

Westminster Presbytery **Executive** Meeting Held at Eagle Ridge United Church, Tuesday January 20, 2009

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

Regrets: Richard Bott,

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 January 20, 2009.

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

Opening Prayer: Dave Anderson offered an opening prayer.

Agenda: Items for discussion were received.

Minutes:

Motion 1/2009 Move and seconded (Fred Nienaber/Carole Finch) That we approve the minutes of the executive meeting held November 4, 2008. **Carried**

Motion 2/2009 Moved and seconded (Bruce Cowburn/Jan Bihl) That we approve the minutes of the executive teleconference held December 17, 2008. **Carried**

Correspondence

1. General Council, 2009 Minutes for Mission booklet - file
2. General Council, 2007 Statistical Forms summary - file
3. General Council, copy of letter sent to Ellesmere re Beth Dollaga reappointed to Justice, Global & Relations Unit - file
4. General Council, Moderator's Prayer for Bethlehem - file
5. B. C. Conference, summary of executive's action at November meeting - file
6. B. C. Conference, information to General Meeting in May - file
7. General Council, web site alert re postings by Moderator - file
8. B.C. Conference, document re "How Conference Works" - distributed
9. Doug Goodwin, seeking presbytery contact for Ministry Fund Planning committee - action
10. Kerry Child, Youth Retreat March 27-29 - distributed
11. General Council, Moderator writes to people of Sparwood - file
12. General Council, Moderator calls for ceasefire in Gaza - file
13. V.S.T, coming events - posted to web site
14. General Council, 2008 statistical forms have been emailed - distributed
15. Bill Laurie, Campus Ministries - forward to D. Throop/Ellesmere United
16. B. C. Conference, Warrant to Covenant for Shannon Tennant, Shiloh-Sixth Avenue - action
17. Fellowship Publication - Education & Students
18. B. C. Conference, Settlement and Transfer, completed forms for S. Tennant, M. Nichol, B. Burke
19. South Burnaby United Church re housing allowance increase - action
20. South Burnaby United Church, appointment forms for Barb. Tunncliffe - action

Action on Correspondence

South Burnaby United Church letter

The letter from South Burnaby Treasurer Morgan Wilks dated December 18, 2008 was read and discussed. It was agreed that Dave Anderson would write a response indicating the reasons for the timing of the announcement and for the increase in housing allowances. There are plans to review the housing allowances in the summer of 2009 and the treasurer of South Burnaby will be invited to be a part of this review.

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Pastoral Relations

Motion 3/2009 Moved and seconded (Carole Finch/Carol Cox) That Westminster Presbytery approve the appointment of Barbara Tunnicliffe at South Burnaby United Church beginning July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 25 hours per week with

Annual salary \$20,271.24 Annual housing \$15,150.00 Annual telephone \$375.00

Annual financial support for study \$750.00 Annual car allowance \$1,875.00

Carried

Pending police record check.

Barbara Tunnicliffe and Ian Macdonald abstained

Pastoral Relations was asked to clarify the increment category for this appointment.

Carol Cox volunteered to replace Richard Bott on Trinity' Port Coquitlam's Joint Search Committee.

Mission and Service

Carole Finch reminded pastoral charges to complete their Mission and Service response form on-line by February 27/09. The campaign is aiming for an 8% increase in givings.

Education and Students

Carol Cox reported that Betty Anne Dempsey, Rick Newbury, Ann White and Nick Judson are going through their final Conference Interviews and will be recognized at the Annual Meeting. Bruce Cowburn will purchase suitable gifts.

Carol distributed information about a mini-retreat for youth in preparation for the spring retreat.

Treasurer

Bruce Cowburn reminded pastoral charges to check the United Church Website for updates on church and manse modernization grants and the Watkins Fund. He will distribute details to presbytery treasurers.

Covenanting Services

Pastoral Relations will contact Shiloh-Sixth Avenue and Queen's Avenue to discuss dates and details for covenanting services for Shannon Tennant and Doug Alexander.

Coming Events

Dave Anderson will lead a "Warm and Welcoming Congregations" event at Queen's Avenue United Church on Saturday February 28, 2009 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Oversight

Jan Bihl distributed information for use at presbytery oversight visits. Members of the executive offered some initial input and were encouraged to email Jan with other suggestions.

Ministry personnel are encouraged to volunteer to be on visitation teams.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm

Chair: Dave Anderson

Secretary: Sue Kellas

Next Executive Meeting - Tentatively February 17, 2009

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