

**OAK BANK UNITED CHURCH
UNIFIED BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 14, 2018**

PRESENT: Bobbie Tucker, Lawrie Kyle, David MacLean, Ashleigh Gusberti, Laurie Peper, Maureen McCartney, Ardith Cook, Neil Jonker, Nettie Rayner, Jane Wells-Fargo, Barb Bromilow, Diane Carruthers, Karen Hunt, Ed Neufeld, Barb Zawada, Brenda Tjaden.

REGRETS: Neil Jonker, David MacLean, Lawrie Kyle, Ardith Cook, Barb Bromilow

CALL TO ORDER: Bobbie Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:06pm

OPENING PRAYER: Led by Maureen.

Mission and Vision read in unison.

Acknowledgement of Treaty Land read by David MacLean.

Introductions of new and returning Board members.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Introduction of the new Board
BC Children's choir visit

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

#22, 2018 Motion: To approve the minutes of the February 14th, 2018 Board meeting.

Moved by: Brenda Tjaden

Seconded by: Ardith Cook

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Maureen spoke with Katherine Hofley about coming to make a presentation on planned giving. It won't be possible to organize an event in March as was previously hoped. The question is referred back to the Stewardship Committee with a recommendation to plan it for fall.

Still waiting to hear back on the installation of hearing-assisted headsets.

Laurie Peper reported that MCC did not have a spot for the Syrian refugee family that we had hoped to sponsor. We may go back on the list and attempt to sponsor the family again in December. Laurie is also looking to get the family onto the United Church of Canada's list for next year, and to explore additional avenues. This project will be managed in future by the Outreach committee.

CORRESONDENCE IN/OUT:

The office received an invitation to a St. Patrick's Day party hosted by the Selkirk group hosting a Syrian refugee family.

MINISTERS' REPORT: As sent by Maureen.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented for the past two months by Lawrie Kyle.

#23, 2018 Motion: To approve the financial statements from January and February, 2018.

Moved by: Lawrie Kyle **Seconded by:** Barb Bromilow **CARRIED**

Selkirk Presbytery Report: As sent by Bobbie.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ministry and Personnel: As previously sent.

#24, 2018 Motion: The Unified Board of Oakbank United Church approves the renewal of the halftime appointment (20 hrs/wk) for Maureen McCartney effective July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 as per the new compensation model with the following terms :

1. Salary at Category D –COL 3 (DLM) halftime $\$55,541/2 = 27, 770.50$
2. Basic telephone for home (excluding personal long distance) \$480
3. Continuing Education and Learning $\$1,393.00 /2 = \$ 696.50$ per year
4. Three weeks of study leave within each pastoral year including Sundays.
5. No less than three consecutive months of sabbatical after five consecutive years of service to the pastoral charge that is party to this covenant.
6. A minimum of one month vacation (including 5 Sundays) within each pastoral year (July 1 – June 30)
7. Moving expenses (based on reasonable estimates) Not Applicable
8. Adequate secretarial assistance defined as 12 hours per week
9. Travel expenses reimbursement (based on current Minimum Salaries for Ministry Personnel)
10. Pension and other benefits as assessed.

With the Pastoral Charge committing to remuneration of the ministry personnel through the Pastoral Charge Payroll Service (ADP) J01A

And that a copy of this motion and PR 450 Form be sent to the MNWO Settlement Commission with this request.

Moved by: Ashleigh Gusberti **Seconded by:** Nettie Rayner **CARRIED**

Stewardship: No report. The Vision Fund committee approved the Selo dancers to use the hall for practice at no cost, Sunday March 18.

CE: As sent by Stacey Walterson.

Pastoral Care: No report. Looking for members of the committee and someone to take on the cheer fund.

Worship: Karen Hunt provided a verbal report. The recommendation is to close in July, subject to the schedule of the possible new minister expected to be hired by then.

Fellowship: As sent by Nettie Rayner.

Outreach: As sent by Barb Bromilow.

Building and Property: As previously sent by Doug Zawada.

GROUP/INDIVIDUAL REPORTS:

United Company: Verbal report given by Neil Jonker. Barb Zawada wished to acknowledge Barb Kyle for her special contribution to this year's event around ticket sales -- only one went unsold for the entire run! Bobbie reminded the group of the upcoming DVD performance viewing party to be at Springfield Community Club, for a cost of \$31 including dinner.

#25, 2018 Motion: To donate \$700 from the proceeds of the sale of leftover dinners from the 2019 performances to Springfield Food Bank.

Moved by: Neil Jonker

Seconded by: Ardith Cook

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

SCI has asked if they could use the hall for about a week on June 7-8, with the stage set up, sound and lights, for an upcoming performance of the drama club. The question will be brought to a vote in April, and in the meantime the Vision Committee will discuss whether or not to charge fees. Barb will circle back to the drama instructor and provide additional details regarding logistics, contact people, schedule, needs, etc.

The April 8 service will include a 5-minute drama about the new adult ed. library, and the covenanting service. Board members are urged to attend.

A review of the oversight committee report from last year was completed.

The 'Ascend Collective' is the new name of the platform that hosts our web site. It is exciting to note that out of 60+ church websites, OBUC featured as one of 7 users... kudos to Jaime Kyle for that! Discussion and a decision around how much and what content to post on the web site is referred to the new records survey committee.

Calendar planning will happen prior to the June 13 Board meeting, starting at 6pm. Kim Reid will be asked to co-ordinate pizza.

Spring evacuation drill date needs to be set. Building and Property will be asked to consider it on May 6th.

The Dugald congregation was offered a visit from a children's choir from Coquitlam, BC on May 20th. Maureen will reply that attendance may be less that service due to the long weekend, but that we would love to have them and we will attempt to plan a lunch for them after.

Brenda has been tasked to determine if there's interest to put on a community church service as part of Chicken Daze. If there is, we would have to decide to support that service in lieu of our own on June 10th. Brenda will bring back more information for a decision next month.

Karen suggests a meet-and-greet fellowship Sunday for the (potential) new minister in May or June. M&P to inquire with the candidate after Sunday's congregational vote.

CLOSING PRAYER: Maureen closed the meeting in prayer at 9:16pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, April 11th at **7:00 p.m.** (Coffee at 6:45 p.m.).

Chairperson: _____
Bobbie Tucker

Clerk: _____
Brenda Tjaden