

Westminster Presbytery **Regular Meeting Held at East Burnaby United Church Tues. October 3, 2006**

**Present: (lay)** Robert Berkowski, Lois Brown, Carol Cox, Donna Dawson, Ralph Danbert, Ross Dunning, Marian Elliott, Carole Finch, Pamela Jeffery, Ralph Johnston, Kimiko Karpoff, Sue Kellas, Sue Leest, Jean MacLeod, Sheila McCall, Trudy Mile, Barry Morley, Fred Nienaber, Marie Paul, Leenane Shiels, Jo Shearer  
**(ministry personnel)** Charles Ahn, Richard Bott, Bruce Cowburn, Mary Duncan, Brenda Faust, Helen Hobbs, Ian Macdonald, Rick Newbury, Tim Lissimore, Paulette Phillips, Ernie Roberts, Bob Schoenhals, Gerildine Smith, Shannon Tennant, Bethan Theunissen, Doug Throop, Barbara Tunnicliffe, Ria Van Holten, Maggie Watts-Hammond, **(visitors):** Bryce Bandstra, Judy Johnson

**Regrets:** David Anderson, Richard Day, Marilyn McCutcheon, Leanne Mill, John Petty, Scott Turnbrook

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

**Welcome:** Helen Hobbs welcomed us on behalf of East Burnaby United Church.

**Dinner:** Dinner was served and thanks offered by Jean MacLeod and Mary Duncan.

**Introductions:** Rev. Dr. Francis Stevens, retired clergy, was introduced and letters of congratulations from Doug Goodwin and David Giuliano on the occasion of this his 100th Birthday were read by Bruce Cowburn.

**Worship:** Helen Hobbs led us in worship with George Veltman at the organ and Carole Finch reading.

#### **Agenda**

**Motion 105/2006** Moved and Seconded (Tim Lissimore/Rob Berkowski) That we adopted the agenda as amended. **Carried**

#### **Minutes**

**Motion 106/2006** Moved and Seconded (Ross Dunning/Sue Leest) That we approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 5/06 with the correction that Paulette Phillips retires May 31/07.

**Carried**

**Motion 107/2006** Moved and Seconded (Doug Throop/Jo Shearer) That we receive the executive minutes of September 19/06 for information noting the correction that Brenda Faust is leaving as transition team supervisor at East Burnaby.

**carried**

**Joys and Concerns:** Joys and concerns and various announcements were made.

#### **Correspondence:**

1. Doug Goodwin stating that St. Andrew's Port Moody's grant application had been received
2. Tara Bentall King, VST Coordinator of Student Recruitment re winter programs (see website)
3. Tim Lissimore resigning from Como Lake's JNAC
4. Scott Turnbrook giving website <[www.stophomelessness.ca/](http://www.stophomelessness.ca/)>
5. Jack Harder, Como Lake JNAC requesting housing allowance (secretary responded)
6. Deer Lake re group order for Church Calendars - Deadline November 17th
7. Bethan Theunissen FWD information re cuts to summer career placement program
8. Ernie Roberts letter for Burnaby pastoral charges re homeless in Burnaby (copies distributed)
9. completed transfer form for Dal McCrindle

#### **Business Arising:**

Budgets are due tonight.

Marriage preparation materials for same sex couples is being reviewed by the four lower mainland presbytery chairs with assistance from Scott Turnbrook.

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**New Business:**

Conference Executive Delegate Carole Finch asked presbyters with input on camping to speak to her as she prepares to attend Conference Executive November 4/06.

A letter from Shiloh-Sixth Avenue outlining some upgrading projects was presented.

**Motion 108/2006** Moved and seconded (Ian Macdonald/Ross Dunning) That Westminster Presbytery give permission to the Shiloh-Sixth Avenue congregation to draw down the building fund for the purchase of a high efficiency P-K C450 boiler, and various urgent security items to the value of \$37,000 (thirty seven thousand dollars), and that the congregation be encouraged to give towards the building fund.

**Carried**

**Motion 109/2006** Moved and seconded (Ian Macdonald/Ross Dunning) That Westminster Presbytery give permission to the Shiloh-Sixth Avenue congregation to spend \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) in capital building expenditures to cover the kitchen renovations.

**Carried**

**Division and Committees**

Grant Application

A request for Watkins Funds for St. Michael's was referred to executive in order to clarify accountability.

Chaplaincy

Doug Throop gave an update on the work at SFU.

Communication

Fred Nienaber reported that the committee has been making changes to the website and facilitating the flow of information. Cards of thanks were sent to Ruth Stebbing and Betty Furey for their work on various committees and to West Burnaby for hosting September's meeting. A card of sympathy was sent to Rev. Wendy Bily on the death of her father.

Ross Dunning reported that the website is now faster and that youth and young adults have their own link. Please make submission for the web site to Fred.

Nominations

It was noted that there is a vacancy for a presbytery rep. on the Fairhaven Board and room for one or two more youth reps. at presbytery.

**Motion 110/2006** Moved and seconded (Bruce Cowburn/Donna Dawson) That Ria Van Holten represent Westminster Presbytery on East Burnaby's transition team.

**Carried**

Pastoral Relations

Jo Shearer reported that the division is seeking a second rep. for Como Lake's JNAC. The division continues to work with Ellesmere as they complete their JNAC.

Education and Students

Mary Duncan resigned as convener of Education and Students. She is currently supervising a student.

**Motion 111/2006** Moved and seconded (Mary Duncan/Carole Finch) That Tim Lissimore become Education and Students' Convener.

**Carried**

Women's Ministry Network

Marian Elliott reported that Sandra Dunning was installed as president of the national body of United Church women.

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Stewardship

Brenda Faust made Thanksgiving M & S envelopes available and reminded everyone about the Luther Snow Event October 26, 27 & 28 at West Burnaby United Church.

**Presentation**

The Visioning Committee led us in a version of The Dating Game T.V. show. New presbyters were introduced and the various Divisions and Committees questioned them about their particular skills and interests.

**Division Meetings**

Divisions and Committees met for thirty minutes.

**New Business**

Budget

Preliminary budgets from Visioning, Youth, Communications, Pastoral Relations, Outreach and Education and Students were presented.

**Motion 112/2006** Moved and seconded (Tim Lissimore/Paulette Philips) That Mary Duncan be named educational supervisor for Ann White. **Carried**

**Motion 113/2006** Moved & seconded (Tim Lissimore/Mary Duncan) That Westminster Presbytery strike a discernment committee for Kimiko Karpoff and appoint two people to serve on the committee. **Carried**

**Adjournment** was moved by Ian Macdonald at 9:12 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary

**Executive meeting Tuesday October 17/06 at Deer Lake United - time TBA**

**Next regular meeting November 7/06 - place TBA**