

Westminster Presbytery Regular Meeting Held at Burnaby Mosque, Burnaby Tues. June 5, 2007

Present: (lay) Janet Babey, Rob Berkowski, Louise Best, Lois Brown, Barbara Copan, Donna Dawson, Ross Dunning, Carole Finch, Anna Gilliatt, Ralph Johnston, Kimiko Karpoff, Sue Kellas, Sue Leest, Jean MacLeod, Sheila McCall, Marilyn McCutcheon, Doug Miller, Barry Morley, Marie Paul, Cattarina Patrice, Leenane Shiels, Jo Shearer, Bruce Van Luven

(Ministry personnel) Charles Ahn, Dave Anderson, Bruce Cowburn, Brenda Faust, Kevin Hegseth, Helen Hobbs, Tim Lissimore, Ian Macdonald, Rick Newbury, Paulette Phillips, Gerildine Smith, Barb Tunnicliffe, Scott Turnbrook, Gerildine Smith, Ria Van Holten, Frank Ward, Jong Chul Woo

(Visitors): Donald Copan, Sandra Dunning, Sherry Pearson, Paul Kim, Pirzada

Regrets: Richard Bott, David Vervaet, Fred Nienaber, Rick Newbury, Angela Stevens, Michael Yoon, Doug Throop, Carol Cox, Kim Horwood, Maggie Watts-Hammond

Authority: The meeting of Westminster Presbytery of the United Church of Canada was convened at the call of the chair Jean McLeod at the Burnaby Mosque, Burnaby, B. C. at 5:30 p.m. A Quorum was present.

Welcome:

David Ali welcomed us to the Mosque that is part of the B. C. Muslim Association.

Agenda

Motion 81/2007 Moved and Seconded (Robert Berkowski/Barb Tunnicliffe) That we adopt the agenda as amended. **Carried**

Minutes

Motion 82/2007 Moved and Seconded (Marilyn McCutcheon/Sue Leest) That we approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 1 2007 noting the correction of Janice Bihl's name (Motion 71/2007). **Carried**

Motion 83/2007 Moved and Seconded (Donna Dawson/Ria Van Holten) That we receive the executive minutes of May 15, 2007 for information. **Carried**

Announcements: It was announced that St. Michael's Centre received a Watkins Grant, Como Lake has 60 maroon choir gowns available for free and Willington Heights will celebrate their 55th anniversary.

Visitors: Visitors were introduced including MLA for Burnaby-Edmonds, Raj Chouhan.

Correspondence:

1. Dal McCrindle re Governance Model interviews and report
2. Treena Duncan re registering with Worker's Compensation
3. Brenda Wolff re Building Skills in Transitional Ministry Event - Bay of Quinte Conference
4. Sheila James re book Islamic Imperialism - suitable for study
5. Bill Dyer requesting support for Global Village Build in Hungary Sept 29 - Oct. 13
6. Saskatchewan Conference re closing of Camp McKay
7. General Council - update on Moderator's health
8. U.C. Foundation re grant recipients for Peace, Justice and Leadership Development
9. General Council - call to congregations for Peace Policy Testing
10. South Burnaby letter (Dec. 8/06) re centralized payroll (refer to executive)
11. Patti Harding, copy of letter sent to Cliff Avenue re a lease agreement (refer to executive)
12. Janice Young, Conference President requesting time on a presbytery agenda

Business Arising

Ellesmere

Congregation worshiped in their new space that is still under construction.

Emerging Spirit

Recent event successful and Dave Anderson has resources.

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Business Arising (cont'd)

Environmental Footprint

Reports are due tonight to Ralph Johnston. Bruce Cowburn has a DVD about an environment expo.

Governance Model Survey

Contact the conference committee if you wish an interview in the fall.

Divisions and Committees

Education and Students

Motion 84/2007 Moved and Seconded (Tim Lissimore/Doug Miller) That Rick Newbury be continued in the process leading to admission to the Order of Ministry of the United Church of Canada and be eligible for further appointment as ordained supply.

Carried

Communication

Ross Dunning asked new delegates to provide their names and email address for the directory.

Children and Youth

Barb Tunnicliffe distributed an information package to each pastoral charge. She reported that there will be two new youth delegates in the fall. A JNAC will be established to investigate how the work of Children and Youth at presbytery will be conducted since Barb is stepping down.

Presbytery Working Retreat Event

A presbytery event to plan the focus for Westminster Presbytery will be held September 21 and 22 at the Baptist Camp on Keats island. Forty participants are required.

Grant applications

Motion 85/2007 Moved and seconded (Bruce Cowburn/Brenda Faust) That Westminster Presbytery forward to B. C. Conference the Capital Assistance Technology Support Grant Application from Eagle Ridge United for \$1,5000.

Carried

Motion 86/2007 Moved and seconded (Bruce Cowburn/Brenda Faust) That Westminster Presbytery forward to B. C. Conference the Capital Assistance Church Modernization and Improvement Grant Application from Eagle Ridge United for \$5,000.

Carried

Conference Support Funds

Barb Tunnicliffe presented a summary sheet of the priorities for use of the \$17,000 fund available for 2007. This will be discussed after dinner.

Worship and Installation of New Chairperson

Scott Turnbrook, Paulette Phillips and Mary Duncan led us in worship. Bruce Cowburn presented Paulette Phillips with a retirement gift and card. Jean MacLeod installed Mary Duncan as chairperson of Westminster Presbytery.

Dinner was served by the men and women of the Burnaby Mosque. Following dinner, members had an opportunity to tour the Mosque. Jean MacLeod expressed our thanks and sincere appreciation to the members of the Mosque for the wonderful meal and the warm reception Presbytery was afforded.

New chairperson, Mary Duncan chaired the remainder of the meeting.

New Business

Slide Show

Barb Tunnicliffe and Scott Turnbrook showed slides of the recent Youth and Children's retreat events.

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New Business (cont'd)

Motion 87/2007 Moved and seconded (Jean MacLeod/Robert Berkowski) That we extend the order of the day. **Carried**

Conference Support Funds

Motion 88/2007 Moved and seconded (Barb Tunnicliffe/Barry Cook) That the Conference Support Funds be assigned as designated in the handout entitled Results of Presbytery Visioning on Conference Support Funds.

Carried

Summary of handout:

Ministry Personnel Retreat \$3,000, Children and Youth Programming \$3,000, Community "Big Tent" Events \$2,000, Eco help/Fair/Website \$2,000, Stewardship Event \$2,000 and Presbytery Retreat \$4,000. Events not planned before December 31st would donate their unspent to Emerging Spirit advertising at Christmas or individual congregation Stewardship help. Events such as Community Events and Eco project may be combined.

Motion 89/2007 Moved and seconded (Barb Tunnicliffe/Barry Cooke) That Westminster Presbytery loan Jubilee United Church, Langley \$5,000 from its contingency fund.

Motion 90/2007 Moved and seconded (Barb Copan/Ria Van Holten) That Motion 89/2007 be referred to the executive.

Carried

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Following the meeting presentations were made to outgoing chair Jean MacLeod and retiring ministry personal Paulette Philips

Chair

Secretary

Executive meeting Tuesday June 19 at Eagle Ridge United - 1:00 pm

***Next regular meeting September 4, 2007 - TBA**

* a roster for hosting presbytery meetings is being prepared