



HURON SHORES UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Huron Shores United Church
Thursday October 17, 2019 – 4:00 PM

Present:

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| 1. Janice Sinker: Council Chair | 8. Ruth Ann Eagleson: Regional Council Rep. |
| 2. Rev. Dr. Kate Crawford: Minister (by phone) | 9. Bob Illman, Trustees |
| 3. Christine Bregman: Recording Secretary | 10. Elise Feltrin, Community Wellness Coordinator |
| 4. Debbie Procter: Property Management | 11. Janna Oud, Office Administrator |
| 5. Wilma Harris: Worship Team | 12. Virginia Scott, Christian Development |
| 6. Charles MacDonald: Ministry and Personnel | |
| 7. Bryan Beattie: Finance Team | |

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:07pm by Council Chair, Janice Sinker. Quorum was present.

Janice welcomed the new office administrator, Janna Oud, to the meeting.

2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Territory Statement

Council read the statement aloud.

3. Opening Prayer

Rev. Dr. Kate Crawford opened the meeting with prayer.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion: That the agenda be approved. Moved. Seconded. Carried.

5. Correspondence and Announcements

- An email from Debra Gill was received.
- A letter from Trish Challen was received.
- The CBC video, *Canada set to lose 9,000 churches in the next decade*, was viewed.
- A letter from Trish Challen was received.
- Bob Illman read a letter to the meeting.

Motion: That the letters and emails listed above be referred to the Cross Working Group. Moved. Seconded. Discussed. Carried.

Discussion: Janice Sinker will respond to the correspondents that their letters and emails have been referred to the Cross Working Group.

Janice Sinker, Chair of Council

Christine Bregman, Recording Secretary



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6. Review and Approval of September 19, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion: That the September 19, 2019 Council meeting minutes be accepted. Moved. Seconded. Discussed Carried.

7. Review and Approval of September 23, 2019 Special Council Meeting Minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the September 23, 2019 Special Council Meeting be accepted as amended. Moved. Seconded. Discussed. Carried.

Amendments: Janice Sinker chaired the meeting; the meeting secretary was Charles MacDonald.

8. Business Arising

a. Concert Hall Operation

The Concert Hall Working group has been disbanded. The next step is to form a group to operate Grand Bend Place in the future. Former working group members were thanked and invited to be members of the new working group. Bob Illman, Janice Sinker and Christine Bregman have offered to be on the new working group. Tom Taylor and Barry Fassina from the community have come forward to be part of the working group.

Motion: That the following motions be accepted as read. Moved. Seconded. Discussed. Carried.

1. That Council establish a Grand Bend Place Working Group (GBPWG) to continue the work of the Concert Hall Working Group (CHWG), in creating an entity to fulfil the requirements of secular granting agencies that their funds not be directed to the operation of a religious organization.
2. That the GBPWG receive the report of the CHWG as a foundation and guide for further work.
3. That the GBPWG membership must include members of the congregation and may include members of the wider community.
4. That the GBPWG report directly to the Finance Team at its monthly meetings, and through Finance to Council and the congregation. The Finance Team is to provide accountability and reviews. Incorporation of the Grand Bend Place Board of Directors is not envisioned in the foreseeable future nor should it be pursued without Council approval.
5. That the Huron Shores United Church best practices for collecting money, budgeting, expensing and tracking money (including grants) will be used.
6. That the GBPWG may pursue commitments with paid talent only after approval from the Finance Team.



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Discussion:

- A plan has been submitted to the Finance Team with respect to cash flow while the GBPWG is connected to Huron Shores United Church (HSUC). The Finance Team would create a separate set of records for Grand Bend Place – Centre for the Living Arts.
- A proposal has been put forward to create a separate entity mostly to remove liability to HSUC and to provide opportunities to apply for grants that exclude churches.
- There is a need for an explanation to the congregation about the name and operation of Grand Bend Place.

b. Kitchen Occupancy

The final occupancy report is expected within a week's time.

c. Street Preachers

Rev. Dr. Kate Crawford, Janice Sinker, Bob Illman and Wilma Harris will meet to discuss an action plan in the event a church service is disrupted.

d. Scheduling Calendar

Janice Sinker will develop and present a scheduling calendar to Council.

9. **New Business**

The Grand Bend Legion is hosting a food handling course on May 5, 2020. Council members were encouraged to take the course.

10. **Financial Report**

- Bryan Beattie read his letter aloud regarding making our church a vital part of our community. He recommended that Council demonstrate that they and the congregation remain wholly behind the approach of reinventing ourselves and the way that our building is offered to and used by the community.
- Fundraising revenue is below the budgeted amount; Debra Gill believes the budget target will be met by year end.
- The Community Wellness program has started; the associated revenue and expenses are in the operating statement.
- Operating costs, with the exception of utilities (mostly hydro related to air conditioning), are within budget.
- Kitchen completion costs are higher than expected; more one-time donations have been allocated to the revenue side of the account; and more contributions are coming in 2019.
- Funds are coming in for the debt retirement.
- Interest and partial debenture repayments are due in November.
- Team leaders will receive an email from Bryan to request their team's 2020 budget.



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- The Stewardship Working Group will be making announcements throughout October to encourage givings.
- Fundraising ideas were discussed including a Time and Talent Auction and scrap metal collection.

11. Team and Working Group Reports

WOW

Four people will attend the next Western Ontario Waterways (WOW) Regional Council Meeting in early November.

Nominations Working Group

- The Affirm Team and Congregational Team chair positions are currently vacant.
- Janice Sinker will make a verbal announcement at the next Sunday service requesting volunteers for the vacancies.

Sabbatical Working Group

A Leadership Information Event will take place Nov. 6 at 4pm.

Community Wellness Coordinator

- Community Bulletin Board/ Water Fountain/Labyrinth Project: A redesign of the front lawn area may be involved. The Outdoor Working Group chair and Trustees wish to be consulted to prepare a proposal to submit to the GBACHC to include in their Ontario Trillium Foundation Growth Grant application.
- Knitting Pilgrim Event: Bryan Beattie will sign the contract with the performer. Grant program money and ticket sales will be used to fund the event.

Christian Development

- The next team meeting is Oct. 21.
- A Death Café will take place Oct. 27 at 7pm.

Accessibility Team

Motion: That a stage ramp be installed each time the stage is set up for a church service. Moved. Seconded. Discussed. Carried.

Discussion: Third-party groups using the stage will be advised that there is a ramp if needed.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:18pm.

13. Next Meeting: November 21, 2019 at 4:00pm.