaws, emergency orders, etc., that pertain to worship services during the COVID Pandemic, and to design and apply procedures that ensure safe and protected worship services ...“ Seconded by Jordan. Approved.

8. New Business

Chair

8.1. letter from l'eglise unie sainte-claire – attached 20201021102741283.pdf

The letter was received. Kim will reach out to Rev. Stephane V, and Nicole B and if supported it was suggested that this appear in the weekly notice out to members at some point.

8.2. Portico Update - email from Ron.

Ron Chuchryk gave an update through Ellen Boynton, indicating planning is progressing towards a Spring 2021 start date.

8.3. BCUC 2021 Activity Plan was passed to committee chairs – attached BCUC21-ActivityPlan.docx

8.3.1. Logistics of meetings with committee chairs

Jordan

It was agreed that the meeting will be on Nov 29th by zoom at 11:00.

8.4. Building Reopening

8.4.1. Seating plan template – attached 20201118090939267.pdf

Deferred to the Commission.

8.5. Stewardship 2021 Meeting- attached Stewardship 2021 Meeting 5 Nov 2020.docx

Stewardship letter will be sent out by Jan 10th for the campaign which will be over 3 Sundays.

Committee chairs will be requested for a one-page overview of their committees.

8.6. OWECC letter

Ellen

The budgeted amount will be met.

8.7. Nominations

Ellen

Ellen would like to nominate Keith Bailey to be a member of the Trustees. Ellen would like to nominate Johanna Burrows to be a member of M&P. Seconded by David. Approved.

8.8. Piano Donation

Denis Watson has offered a piano (Cynthia's) to the church which once put back into good condition would be accepted. A discussion of some sort of plaque was mentioned.

9. Other Business

9.1. **Devotions:** for Wednesday, Dec 16th, 2020

Chair

Will will do the Devotions for Dec 16th.

10. Next Meetings:

Chair

10.1. **Regular Board Meeting** – Wednesday, Dec 16th, 2020.

11. Closing Prayer

Rev. Lorrie