

Westminster Presbytery Executive Meeting Held via Telephone Conferencing Saturday December 22, 2007

Present: Sue Kellas, Bruce Cowburn, Ian Macdonald, Brenda Faust, Tim Lissimore, Jean MacLeod, Richard Bott, Fred Nienaber, Carole Finch, Barbara Tunnicliffe
Absent: Mary Duncan, Donna Dawson

Quorum present

Acting Chairperson: Jean MacLeod Secretary: Sue Kellas

Authority: The executive meeting of Westminster Presbytery of the United Church of Canada was convened by Acting Chairperson Jean MacLeod via telephone conferencing at 10:00 am on December 22, 2007.

Opening Prayer: Richard Bott opened the meeting with prayer

New Business

Jean reported that Queens Avenue has hired a lawyer Ariel DeJong of McCarthy Tetrault to represent them and the lawyer has filed a notice of appeal with B. C. Conference. B. C. Conference lawyer Jon Jessiman has advised Westminster Presbytery about which demands we must comply with.

Richard Bott will write a letter to Ariel DeJong indicating which documents we will be releasing. Sue Kellas will make a set of minutes from May 15, 2007 to the present date available for the lawyer as well as a copy of Joan McConnell's 333 Review Report.

Motion 166/2007 Moved and seconded (Carole Finch/Ian Macdonald) Recognizing that Queens Avenue United Church has begun the appeal process, Westminster Presbytery agrees to extend the deadline to disband the congregation to February 29, 2008 as requested by lawyer Ariel DeJong. Carried

As Mary Duncan is out of town and Jean MacLeod will be away until January 7, we need to have an acting chair in place, should anything arise requiring immediate action.

Motion 167/2007 Moved and seconded (Barbara Tunnicliffe/Tim Lissimore) That Richard Bott be named acting chair of Westminster Presbytery until January 7, 2008 Carried (Richard Bott abstained)

It was agreed to discuss the need for continuing pastoral care for the Queens Avenue congregation at the January 22/08 executive meeting.

The Treasurer will advise Queens Avenue that they must continue to pay their presbytery allocation until such time as they are disbanded. Other pastoral charges in Westminster Presbytery have been advised that the increase in allocations based on the closure of Queens Avenue will be reassessed when a final decision is made.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. on a motion by Ian Macdonald

Chair

Secretary

Next Executive Meeting Tuesday January 22, 2008

Eagle Ridge United Church - 12:30