

Present: (lay) Lois Brown, Karen Carlberg, Richard Crooks, Ralph Danbert, Anthony Damonse, Donna Dawson, Betty Anne Dempsey, Katie Dorans, Marian Elliott, Betty Furey, Pamela Jeffery, Ralph Johnston, Sue Kellas, Sue Leest, Helena Ketchen, Marilyn McCutcheon, Jean MacLeod, Leanne Mill, Barry Morley, Fred Nienaber, Marie Paul, John Petty, Jon Samson, Ruth Stebbing,
(ministry personnel) Dal McCrindle, Wendy Read, Barb Tunnicliffe, Charles Ahn, Paulette Phillips, Ian Macdonald, Doug Throop, Dave Anderson, Kimiko Karpoff, Kevin Hegseth, Ria Van Holten, Mary Duncan, Brenda Faust, Scott Turnbrook, Ivy Thomas, Ann White
(visitors): several members of Hammond who did not sign in!
Regrets: Richard Day, Sheila McCall, Jo Shearer, Bruce Cowburn

Quorum Present

Chairperson: Jean MacLeod Secretary: Sue Kellas

Call To Order Jean MacLeod called the meeting to order at 5:35 and Kim Horward offered prayer.

Agenda

Motion 24/2006 (M. McCutcheon/D. Dawson) That we adopt the agenda as circulated. **Unanimous**

Minutes

Motion 25/2006 (A. White/R. Danbert) That we adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of February 7/06. **Unanimous**

Motion 26/2006 (I. Macdonald/B. Dempsey) That we receive the executive minutes of February 21/06 for information. noting that there will be some corrections as emailed by B. Theunissen. **Unanimous**

Motion 27/2006 (P. Phillips/R. VanHolten) That we grant corresponding privileges to our visitors.

Unanimous

Correspondence:

1. First United Newsletter
2. B. C. Conference requesting ministry personnel to attend a Spiritual Care Event
3. B. C. Conference information for secretaries in preparation for Annual Conference
4. B. C. Conference Youth registration forms
5. United Church Pensions requesting update for Jim Love
6. General Council- video/DVD Peter Short re 39th General Council
7. VST materials for distribution

emails

- 8 Connections 2006 National Camping Conference
9. General Council (two) press releases re Muhammad Cartoon
10. John Petty, St. Andrew's Haney requesting change in ministry appointee to Joint Search
11. Ken Crassweller requesting support in publicizing book "Tools for Clergy"
12. South Burnaby publicizing Linnea Good Concert March 19 at 7:30 pm
13. Naramata Centre updating representatives
14. Phillip Cable requesting support for "Miles for Missions", a 1st United fund raising event
15. Bethan Theunissen clarifying point in executive minutes
16. fwd by Doug Goodwin - information on rural ministry in Canada
17. Pat Lawson-Paul listing Admissions to United Church

Action on Correspondence

The secretary requested information for the Conference Agenda Book concerning retirements, anniversaries and memorials. We require two scrutineers (Ruth Stebbing volunteered) and must nominate two Commissioners to General council.

Admissions to the United Church The following persons have been recommended for admission from other denominations to the order of ministry in the United Church of Canada (2006)

Name	Denomination	Recommending Presbytery
Andrew Craig Appledore	The Uniting Church of Australia	River Bend
Deborah Carol Lannon	The Presbyterian Church in Canada	Calgary
Drew Douglas Strickland	The Presbyterian Church in Canada	Calgary
Heather Suzanne Gilmour	Baptist Convention of Ontario & Quebec	Halton
Henry Victor Frisen	Mennonite Church of Canada	Kootney
Laura Jo Ann Marzec	Congregational Christian Church of Canada	Essex
Susan Ellie Paterson	Methodist Church of Scotland	Peterborough

Joys and Concerns

Several people made announcements and distributed flyers about upcoming events in their congregations including a Linnea Good concert at Trinity (March 18) and South Burnaby (March 19). St. Andrew's Haney is hosting the Langley Ukulele Choir at The ACT April 2nd and Hammond is hosting the Kamloops Choristers May 2nd. IOCO is having a concert March 18th. and Shiloh-Sixth Avenue will be featured on Vision TV Spirit Connections March 12th.

Ralph Danbert reported that Queen's Avenue Joint Search is ready to present a name to the congregation. Wendy Read announced the launch of her book *A Conspiracy of Love - Living through and beyond childhood sexual abuse*.

Kevin Hegseth spoke about a visit from Trinity United to return Bert the Bear who carries a journal and encourages entries of pastoral care concerns.

David Anderson asked for prayers for Charlotte Sullivan who is undergoing treatments and Treena Duncan who is recovering from surgery.

Fred Neinaber spoke of the joy of traveling to Israel with Dal McCrindle.

Jean MacLeod expressed her delight in attending the 40th Anniversary of the Korean United Church of Vancouver.

Introductions

New delegates Barry Morley (West Burnaby) and Lois Brown (Ellesmere) were introduced as were several visitors from the Hammond Congregation.

New Business

A newspaper clipping concerning property taxes for new church properties in Coquitlam will be scanned and included with the minutes.

Division and Committee Reports

Women's Ministry Network

Marian Elliott reported that Conference UCW will be held May 2-4 at Camp Pringle (not Kispiox).

Stewardship

Sue Kellas request the M & S Commitment forms from pastoral charges by March 31/06.

Treasurer

Jean MacLeod reminded everyone that some allocation payments are overdue.

Chaplaincy

Doug Throop reported on his meeting with people involved in planning the Interfaith Centre at False Creek. He was enthusiastic about new space being allocated for interfaith at SFU. Doug conducted a memorial service on campus which was well attended. On March 19 there will be a panel discussion about the recent Muhammad Cartoon at SFU Harbour Centre.

Property

Doug Throop reported that Ellesmere is in conversation with realtors and lawyers concerning the sale of their property.

Communication

Fred Nienaber visited and thanked Frank Riley in person for his dedicated eight years of service to Presbytery, and received the nametag board from Frank. Requests for new nametags may now be made to Fred. The accuracy of the Roll of Presbytery depends in large part on the Presbytery Directory. Copies of the Directory were made available for deletions, additions and corrections, and Presbyters were asked to "check and correct". A new Directory will be published in print and in pdf formats next month, in preparation for Conference. Since there were a number of announcements of special events, members were encouraged to use our WestminsterPresbytery@telus.net address to pass on this information to the Communications Division for publication to all members of Presbytery.

Visioning

Marilynn McCuchee reported that Visioning have been considering ways of utilizing some of the funds allocated for use by the four lower mainland presbyteries. Some suggestions are: developing a program for use by church treasures and paying for ads in local newspapers to support the national "Awareness Campaign" Keith Howard is developing to raise the United Church profile. The Division is planning to host a presbytery meeting in a church that is using technology during worship.

Nominations

Dal McCrindle requested names for the position of Chair Elect. He reminded us that with the increase workload for volunteers at presbytery, even ministry personnel coming new to Westminster Presbytery must be prepared to take on a task.

Youth

Barb Tunnicliffe highlighted the following events: Godly Play Workshop at St. John's Strawberry Hill Sunday, March 26 from 1:30 to 4:00 cost \$10 per congregation, Youth Leaders Gathering March 28 at Como Lake 7:30 to discuss "Where the \$ going to, come from", Youth Retreat May 5,6,7 at Chehalis Lodge in Agassiz and Youth Ministry Workshop April 22 "Called to Care" 9:30 - 3:30 with Treena Duncan.

Pastoral Relations

Motion 28/2006 (S. Turnbrook/D. Throop) That we receive the transfer of retired order of ministry Francis Stevens from Victoria.

Unanimous

Motion 29/2006 (D. Dawson/F. Nienaber) That Gary Begin and Dawn Purdy Karkut be authorized to solemnize marriages at South Burnaby United Church.

Unanimous

Oversight

Donna Dawson encouraged pastoral charges to complete their oversight visits. She also requested copies of annual reports.

Education and Students no report

Dinner Following the singing of grace we adjourned to the hall for a delicious spaghetti dinner. Jean thanked the people who prepared and served our meal. Ann White asked permission to leave the court.

Report on Cliff Avenue

Dave Anderson reported on the improving situation at Cliff Avenue United Church where he is the supervisor.

Worship/Talk Kim Horwood and members of Hammond United Church conducted worship, which included information about their clusters format of governance.

Program

Jean MacLeod led us through a process to discern what Westminster Presbytery is doing well, what needs to be worked on and what one thing would we change if we were chair of Presbytery. Jean recorded the answers on chart paper.

New Business

Motion 30/2006 (M. Elliott/B. Tunnicliffe) That Heather Gigliotti be our designated youth delegate to General Council. **Unanimous**

Motion 31/2006 (B. Tunnicliffe/D. Throop) That Kim Horwood replace Scott Turnbrook as the ministry personnel appointee on St. Andrew's Haney Joint Search Committee. **Unanimous**

Adjournment was moved by Dal McCrindle at 9:05 p.m..

Chair

Secretary

Next Executive meeting March 21, 2006 - Deer Lake United at 2:00 pm

Next Regular meeting April 4, 2006 – Korean United Church at 5:30 pm
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one block north of Moscrop), 604-255-7002

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