

Westminster Presbytery Executive Meeting Held at Eagle Ridge United Church, Tues. April 27, 2010

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

Regrets: Kim Horwood, Julie Lebrun

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, Coquitlam B.C. at 1:00 pm on Tuesday April 27, 2010.

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:25 pm.

Opening Prayer: Dave Anderson offered an opening prayer.

Agenda

Motion 20/2010 Moved and seconded (Carole Finch/Jan Bihl) That we approve the agenda as amended.

Carried

Minutes

Motion 21/2010 Moved and seconded (Bruce Cowburn/Barb Tunnicliffe) That we approve the minutes from the executive meeting held March 16, 2010.

Carried

Motion 22/2010 Moved and seconded (Carole Finch/Fred Nienaber) That we approve the minutes from the teleconference meeting held April 17, 2010.

Carried

Business Arising - none

Correspondence

1. B. C. Conference, request for annual report - send April 12/10
2. B. C. Conference, Celebration of Ministry Sunday June 6, 4:00 pm Canadian Memorial
3. General Council, Statistical Returns - secretary contacted churches that have not submitted
4. General Council, Moderators Easter Address - distributed
5. General Council, Moderator Travels to Haiti - distributed
6. General Council, payroll service requirements - distribute
7. B. C. Conference, registration for Spiritual Care Network retreat - forwarded
8. Bruce Sanguin, Moderator's Visit April 20 - distributed
9. Centre for Clergy Care & congregational Health, event announcement - distributed
10. General Council, Making Connections initiative - distributed
11. General Council, Triennium Planning Report now online - distributed
12. West Burnaby United, planning for May 4th meeting - Dave Anderson
13. Fred Nienaber, letter of resignation - action
14. B. C. Conference, Susan Nienaber Conflict Competent Leadership event - distributed
15. General Council, Living for the Earth, Friday June 18, Emmanuel College - file
16. Montreal Presbytery, request for government support for Haiti-Canadians - announce
17. Sue Kellas, letter of resignation - action
18. South Burnaby United, Record of Appointment for Barb Tunnicliffe - action

Committee Business

Congregational Support

Kathleen Edmunds and Julie Lebrun were scheduled to attend the 'Surviving the Change You Initiate' event, which was postponed until June.

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Pastoral Relations

Motion 23/2010 Moved and seconded (Bruce Cowburn/Carole Cox) That Westminster Presbytery approve the appointment of Barbara Tunnicliffe, Designated Lay Minister to the 25 hours per week position at South Burnaby United Church from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011 under the following terms. Annual salary \$20,271.24 annual housing \$15,150.00 annual basic telephone \$375 and financial support for study \$750, annual car allowance \$1,875.00 and all other terms according to the manual of The United Church of Canada.

Carried

Education and Students

Mary Nichol will be interviewed by the Conference Interview Board.

Preparations have been made for the covenanting of some of our students during the June meeting.

Oversight

No reports are complete. Projected visits for the Fall include South Burnaby, Deer Lake and West Burnaby.

Spiritual Care

Julie Lebrun attended the Spiritual Care Network retreat.

Nominations

Names were suggested to fill the vacancies of Chair of Presbytery, Secretary and Chair of Communications. Various members of the executive will make contact with these people and report back.

Communications

The web site information is current and timely. We will hold off on discussion about the format and possible future expansion of the site until we can consult with our webmaster, Ross Dunning.

Treasurer

Bruce reported that our investments have recovered and are earning interest. Bruce will post a expense record so that committees can tell how much of their budget remains to be spent.

Other Business

Youth Ministry Facilitator

The search committee received one application.

Motion 24/2010 Moved and seconded (Barb Tunnicliffe/Ian Macdonald) That we offer the position of Presbytery Youth Ministry Facilitator to Mary Nichol.

Carried

Motion 25/2010 Moved and seconded (Bruce Cowburn/Carol Finch) That we disband the Youth Cluster and establish a Youth Ministry Support and Advisory Committee whose chair will sit on the executive.

Carried

Barb Tunnicliffe agreed to let her name stand for this position.

Youth Retreat Funding

A Conference committee has been established to plan a young adult retreat. Each presbytery has been asked to contribute \$500 towards program and travel.

Motion 26/2010 Moved and seconded (Barb Tunnicliffe/Carol Cox) That Westminster Presbytery donate \$500 from the presbytery budget item "Youth Council Fund" to the committee planning the Conference wide young adult retreat.

Chehalis Retreat

The presbytery Fall retreat will be held Thursday October 21 to Saturday October 23. There will be a youth event at the same time.

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Allocation of Presbytery Resources

Dave Anderson distributed a position paper entitled “The Issues Before Us” to stimulate discussion amongst the executive. We discussed the issues of human and financial resources and the current model of presbytery. Dave will design a process so that this discussion can also take place at the May presbytery meeting.

Next Meetings of Presbytery

The May 4th meeting will include a visit from Conference President Dan Chambers. The June meeting will include a time for all delegates to determine which committee they will sit on followed by a break out of committees.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm and Dave Anderson closed with prayer.

Chair: Dave Anderson

Secretary: Sue Kellas

**Next regular meeting Tues. May 4, 2010 5:30 pm
West Burnaby United Church**

**Next Executive Meeting May 18, 2010, 1:00 pm.
Eagle Ridge United Church**