

Present: (lay), , Louise Best, Richard Crooks, Anthony Damonse, Ralph Danbert, Donna Dawson, Richard Day, Katie Doran, Marian Elliot, Karen Ewing, Betty Furey, Anna Gilliett, Pamela Jeffrey, Ralph Johnston, Helena Ketchen, Sue Leest, Sheila McCall, Marilyn McCutcheon, Jean MacLeod, Leanne Mill, Marie Paul, John Petty, Frank Riley, Jo Shearer , George Veltman

2 new members were welcomed—Karen Carlberg (South Burnaby) and Ivy Thomas (East Burnaby)

(ministry personnel) Charles Ahn, Bethan Theunissen, , Bruce Cowburn, Barb Tunnicliffe, Wendy Read, Paulette Phillips, Ian Macdonald, Doug Throop, Ernie Roberts, Kevin Hegseth, Kim Horwood, Frank Ward.

Regrets, Sue Kellas, Fred Nienaber. Dal McCrindle, Ruth Stebbing, Michael Yuen, David Anderson, Scott Turnbrook, Brenda Faust, Doug Alexander.

Guest: Verna Adamson (Ellesmere)

Quorum Present

Chairperson: Jean MacLeod

Secretary(acting) Donna Dawson

Paulette Phillips opened the meeting with a prayer.

Motion 10/2006 (S. McCall/J. Shearer) That we adopt the agenda as amended.

Unanimous

Motion 11/2006 (R. Day/ L. Mills) That we adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of November 1/05 as circulated.

Unanimous

Motion 12/2006 (E. Roberts/G. Veltman) That we receive the executive minutes of January 17/06 for information.

Unanimous

Motion 13/06 (S. Least/S. McCall) that we grant corresponding privileges to guests.

Unanimous

Correspondence

1. email from Judith Gilliland and Jim Love asking to be retained on the roll.
2. Residential school UPDATE newsletter
3. National office-statistical forms and information.
4. Dolores Hallison, St. Andrews Port Moody re-church board meeting (fwd to chair of Presbytery)
5. BC Conference-documents concerning copyright license for VHS/DVD's
6. Pamela Jeffrey re- Youth Event February 11th
7. St. Andrews/Haney-changes to organizational structure approved at recent AGM
8. Publicity notice for Strathdee's concert at Northwood UC April 23-7pm

Joys and Concerns

1. Prayers were asked for George Veltman's son who is on his way to Afghanistan with Canadian Forces.

2. Concerts: Linnea Good March 18 at Trinity UC
Fred Penner February 22 at South Burnaby UC, workshop/concert
The Heart of Christianity, a study to be shared by the congregations of
Hammond/Pitt Meadows

Business Arising

Jean presented a proposal drafted by the 4 Lower Mainland presbytery chairs and Doug Goodwin, executive director BC Conference, suggesting uses to be made of monies available to them. Application forms are available for proposals.

New Business

Nominees for delegates to General Council were suggested. Delegates are elected at BC Conference's AGM in May. Suggested names were—

Order of ministry— Bethan Theunisson, alternate—Kim Horwood

Layperson Jo Shearer

Youth Robert Berkowski /Christine Mawa

Young Adult to be named

Other names may be submitted before the next meeting

A question was raised concerning training for church treasurers. There are workshops held by BC Conference staff each year and one is upcoming around the end of May 2006. Everyone is encouraged to attend to avoid bad practices and possible fraud.

Worship

Paulette introduced us to the new 2006 Lenten Resource—"Living Water", written by Ian Macdonald and available through the resource centre. Thanks to Heather McKenzie for attending the meeting and bringing the resources.

Paulette then led us in grace.

Dinner.

The chair called the meeting to order.

Thanks were expressed to the women of Como Lake who prepared and served such a delicious dinner.

Divisions

Visioning

Ian presented a summary of the journey undertaken by Ellesmere UC over the last several years and their decision around their future.

Motion 14/06 (I. Macdonald/R. Day) that Westminster Presbytery, having met, planned and consulted with Ellesmere United Congregation as per Section 344 of the United Church Manual, and having received a motion of Ellesmere United congregation (meeting under Presbytery's supervision) requesting permission to sell their property and relocate their mission and ministry, That Westminster Presbytery

1.—assent to the sale of the property known as Ellesmere United Church, relocating

Ellesmere UC, initiating a new ministry on Burnaby Mountain to the community of Simon Fraser University and the residents of University.

2—grant permission for the funds raised from the sale of the property known as Ellesmere United Church be held by the congregation for use in its new ministry

3—accept, with appreciation, Ellesmere's decision to donate a tithe (10% of the net proceeds) for a purpose or purposes decided by the Presbytery

4—support and challenge Ellesmere in its unique ministry through the Vision committee.

Doug Throop outlined the proposed timeline and expected costs, answered questions and explained the feeling of the congregation. Discussion followed.

The motion passed

Unanimous

Divisions met for 30 minutes, after which the meeting re-convened.

Ralph Danbert was excused from the court.

Nominations

no report

Youth

An event for youth ages 7-12 years to be held February 11 2006 has been cancelled.

March 28—all youth and leaders are gathering for information about grants/fundraising at Como Lake 7:30pm

.Pastoral Relations/Education and Students

Motion 15/06 (J. Sheare/D. Dawson) That Scott Turnbrook be appointed as the Presbytery representative to the joint search committee at St. Andrews/Haney UC.

Unanimous

Motion 16/06 (J. Shearer/D. Dawson) That Ivy Thomas be authorized to administer sacraments at East Burnaby UC until March 31 2006.

Unanimous

Motion 17/06 (J. Shearer/D. Dawson) That Jim Love be retained on the roll of Westminster Presbytery.

Unanimous

Motion 18/06 (J. Shearer/D. Dawson) That the following be authorized to solemnize marriages at Shiloh/6th Ave. UC:-- Pamela Jeffery, Nick Judson, Judy Dixon

Unanimous

Motion 19/05 (K. Hegseth/W. Read) That Ann White be appointed as a Lay Pastoral Minister in Training.

Unanimous

Motion 20/06 (K. Hegseth/W. Read) That Charles Ahn be approved for ordained ministry in the United Church of Canada

Unanimous

Motion 21/06 (J. Shearer/D. Dawson) That we extend the appointment of Ann White as Lay Pastoral Minister in Training from July 1 2006 to June 30, 2009

Unanimous

Motion 22/06 (K. Hegseth/W. Read) That Jon Sampson, having completed his training, be approved as an Educational Supervisor and that Mary Duncan will act as mentor in this relationship.

Unanimous

Motion 23/06 (K. Hegseth/W. Read) That Pamela Jeffrey be received as a Staff Associate at Shiloh/6th Ave. UC.

Unanimous

