

**OAK BANK UNITED CHURCH
UNIFIED BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 11, 2017**

PRESENT: Bobbie Tucker, Brenda Tjaden, Nettie Rayner, Doug Rayner, Tammy Bleue, Kim Reid, Ian Reid, Bruce McLean, Kori Van Ryssel, Karen Ivison, Stacy Walterson, Marge Habing, Hans Peper, Barb Bromilow, Karen Hunt, Maureen McCartney, Linda Rogers, Ardith Cook, Lawrie Kyle, Irene Peters, Kathy Randall, Louise Laing, Barb Zawada.

REGRETS: Doug Zawada, Joan Nurse.

CALL TO ORDER: Bobbie Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Led by Tammy.

Barb Bromilow read the statement acknowledging Territory lands.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

New donation policy for memorial gifts.
Finalize details for the Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction workshop.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

#16, 2017 Motion: To approve the minutes of the February 14th, 2017 Unified Board Meeting, with minor amendments.

Moved by: Brenda Tjaden **Seconded by:** Louise Laing **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

The German congregation notifying the end of the rental arrangement on June 30th.

Maureen and the Stewardship Committee will dialogue and negotiate with the other new congregation that has inquired about our services.

Rental services.

CORRESPONDENCE IN / OUT: None.

MINISTERS' REPORT: As previously sent by Maureen.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Lawrie Kyle. A big highlight is the roof loan being paid off.

#17, 2017 Motion: That the January and February 2017 Treasurer's reports be accepted as received.

Moved by: Lawrie Kyle **Seconded by:** Kathy Randall **CARRIED**

#18, 2017 Motion: That the March 2017 Treasurer's report be accepted as received.

Moved by: Lawrie Kyle **Seconded by:** Marge Habing **CARRIED**

As it pertains to the \$200 donation to the 'Library Fund', Bobbie noted that this project is looking for a coordinator. Volunteers welcome.

PRESBYTERY REPORT: No meeting and no official report this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ministry and Personnel: As sent by Irene Peters. Kori Van Ryssel explained the concept of a health spending account: a tax-preferred way for the church to pay medical fees for staff.

#19, 2017 Motion: To set up a \$500 health spending account for the Admin Assistant (based on a 14 hour work week).

Moved by: Irene Peters **Seconded by:** Kim Reid **CARRIED**

#20, 2017 Motion: That the following increases be approved for staff:

- 1) That Donna McLeod, Custodian, be paid \$191.91 per session.
- 2) That Linda Rodgers, Music Director, be paid \$85.58 per session.
- 3) That Wendy Carriere, Administrative Assistant, be paid \$16.75 per hour.

M&P will review the question of paying Linda for planning time with the Minister. Currently she is only billing mileage for these sessions.

Moved by: Irene Peters **Seconded by:** Kathy Randall **CARRIED**

Stewardship: Verbal report provided by Hans Peper, written to follow.

#21, 2017 Motion: That \$750 from dinner theatre revenues be allocated to Outreach to be donated to the Springfield Food Bank.

Moved by: Bobbie Tucker **Seconded by:** Stacey Walterson **CARRIED**

Christian Education: As sent by Karen Ivison.

Pastoral Care: As sent by Kathy Randall.

Worship: As sent by Karen Hunt.

The Worship Committee will be looking for volunteers for banners.

Fellowship: As sent by Louise Laing.

Outreach: As sent by Barb Bromilow. The blanket ceremony has been postponed until fall due to the presenter being unavailable.

Building and Property: As submitted by Doug Zawada.

GROUP/INDIVIDUAL REPORTS:

United Company: Hans will be serving one more year as Board representative. Marlene Jonker is the new director. Laurel Demler resigned as producer. A survey is being planned to collect feedback from everyone involved in the dinner theatre.

Vision Fund: Update provided by Hans. The committee welcomes new project ideas.

NEW BUSINESS:

Regarding Remit #4, Funding a New Model, Bobbie presented an overview of how the United Church is coming into line with other denominations to assess congregations in a new way, based on revenues net after donations. More details were contained in the report and can be found on the United Church web site.

#22, 2017 Motion: To agree to vote Yes to Remit 4, Funding a New Model.

Moved by: Bobbie Tucker

Seconded by: Bruce McLean

CARRIED

Outreach will discuss the criteria for scholarships and support for ministry students.

A 2017/18 church calendar planning meeting will be held on June 13th, before the monthly board meeting, at 6:30 pm.

The Vision and Oversight reports will be followed up on in the process of developing a new ministry position. Each committee chair will review the reports, discuss any relevant pieces, discuss next steps and report back to the Board in future committee reports, with a focus on pieces that are relevant to the new ministry role(s). The feedback request will also be sent to the congregation and collated by Bobbie. Feedback will be received by May 1st and forwarded to Selkirk Presbytery.

The Ministry Profile committee will be struck in a congregational meeting to be held April 30th. Nominating committee members are Barb Bromilow, Barb Zawada and Bobbie Tucker

#23, 2017 Motion: That a meeting of OBUC congregation be held on Sunday, April 30th, 2017 following the worship service to appoint members to the Ministry Profile Committee, with formal notice of the meeting given on April 16th and 23rd, 2017.

Moved by: Marge Habing

Seconded by: Karen Ivison

CARRIED

In lieu of making a \$15 donation to the M&S fund upon congregational bereavements, the Pastoral Care committee has considered various alternatives. Cards have been printed at some cost reflecting the current policy. Depending on the number of cards the Board may consider a change in an upcoming meeting.

The Andrew Dunn Foundation is planning a course on Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction and would like to use the hall, in the September-November window. Irene will take back to the Andrew Dunn committee

#23, 2017 Motion: To approve the use of OBUC for MBSR for 8 weeks beginning Monday September 18, culminating November 25th.

Moved by: Irene Peters

Seconded by: Karen Ivison

CLOSING PRAYER: Maureen closed the meeting in prayer at 9:40 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, May 9th at 7:30 p.m. (Coffee at 7:15 p.m.)

Chairperson: _____

Clerk: _____

Bobbie Tucker

Brenda Tjaden