

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERY EXECUTIVE MEETING
October 13, 2010 from 9:30 – 12:00
Eagle Ridge United Church

Present: Dave Anderson, Shannon Tennant, Bruce Cowburn, Sue Kellas, Carole Finch, Jan Bihl, Doug Throop, Scott Turnbrook, Brian Burke

Visitors: Richard Bott, Doug Goodwin

Regrets: Carol Cox, Julie LeBrun

- 1 During the Check-in time reports of turkey eating were received, then Scott Turnbrook led the executive in prayer.
- 2 Authority: The meeting of the Executive of Westminster Presbytery of the United Church of Canada was convened at the call of the Chair, Scott Turnbrook, at Eagle Ridge United Church, Coquitlam, B.C., at 10 a.m.
- 3 Agenda:
Motion 56/2010: It was moved by Doug Throop, seconded by Dave Anderson that the agenda be adopted.
Carried.
- 4 East Burnaby United Church Assets: A proposal for the distribution of the assets from the sale of the East Burnaby United Church building was presented by Doug Goodwin, Executive Secretary of B.C. Conference and Richard Bott. There was much discussion and it was decided that the executive approved the plan in principle but it would appropriate for this idea to be presented and discussed at the Presbytery Retreat.

Action: Retreat Planning Team
- 5 Adoption of executive minutes from September 8, 2010
Motion 56/2010: It was moved by Doug Throop, seconded by Carole Finch, that the minutes of the September 8, 2010, executive meeting be approved. **Carried.**
- 6 Business arising from the Minutes:
 - 6.1 Carole reported that she has had no luck contacting Nellie;
 - 6.2 Dave has clarified with Marina about treasurer thing;
 - 6.3 Mary has been enrolled on ADP for the youth ministry facilitator position through Shiloh-Sixth Avenue United Church;

Action: Bruce will contact Vilma Del Mundo about remitting money to cover her salary.
 - 6.4 There will be a racial justice workshop for Westminster Presbytery offered at some point.
- 7 Correspondence
 - 7.1 A letter from Mary Nichol asking for a statement of the youth ministry budget and for administrative access to the presbytery website – both of these have already been dealt with,
 - 7.2 A series of questions & answers about staff cuts has been received from General Council.
- 8 New Business
 - 8.1 *Regular meeting date conversation*: It was agreed that the second Wednesday of the month would be the regular meeting day and time for the executive.
 - 8.2 *Retiring the Joint Search Committee for Queens Avenue UC*
Motion 57/2010: It was moved by Doug Throop, seconded by Brian Burke, to disband the Joint Search Committee of Queens Avenue United Church with thanks. **Carried.**
 - 8.3 *Presbyter Ministry Focus Document*: The distribution of presbyters amongst the divisions was considered, and it was generally agreed that, in particular, clergy need to be participating in the work of presbytery and, in general, there is work not getting done because human resources are lacking.
Motion 58/2010: It was moved by Dave Anderson, seconded by Jan Bihl, that \$5000 from the Lower Mainland Mission enhancement fund be directed to hire consultants for congregational support for needed work in areas identified by Pastoral Oversight visits. **Carried.**

9 Divisional Business

9.1 *Treasurer's Report*: No printed report was available, the most recent one having been presented at the full court meeting; these reports will always be a month behind.

Motion 58/2010: It was moved by Jan Bihl, seconded by Doug Throop, that the financial report be accepted.

Carried.

9.2 Bruce outlined the plans for the next audit (July 2009 - June 2010) and indicated that he would like to put in place a PAR system for presbytery allocations. The budgeting process for 2011 has started.

Action: Bruce

10 Pastoral Relations

Motion 59/2010: It was moved by Sue Kellas, seconded by Dave Anderson, that Bethan Theunissen be retained on the roll for pastoral year ending 2011. **Carried.**

11 Fall Retreat Planning: Doug, Scott and Brian will work on this together.

Action: Doug, Scott, Brian

12 Adjournment:

Motion 60/2010 It was moved by DougThroop, seconded by Dave Anderson that the meeting be adjourned.

Carried.

It was concluded with prayer.

The November Executive Meeting will be November 10, 2010, 9:30 – 12.

Chair

Secretary