

**OAK BANK UNITED CHURCH
UNIFIED BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 11, 2018**

PRESENT: Bobbie Tucker, Joan Nurse, Barbara Bromilow, Ashleigh Gusberti, Laurie Peper, Maureen McCartney, Jane Wells-Farrell, Diane Carruthers, Karen Hunt, Ed Neufeld, Barb Zawada, Brenda Tjaden, Ian Reid, Kim Reid, Stacey Walterson, Doug Zawada, Phil Ginter, Stan Penner (Guest).

REGRETS: Neil Jonker, Nettie Rayner, Alan Demler, David MacLean, Lawrie Kyle, Ardith Cook.

CALL TO ORDER: Bobbie Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

OPENING PRAYER: In lieu of prayer, a moment of silence was held with thoughts of the recent Humboldt Broncos bus crash in Saskatchewan.

Mission and Vision read in unison.

Acknowledgement of Treaty Land read by Maureen.

Introductions of new and returning Board members.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

#27, 2018 Motion: To approve the minutes of the March 14th, 2018 Board meeting.

Moved by: Brenda Tjaden

Seconded by: Laurie Peper

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Hans will approach Katherine Hoffley to discuss a visit and presentation on planned giving in the Fall. He will co-ordinate with Maureen to finalize a date. Katherine will explain the various avenues for giving to the church that are available, some of which may be unfamiliar to us.

Building and Property and Stan Penner of Stewardship are researching the options and comparing costs for the installation of hearing-assisted headsets. They are targeting to have this complete by September 2018. They come in a set of 4, at an estimated cost of \$3,000. The committee will report back with a firm plan for moving forward with in June.

The BC Children's choir has been invited for May 20 with lunch. Fellowship will discuss it at their next meeting and determine if we can hold a congregational lunch, for a decision at the May meeting.

Kristin Woodburke will be invited to attend the June 13, 2018 planning meeting.

CORRENSONDENCE IN/OUT:

Bobbie wrote to Dugald United Church advising them of our new filled ministry position and discussing summer hours.

A poster was circulated regarding a session in ecumenical ministry being held in May at Charleswood United. Anyone who is interested in attending, please let the Executive know and we may cover the registration cost.

MINISTERS' REPORT: As sent by Maureen.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ian Reid reviewed the financial report as previously sent by Lawrie Kyle.

#28, 2018 Motion: To approve the financial statements from March, 2018, with one question to be clarified by the Treasurer.

Moved by: Ian Reid **Seconded by:** Ashleigh Gusberti **CARRIED**

Selkirk Presbytery Report: No report. Next meeting is at the end of April.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#29, 2018 Motion: To request licensing from the conference of Manitoba and NW for Kristin Woodburke to administer the sacraments.

Moved by: Ashleigh Gusberti **Seconded by:** Kim Reid **CARRIED**

Ministry and Personnel: As previously sent by Kim Reid.

Stewardship: As previously sent by Ian Reid. The Vision Fund committee approved the Selo dancers to use the hall for practice at no cost, Sunday March 18.

#30, 2018 Motion: To approve an expenditure up to \$750 for a Messy Church event to be held May 4.

Moved by: Ian Reid **Seconded by:** Stacey Walterson **CARRIED**

CE: As sent by Stacey Walterson. She highlighted the importance of checking with Karen Ivison before posting any photos of children, whose parents may have requested not to have them posted online. Stacey will make a mention of this for posting in the bulletin.

Pastoral Care: No report. Maureen is still looking for a team of support.

Worship: As sent by Karen Hunt.

Fellowship: No report. Next meeting will be held this Friday.

Outreach: As sent by Barb Bromilow.

Building and Property: As previously sent by Doug Zawada. The committee is going to review and open up discussions with One Insurance and update the current status of the church to review and update the policy.

GROUP/INDIVIDUAL REPORTS:

United Company: No report. Plans for next year are on the table with no firm decisions made yet.

Vision Fund: As previously covered by Ian. Discussions are underway around the Stewardship table around structuring givings. As the fund is new, the guidelines around projects and amounts still need to be continually reviewed and evolved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Records committee update deferred to the May meeting.

Bobbie presented the information and research she has uncovered regarding the requirements to declare a ministry an 'Affirming Ministry.' Maureen's contact person is busy until fall, so the decision on whether to pursue this process by inviting her out to share the experience at River Heights United, will be made once Kristin has settled in.

CLOSING PRAYER: Maureen closed the meeting in prayer at 8:37 pm.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson: _____
Bobbie Tucker

Clerk: _____
Brenda Tjaden