

Westminster Presbytery **Executive Meeting Held At Eagle Ridge United Church Tuesday February 19, 2008**

Present: Mary Duncan, Sue Kellas, Fred Nienaber, Ian Macdonald, Carole Finch, Jean Macleod, Brenda Faust, Barb Tunnicliffe, Tim Lissimore, Donna Dawson (excused at 1:30 pm)

Regrets: Richard Bott, Bruce Cowburn

Quorum present

Chairperson: Mary Duncan

Secretary: Sue Kellas

Authority: The executive meeting of Westminster Presbytery of the United Church of Canada was convened by Mary Duncan at Eagle Ridge United Church at 12:35 pm on February 19, 2008.

Joys and Sorrows were shared.

Scripture and Prayer

Carole Finch read scriptures and Mary Duncan used the reflection from Daily Scripture and Prayer Time.

Agenda:

Motion 23/2008 Moved & seconded (Ian Macdonald/Donna Dawson) That we adopt the agenda as amended.
Carried

Minutes

Motion 24/2008 Move and seconded (Carole Finch/Barb Tunnicliffe) That we adopt the minutes of the executive meetings held January 22, 2008.
Carried

Motion 25/2008 Moved and seconded (Fred Nienaber/Brenda Faust) That we receive the minutes of the regular presbytery meeting held February 4, 2008 for information.
Carried

Correspondence

1. United in Marriage advertising materials - for distribution
2. updated Admission Circulation List - read into minutes
3. B. C. Conference, seminar details "Discerning a new vision for the long pastorate" - distributed
4. VST event "Remembering the Children Walk", March 5, Museum of Anthropology - distributed
5. David Ewart, requesting decision re funding for leadership event - Mary Duncan e-mailed response
6. Paulette Phillips requesting transfer of membership - awaiting paperwork
7. General Council, support for "Remembering the Children Walk" - file
8. Joanne Rose, Time sensitive Grant application for "More Franchises Than Tim Hortons?" event Emmanuel College June 19 -22 08 - distributed
9. Bethan Theunissen, ruling on final investment policy version - **action**
10. Scott Turnbrook, Homeless Count - distributed
11. Kimiko Karpoff, Storytelling as Best Practice workshop February 28 - distributed
12. B. C. Conference, Centralized payroll - distributed
13. St. Andrew's Port Moody United, requesting help for Tri-Cities Cold/Wet Weather Mat Program - distributed
14. Ann White, requesting a book "Finding our Fathers" by Samuel Osherson - distributed
15. South Burnaby, Lenten Lunches schedule - distributed
16. Rev Wendy Read requesting support for salary and benefits - **action**
17. Conference Office - copy of response to Deer lake United about Conference mill rate - file

Action on Correspondence

Wendy Read's letter will be forwarded to Dal McCrindle, pastoral charge supervisor at Queens Avenue for his attention. A copy will also be given to Richard Bott for his attention.

Bruce Cowburn has planned a Treasurer/Trustees' workshop to be held April 18 - 20 at Trinity United Church. Details will be circulated by e-mail

Motion 26/2008 Moved and seconded (Ian Macdonald/Jean Macleod) That Westminster Presbytery approve the investment policy of Shiloh-Sixth Avenue.
Carried

Business arising from minutes

Ellesmere Financial Situation and Queens Avenue no report

Leadership Event (David Ewart)

Mary Duncan has notified David that Westminster Presbytery will not be providing any financial support since this event appears to conflict with one planned by B. C. Conference.

File Cabinet

The presbytery file cabinet has been moved to Como Lake United Church.

Reports

Pastoral Relations

Barb Tunnicliffe reported that West Burnaby is anxious to hold its final JNAC meeting so they can move forward to hire a part time person. Barb will contact Richard Bott to clarify who will represent presbytery at this meeting.

Education and Students

Tim Lissimore reported that Julie Lebrun will be ordained, pending a suitable settlement placement. Ann White is on medical leave.

Nominations

Tim Lissimore will be stepping down as Education and Students chair in May.

New Business

Sexual harassment policy

Nick Stebbing will conduct an education session at the April presbytery meeting.

Attendance at presbytery

It was noted that several people leave the court early in the meeting without seeking permission. Communications will add a column on the sign in sheet for people to indicate if they must leave early. All presbyters are reminded that they must send regrets to the chair or secretary in advance.

Annual Report to B. C. Conference

The secretary asked for input on what to include in the annual report.

Future Retreat Style Meeting

Barb Tunnicliffe and Brenda Faust will explore venues for a presbytery retreat meeting in the fall.

Agenda

Requests for agenda time for the March 4th regular meeting include Carole Finch, B. C. Conference Executive report (10 minutes) and Visioning (15 minutes). Janice Young will also be speaking.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m. and a closing prayer was led by Ian Macdonald.

Chair

Secretary

Next Regular Meeting Tuesday March 4, 2008 - 5:30 pm
Korean United Church, 3821 Lister, Burnaby 604 255-7002

Next Executive Meeting Tuesday March 18, 2008
Eagle Ridge United Church, gathering at noon, meeting at 12:30 pm