

Westminster Presbytery Executive Meeting Held at Eagle Ridge United Church, Tuesday April 28, 2009

Present: Dave Anderson, Jan Bihl, Bruce Cowburn Carol Cox, Sue Kellas, Carole Finch, Ian Macdonald, Barb Tunnicliffe, Ann White

Regrets: Richard Bott, Fred Nienaber

Quorum present

Chairperson: Dave Anderson

Secretary: Sue Kellas

Authority: The executive meeting of Westminster Presbytery of The United Church of Canada was convened by Dave Anderson at Eagle Ridge United Church at 1:00 pm on Tuesday April 28, 2009.

Check In: Members were given an opportunity to check in.

Opening Prayer: Dave Anderson offered an opening prayer.

Agenda: Items for discussion were listed on the white board.

Pastoral Relations

Trinity Port Coquitlam will hold a congregational meeting May 3/09 to present the name of the candidate for their full time position.

There is a recommendation that we review policies and procedures around JNAC and Search Committees.

Fall Retreat

Carol Cox agreed to contact Chehalis Retreat Centre about a booking for October 2009 for a presbytery retreat. It was suggested that we do some more work on our governance structure and then focus on visioning "If we started the United Church today, what would it look like?" It was also suggested that we consider a parallel youth event.

Nominations

The following list represents those willing to serve on the Presbytery Executive for 2009-2010:

Chair: Dave Anderson

Secretary: Sue Kellas

Treasurer: Bruce Cowburn

Oversight: Jan Bihl

Education and Students: Carol Cox and Ruth Stebbing

Congregational Support: Ian Macdonald

Communication: Fred Nienaber

Ann White is stepping down from Spiritual Care and Richard Bott is considering this position. Kim Horwood will be contacted about taking over Pastoral Care. Carole Finch is willing to continue as our representative on the Conference Executive. We must also elect a Chair Elect this year.

East Burnaby Property

Ian Macdonald was tasked in the Fall with discerning if there were further uses for the East Burnaby Church building which would support ministry within Westminster Presbytery. Ian consulted the Congregational Support Division and together they considered if there was a ministry that could use the East Burnaby Property currently held by B. C. Conference. Ian and The Congregational Support Division feels strongly that the property should not be sold at this time in order to further explore ministry possibilities. The Executive agreed that Westminster Presbytery would ask B. C Conference to extend the date for a final decision to June 2010 in order to satisfy the needs of the current tenants and allow time to seek variable ministry options for the site. Avenues to be explored include two ethnic congregations that might be interested in moving to the site.

Dave Anderson will convey this information to B. C. Conference. Bruce Cowburn will have a conversation with Korean United to see if they would be interested in moving to the site.

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Carol Cox presented the task group's outline of priorities and responsibilities for a presbytery Youth Facilitator position. Bruce Cowburn has worked out the financial implications based on 20 hours per week for 10 months. Since funding this position would affect all pastoral charges financially, it was agreed that Carol, Barb and Bruce would prepare a proposal for the June presbytery meeting in order to make a decision at the September meeting.

Pastoral Oversight

A pastoral oversight team will visit Pitt Meadows United Church next month.

Dave thanked presbyters for their attendance at the covenanting service at Queen's Avenue for Doug Alexander.

Correspondence

1. National Office, Statistical Returns - secretary contacted PC not returned
2. Pastoral Relations, West Burnaby request for categorization - file
3. National Office, Bulletin Sample Book - file
4. National Office Ministry Personnel Policies & Programs, racial justice workshops - pastoral relations
5. National Office, Payroll service, general letter & cc to South Burnaby - Treasurer
6. National Office, Directors and Officers Liability Insurance application - Treasurer
7. B. C. Conference M & P News - file
8. National Office, Lent/Easter/Pentecost postings on web site - file
9. Bruce Cowburn re Fair Haven Understanding - can't open
10. National Office, Changes to the Management Structure of General Council Office - file
11. Bethan Theunissen, summer plans - distributed
12. B. C. Conference Archives, Archives and Recordkeeping draft document for review
13. National Office, Call for Mission Theme Evaluations and Proposals - file
13. National Office, General Council Office Management Structure Update #1 and #2 - file
14. B. C. Conference, registration for general meeting - distributed
15. B. C. Conference, Team Leadership in Ministry event, Naramata -distributed
16. VST, Church Office Administrators Event - distributed
17. Fellowship Magazine - file

Minutes

Motion 17/2009 Moved and Seconded (Carole Finch/Anne White) That we approve the minutes of the Presbytery Executive meeting held February 17, 2009. **Carried**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm

Chair: Dave Anderson

Secretary: Sue Kellas

**Next Executive Meeting - June 9, 2009
1:00 pm Eagle Ridge United Church**

**Next Regular Meeting - B. C. Conference General Meeting
Friday May 22/09 Noon**

**June Celebration Meeting
Tuesday June 2, 2009 - IOCO United Church**