

CALVARY UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, March 14th, 2017 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

PRESENT: Dave Towers, John Moody, Daryl Rowland, Harvey Agnew, Rob Dalziel, Arleen Koshman, Dorothea Herron, Kathy Edwardsen, Alison Brooks-Starks, Pat Rowland, Shirley Stobbs, Staci Hayes, Clare Middleton

- 1 Call to Order and Opening Prayer 7:04 PM Alison Brooks-Starks
2. Review of Minutes of February 7th, 2017
3. Errors or Omissions
4. Adoption of Minutes of February 7th, 2017
MOTION to accept the minutes as circulated Dave Towers/Dorothea Herron
CARRIED
- 5 Business Arising from the Minutes of February 7th, 2017
- 6 Review and Adoption of March 14th, 2017 Agenda
MOTION to adopt the Agenda as circulated Rob Dalziel/Staci Hayes **CARRIED**
- 7 Correspondence
St. Andrew's
- 8 Staff Reflections

Nora

Hello everyone! Miss me? Not really? Hmmmmm. Well I miss you!

Anyhow, the past month has found things chugging along quite nicely at CUC> As Lent began we were able to get a good handle on our worship services and adult/children programs. The Lenten newsletter went out and, as per usual, we saw an increase in attendance following its delivery. We hosted the World Day of Prayer Service with about 90 people attending. We also organized and began the Lenten Lunch series this past week, where we also had a higher than usual attendance (mind you the bishop was there and he's a great draw!).

I am grateful to all those who helped with this past Sunday's worship and annual meeting. I think it went quite well and didn't go too long considering we had a lot to cover.

This time of year also marks one of my favourite seaston...the season of the return of the snow birds. This is the time of year people start heading home to us and it's a wonderful feeling seeing so many loved faces reclaim their spots in our pews.

In other news we have been informed that Wesley United has sold their building to the YWCA and will continue to worship there until the end of June 2018. At that point they plan to close the building with the majority of folk coming to Calvary. This will be a difficult time for them as decades of memories and spiritual moments have been shared in that sanctuary. As we hear more it will likely be a wise idea to connect with them and ensure a warm welcome will be offered here at CUC.

I also have sent out an email asking folks to offer some time and leadership to the Affirming Process that we approved in December. Currently we have 4 people willing to take on this role, not including staff so I think we will be able to get the ball rolling here soon.

I think that is all I know for now but if you have any questions just have Alison text me.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Nora Vedress

Alison

While things are a little busier for me - additional planning for confirmation, Easter vigil and more Rendez-vous prep - it was a quiet month for youth. A highlight includes Band Night which was a roaring good time. We celebrated the success of our hit song, This Little Light of Mine, over some greasy cheese pizza and juice. Once again, the evening spiritual youth group was the most meaningful for me and very arguably for the youth as well. We made "body map," where we symbolized feelings in our body on paper. We were taking the first steps toward trusting our inner voice and inner knowing and we discussed "[God] works in us and others by the Spirit".

Another neat thing this last month was helping to start a community LGBTQ youth group called Rainbow Coffee - the kickoff is tomorrow night at the library. This was started by 4 people from our Calvary community. I also did an LGBTQ workshop for a congregation member at her school for 11 youth.

For me personally the past weeks have been a great month digging into the discernment process and thinking about camp and outling the summer.

Alison Brooks-Starks

Debbie

I'm glad that the AGM is over. Our statistics have been sent to Conference office along with our Annual Report. I have several medical appointments coming up and Barb Dalziel luckily if available to cover the office.

9 Committee Reports

9.1 Property Daryl Rowland

1. We will have to do a review of our membership and try to recruit as some members have not allowed their term to be extended. Jerry Lautner and Dan Stevenson have withdrawn from the Committee.
2. There is still some painting to be done interior. Claire will try to arrange for some scaffold to be used in the stairwells.
3. The idea of another spring 'Pasta Fest' was discussed; we will have to contact all our members to be sure of enough help. A date has to be set. End of April or beginning of May was suggested.- April 30th -
4. Daryl Rowland will represent the Committee at the AGM on March 12.
5. The rack for name tags was discussed. Danny and Fred Hatley have looked at a possible plan.
6. Following our meeting chairs and tables were set up for Saturday funeral.

9.2 U.C.W Shirley Stobbs

We hosted the World Day of Prayer which was very well attended. We catered a funeral last Saturday and we will be doing the soup and sandwiches for the Lenten lunch as Thursday followed by another funeral that afternoon. We are hosting the Tamarack Presbyterial on April 22nd. This will be the 55th anniversary of UCW.

9.3 Ministry and Personnel no one in attendance

9.4 Trustees Rob Dalziel Nothing to report

9.5 Presbytery Dorothea Herron Tamarack Presbytery Full Court meeting was held Friday February 17, 2017

at Calvary, hosted by Wesley
Remit#1 re changing from a four court system of governing to a three court system was approved.

Remit #4 re change of funding of Mission and Service was approved. – M&S will no longer be used to fund any administration – only Mission & Service projects.

Camp Tapawingo is now receiving applications – for staff and for campers.

UCW Conference in Vancouver is still accepting registrations – contact Mary Mohn, Birch Hills.

There will be a covenanting service for Rev. Nora Borgeson in Spiritwood on Sunday, March 26th at 4:00 pm

Funding for participants to go to Rendez-Vous in Montreal was approved

Approval granted for sale of Wesley Church building. They are updating their JNAC to determine future plans.

9.6 Mission & Outreach Kathy Edwardsen

Rainbow Coffee – weekly, city-wide 7-9pm, Wednesdays

MOTION that Rainbow Café meet at Calvary on Wednesday evenings 7 – 9 PM Staci Hayes/Dorothea Herron **CARRIED**

Muffin Sale March 26. We would invite the Youth to help out with the sale and we would give them ½ the proceeds for their Montreal trip

9.7 Worship Shirley Stobbs

Very good response to the pulpit supply, Kent Mohn in February.

No baptisms until June

3 funerals in February

New sound board working well

Joe is working on the name tags.

For our 60th Anniversary are we celebrating it once on the Sunday when all who have been baptized here in the last 12 years are invited? Do we plan another one which will include our neighbor churches and will there be a program or something following the meal

MOTION June 11 @ 4 pm – barbeque Shirley Stobbs/Dave towers **CARRIED**

Coffee Sunday during church went over so well we'll try it once a month until this summer.

Good Friday will be here this year so could the property committee please put the black cloths over the windows.

9.8 Stewardship/Finance

No report

Discussed Estate Planning and Planned Giving

9.9 Christian Education Staci Hayes

Youth:

- Second Sunday sermon discussion with donuts was enjoyed both times so far
- Band Night had 4 volunteer adults helping (bass, drums, guitar and piano) and 5 enthusiastic youth. It was a great success and a lot of fun.
- Alison continues to take youth out for lunch or coffee, with many deep chats
- 3 Junior youth and 3 senior youth took part in the March evening youth group.

They talked about the Holy Spirit and God is Love and did an activity about listening to their body's knowing

- There is one confirmand this year and we have started the sessions.
- Sam Peters has been integral to helping the Rendez-vous team fundraise and apply for grants. Fundraising for Montreal is on track.

Sunday School:

- February long weekend spirituality stations for the Sunday School went well and there were lots of kids.
- The spiritual practice through Lent downstairs is on the Cree medicine wheel
- 3 families came to the skating afternoon and it was a lovely outing
- The pancake breakfast went smoothly and raised over \$100 for CE

9.10 Fellowship

Our Annual Bake Off Auction will be held on Palm Sunday, April 9th after the Sunday church service. Once again, Wes Stubbs and Marv Kolke have volunteered to be our auctioneers. Our after church refreshment hosts for March is the Ministry and Personnel Committee. April is the UCW.

10 New Business

10.1 Photocopier

MOTION to get a newer refurbished model to be leased at the same price as the current machine Harvey Agnew/Dave Towers **CARRIED**

10.2 Value Village –will think about this for next month

10.3 PA Herald – church directory

MOTION that we place an add in the Church directory of the PA Herald for 4 weeks leading up to Easter. Dave Towers/ Shirley Stobbs **CARRIED**

11 Other Business

11.1 Remit #3

Take the information home, look at it, and be prepared to discuss at next meeting.

12 Benediction Alison Brooks-Starks

13 Adjournment 8:00 PM

MOTION Harvey Agnew

**Next Council Meeting – April 11th, 2017 @ 7 pm

John Moody - Council Chair

Debbie McPherson – Recording Secretary