

Westminster Presbytery **Executive Meeting Held At Eagle Ridge United Church, Tuesday Sept. 2, 2008**

Present: Dave Anderson, Jan Bihl, Richard Bott, Carol Cox, Sue Kellas, Carole Finch, Ian Macdonald, Fred Nienaber

Regrets: Bruce Cowburn, Brenda Faust, Barb. Tunnicliffe

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 12:55 pm on Tuesday September 2, 2008.

Check-In and Opening Prayer

Dave Anderson invited members to check-in and then he offered an opening prayer.

Minutes

Motion 108/2008 Move and seconded (Richard Bott/Carole Finch) That we adopt the minutes of the executive meeting held July 2, 2008. **Carried**

Business Arising

The composition of the Executive will be discussed at the retreat.

A date for the covenanting service for Julie Lebrun will be established by Dave Anderson and Jan Bihl, in consultation with St. Andrew's Port Moody United Church.

Richard Bott will continue to request appointment forms for Barb Tunnicliffe at South Burnaby United Church.

Correspondence

1. General Council - info re General Insurance Plan (Willis) - file
2. Residential Schools UPDATE - file
3. Shannon Tennant - letter of interest re position at Queens Avenue - executive
4. letters of reference for Shannon Tennant - executive
5. Queens Avenue UC Trustees Meeting minutes, August 2008 - executive
6. Brenda Faust - copy of letter sent to Trinity United Church re retirement - executive

Children and Youth

Carol Cox reported on the interviews for the contract position pertaining to Children and Youth at the presbytery level (Motion 62/2008).

Motion 109/2008 Moved and seconded (Ian Macdonald/Carol Cox) That Westminster Presbytery offer the position of supply Children and Youth Researcher to Kerry Child on a contract basis, 7 hours per week at \$20.00 per hour plus travel from September 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008. **Carried**

A Needs Assessment Committee for the presbytery Children and Youth Position will be discussed at the September retreat meeting.

Pastoral Relations

Motion 110/2008 Moved and seconded (Richard Bott/Jan Bihl) That we accept the request for a change in pastoral relations from Brenda Faust effective December 31, 2008. **Carried**

Richard Bott and Jan Bihl will meet with Trinity United Church to discuss their current JNAC report.

Motion 111/2008 Moved and seconded (Richard Bott/Carole Finch) That Westminster Presbytery appoint Gabrielle McLarty to Ellesmere United Church as a lay minister, 20 hours per week at a monthly salary of \$1,464.83, monthly housing of \$1,010.00, basic telephone of \$22 per month and monthly study /book allowance of \$50.00. All other terms according to the Manual. **Carried**

A current police records check has been seen.

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Pastoral Relations (Cont'd)

Shiloh-Sixth Avenue United Church

Richard Bott reported that the Board and congregation of Shiloh-Sixth Avenue have approved the JNAC report and they will be seeking a half time Children and Youth position and a full time lead minister position. They will be investigating supply until an appointment for a lead minister can be made.

Motion 112/2008 Moved and seconded (Richard Bott/Fred Nienaber) That Westminster Presbytery accept the JNAC report from Shiloh-Sixth Avenue United Church. **Carried**

Future draft copies of documents and reports will be posted on a secure portion of the presbytery web site.

Motion 113/2008 Moved and seconded (Richard Bott/Ian Macdonald) That Westminster Presbytery declare a vacancy for a full time ministry position for a lead minister at Shiloh-Sixth Avenue United Church. **Carried**

Motion 114/2008 Moved and seconded (Richard Bott/Ian Macdonald) That Westminster Presbytery declare a part time, 20 hours per week children, youth and young adult position at Shiloh-sixth Avenue United Church effective immediately. **Carried**

Motion 115/2008 Moved and seconded (Richard Bott/Fred Nienaber) That Rev. Dal McCrindle's membership be transferred from Westminster Presbytery to Vancouver Burrard Presbytery effective August 1, 2008. **Carried**

Queens Avenue United Church

Richard Bott, a member of the mediation commission, outlined the agreement mediated with Queens Avenue United Church. This agreement will allow the congregation to continue its ministry under the supervision of presbytery.

Motion 116/2008 Moved and seconded (Richard Bott/Ian Macdonald) That Westminster Presbytery rescind its decision to disband the pastoral charge of Queens Avenue United Church (Motion 141/2007). **Carried with 1 abstention**

Motion 117/2008 Moved and seconded (Ian Macdonald/Fred Nienaber) That Westminster Presbytery thank the members of the commission, (Richard Bott, Bruce Cowburn, Mary Duncan, Sue Kellas, Jean MacLeod) who mediated with Queens Avenue United Church. **Carried**

Motion 118/2008 Moved and seconded (Ian Macdonald/Jan Bihl) That Westminster Presbytery affirm the agreement that the commission made with Queens Avenue United Church. **Carried**

It is now necessary to select four persons to serve on Queens Avenue's Board and Board of Trustees.

Richard Bott declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.

Discussion took place about a suitable candidate to fill a three year appointment at Queens Avenue. It was agreed to postpone this decision for a few days.

Richard Bott returned to the meeting.

Motion 119/2008 Moved and seconded (Fred Nienaber/Carole Finch) That Shannon Tennant be named pastoral charge supervisor at Queens Avenue United Church. **Carried**
Richard Bott abstained

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Queens Avenue (Cont'd)

Motion 120/2008 Moved and seconded (Ian Macdonald/Jan Bihl) That Jean Macleod and Sue Kellas, members of the presbytery mediation commission, be named interim presbytery representatives to Queens Avenue United Church in order that the congregation might hold a Board meeting on September 9/08.

Carried

Richard Bott abstained

Retreat Planning

Dave Anderson presented a model to illustrate the areas of responsibility within presbytery. He will produce a document illustrating this for consideration at the September retreat.

Carol Cox presented a draft of the agenda for the retreat and after some discussion it was agreed that the committee would make the necessary changes.

Presbytery File Cabinet

The file cabinet is now stored at Como Lake and it is necessary to relocate it. Jan Bihl agreed to investigate the contents of the file cabinet and report back. Suggestions about relocation included St. Andrew's Haney for the chair of Pastoral Relations and the home of the current secretary.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm

Chair

Secretary

Next Regular Meeting September 4-6/08 Bowen Island

Next Executive Meeting TBA