

Westminster Presbytery Executive Meeting Held at Eagle Ridge United Church, Tuesday February 17, 2009

Present: Dave Anderson, Jan Bihl, Richard Bott, Bruce Cowburn Carol Cox, Sue Kellas, Carole Finch, Ian Macdonald, Fred Nienaber, Ann White

Regrets:, Barb. Tunnicliffe

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 February 17, 2009.

Check In: Members were given an opportunity to check in and speak about happenings in their church or another church they wish to share about.

Opening Prayer: Anne White offered an opening prayer.

Agenda: Items for discussion were listed on a flip chart.

Education and Students

Carol Cox reported that Presbytery will covenant with Kimiko Karpoff, candidate for ministry, in March.

Youth

Carol reported that a successful cluster mini youth retreat was held at Eagle Ridge and that other such retreats are scheduled to help youth get to know each other before the March 27-29 retreat Knock Knock Who's There? Applications forms were made available. Check the website for details.

Kerry Child's youth needs assessment report will be forwarded to Dave Anderson for information.

One application has been received for Youth Forum at General Council. Fred will post the information about this opportunity for one youth from our presbytery to attend General Council. The presbytery deadline for applications is March 31st. Carol Cox will review the applications and report to executive.

New Business

Motion 4/2009 Moved and seconded (Bruce Cowburn/Carole Finch) That Jean Macleod's name be removed as signing officer on the Vancity account effective immediately. **Carried**

Motion 5/2009 Moved and seconded (Bruce Cowburn/Jan Bihl) That Fred Nienaber's name be added as signing officer on the Vancity account effective immediately. **Carried**

Bruce reported that our investment with the United Church Foundation is losing ground because growth is not covering the administration fees. As stewards of these funds it was felt that we should protect the principle of our investment.

Motion 6/2009 Moved and seconded (Ian Macdonald/Fred Nienaber) That the executive recommend to the presbytery that we transfer our \$176,000 investment from the United Church Foundation to GICs with Vancity. **Carried**

Updates

The Congregational Support Division will be meeting tonight and will be discussing the property formerly known as East Burnaby. It was brought to our attention that our Presbyter Allocation is still based on East Burnaby having a congregation. Dave Anderson will investigate this. Bruce will provide background information.

Motion 7/2009 Moved and seconded (Ian Macdonald/Bruce Cowburn) That Westminster Presbytery give the Vancouver Korean congregation encouragement to explore plans to build/expand on its present location, such plans to be presented to the executive and the full court for approval. **Carried**

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West Burnaby has completed its Needs Assessment and is ready to hire a Church and Community Coordinator. Richard will communicate with West Burnaby to determine if this is a congregational or presbytery appointment.

Richard is in conversation with Korean United to regularize Min-Goo Kang's employment.

Jan reported that Trinity is preparing to interview candidates for their full time ministry personnel position.

Covenanting Service for Shannon Tennant and Mary Nichol will take place Sunday March 1st at 2:00 pm at Shiloh-Sixth Avenue United Church, New Westminster.

Dave Anderson will establish the date and preacher for Doug Alexander's covenanting once the transfer of Doug's membership is complete.

Motion 8/2009 Moved and seconded (Richard Bott/Jan Bihl) That Westminster Presbytery request the B. C. Conference license the following persons to solemnize marriages in 2009:

Carole Finch - St. Andrew's Haney	George Stegan - Deer Lake	Audrey Lans - Deer Lake
Wilf Carson - Trinity	Judy Dickson - Shiloh-Sixth Avenue	
Gary Begin - South Burnaby	Dawn Purdy Karput - South Burnaby	
Carla Wilks - South Burnaby		

Carried

Carole Finch Abstained

Agenda Items for March 3/09

Nominations for General Council Commissioners - Richard will prepare information for Fred to distribute. Proposals for General Council - Proposals should be presented at the March meeting. One proposal being considered concerns the centralized payroll system. Bruce Cowburn will contact treasurers and church administrators to gather data.

Housing allowance policy

Dave presented a draft policy for establishing housing allowances in Westminster Presbytery. The executive will review it.

Minutes:

Motion 9/2009 Move and seconded (Fred Nienaber/Ian Macdonald) That we approve the minutes of the executive meeting held January 20, 2009. **Carried**

Correspondence

1. General Council, Statistical Forms - file
2. General Council, Minutes for Mission book - file
3. General Council, Admissions to the Order of Ministry - read and record in minutes
4. B. C. Conference, property transfer completion for East Burnaby property
5. General Council, Section 420 Guidelines for Incorporated Ministries - file
6. Queen's Avenue UC, invitation to 150th Anniversary celebrations - read
7. B. C. Conference, M & P News - file
8. B. C. Conference, Team Leadership in Ministry event at Naramata - file
9. B. C. Conference, Nominations for Commissioners to General Council - action
10. B. C. Conference re DVD to assist with nominations of Commissioners - file
11. Jane Harding, Cloverdale UC, Bethshan Gardens Senior Supportive Housing - file
12. General Council, Wondercafe joins the dialogue on atheist ad campaign - file
13. Doug Goodwin requesting rep for Ministry Funds Conversations - action
14. VST Open House March 12-13 - file
15. Nora Sanders, General Secretary, "Called to be Church", info for General Council meeting
16. Nora Sanders, General Secretary, preparing proposals for General Council - file

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm

Chair: Dave Anderson

Secretary: Sue Kellas

Next Executive Meeting - Tentatively March 24, 2009

**Next Regular Meeting - Tuesday March 3, 2009, 5:30 p.m.
Como Lake United Church**