

**The United Church of Canada  
Winnipeg Presbytery – Executive Meeting  
Tuesday, May 23, 2017**

**The Presbytery Executive met on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at 3:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's River Heights United Church with the Chair of Presbytery, Janet Walker, presiding.**

**Present: 13**

**Quorum: Yes**

Armstrong, Jack  
Baschak, Richard  
Best, Mary

Murray, Deborah  
Paul, Linda  
Quinn, Doris

Rutherford, Beth  
Walker, Janet (Chair)  
Windsor, Dorcas

**Visitors:**

Johnson, Don  
Manley-Tannis, Richard

Rutherford, Dwight

Shepherd, Loraine MacKenzie

**Regrets:**

Woodbeck, Patrick

**1. Call to Order / 2. Devotions**

Janet Walker welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. and opened with prayer.

**3. Omnibus Motion A - Procedural Motions**

Moved: Deborah Murray

Seconded: Richard Baschak

**068/2017 Courtesy:**

“That all visitors and guests be made corresponding members for this meeting.”

**069/2017 Agenda:**

“That the agenda be approved as presented”

**070/2017 Correspondence:**

“That the correspondence be received and referred as noted.”

**071/2017 April 25, 2017 Minutes:**

“That the draft minutes of the Executive meeting of April 25, 2017, be approved as printed and circulated. (pages 8866-8872).”

**072/2017 Quorum for May 23, 2017:** Quorum had been achieved for the May 23, 2017 meeting.”

**CARRIED**

**4. Nominating Committee**

It was agreed that the Nominating Committee report be moved up on the agenda.

**Motion 073/2017 – Nomination Approval – Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd – Chair-Elect**

Moved: Doris Quinn

Seconded: Mary Best

“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive approves the nomination of Loraine Mackenzie Shepherd as Chair-elect effective immediately, with the intention of assuming the role of Chair of Presbytery at the rise of Conference 2017.”

**CARRIED**

Loraine accepted the decision with the proviso that should the need arise that she would not be involved in any issues related to SAPRPP, based on an outdated binary analysis of power. The executive supported this proviso unanimously.

A brief discussion ensued about whether it might be possible to increase the number of members-at large. The necessary research will be done to determine if this is possible.

**5. Spirit Path**

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Janet reported that she and Beth attended the last meeting of the Spirit Path Leadership Team. It is now clear that the Anglicans will no longer support the initiative after June 30. They will leave in place their ¼ time person. The Lutherans contributed \$10,000 to the end of June and committed a further \$10,000 for the fall. It has become clear that the Leadership Team has coalesced to a degree and taken ownership of promoting Spirit Path through running a stewardship campaign and organizing a planning meeting.

For our purposes the initiative is no longer an equal partnership. There will be an exit interview with Cole Grambo and the points that he raises at that time will be shared with the Leadership Team.

Presbytery is suggesting that the congregation needs to be linked to an existing congregation for administrative purposes but not to be a controlling body.

The Team is developing a position description for a possible replacement for Cole. Larry Ulrich will be using a tool to do a needs assessment.

Funding for the continuation of Spirit Path can continue only if there is a congregation willing to take on the admin role.

It was suggested that there is the possibility that the congregation could be affiliated with either the Anglicans or the Lutherans and not necessarily the United Church.

Maggie Zoske will send the Edge report and the related motions on Spirit Path to Loraine so that she may bring herself up to speed.

**6. Meetings for 2017-2018**

The Executive will continue to meet monthly. Loraine is suggesting that the meetings begin at 2:30 p.m. in order to accommodate her evening schedule. The Executive did not object. For now the meetings will continue at St Andrew's River Heights United Church.

The Executive talked about the frequency of the full court. We discussed practising meeting less and also the items that will need to be addressed if the remits pass. Such items as CDI and Staffing and office, proposals as it is a General Council year, etc., will all take time.

It was agreed to take the frequency of the Presbytery meeting to the full court in June to ask them how often they would like to meet and if they would like one or two all-day meetings.

**7. Correspondence Item #17-49 – Refugee Sponsorship – Dauphin First United Church**

It was agreed that the correspondence will be shared throughout Presbytery. Maggie Zoske will assume this responsibility.

**8. Correspondence Item #17-50 - Pastoral Oversight Report – Community Ministries**

After considerable discussion of the recommendation by the oversight group it was suggested that it would be helpful if congregations were asked about their involvement with the Partners in Mission. Some guiding questions are:

What does it mean to be involved with the Partners in Mission?

Do you have reps going to the meetings?

What are the challenges?

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There was a suggestion that since a number of the Partners are no longer partners that there may be a need to realign partners with existing congregations in order to bring about more equity.

Richard Manley-Tannis will communicate with the congregations to try to determine how they are connected to Partners in Mission.

Regarding recommendation #4: It was stated that as members of Presbytery the Ministries are already involved in determining how monies are spent.

The recommendation that 15% of funds from building sales go to 1Just City needs to be discussed by the full court. The Manual is clear on how funds are to be dealt with. Presbytery has an association with CDI that is linked to the policies in the Manual. This will be brought to the June meeting for discussion.

**8.a. Pastoral Oversight Committee**

Don Johnson recommended that the Pastoral Oversight Committee be disbanded as the needs of Presbytery have changed over time. A question was raised as to what to do in an emergency. It was discussed that individual members be approached to serve as a Team-on-call in case of need.

**Motion 074/2017 – Pastoral Oversight Committee to be Disbanded**

Moved: Jack Armstrong

Seconded: Richard Baschak

“That the Pastoral Oversight Committee be disbanded with thanks to all current members and past members for their dedicated service.”

**CARRIED**

The files will be transferred to the Presbytery Office for storage and safekeeping.

**9. Correspondence Item #17-52 – St. James Open Doors Group Report (Building Options)**

The Correspondence from Joycelyn Gawryluk and Karen Burgogne was discussed at length. Janet Walker had communicated with them that it is not possible for their group to hold congregational meetings to discuss amalgamation without the presence and support of Presbytery. The task group’s mandate had been to do an audit of building usage. From this task group came the recommendations for amalgamation and congregational meetings to vote. Firstly, the task group was not made up of duly appointed representatives from the congregations; secondly, it did not report on its task; and thirdly, it exceeded its mandate by recommending amalgamation.

The request to use the funds remaining from the Communications Coordinator to offer support to an amalgamation worker changes the mandate and therefore are not available.

The funds remaining in the Communication Coordinator Fund have reverted to CDI and are no longer open to the discretion of the Group. This group had emerged out of the Regehr workshop but in essence had exceeded its mandate.

**Motion 075/2017 – Request from St. James Open Doors Group for Presbytery Representation Denied**

Moved: Linda Paul

Seconded: Richard Baschak

“That the request for the presbytery reps for the meetings and the budget be denied.” **CARRIED**

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Linda Paul will write a letter explaining why this motion was necessary.

Some rational will include that clergy need to be involved in any discussion of amalgamation. There needs to be consultation with Presbytery Chair and/or other presbytery reps. The mandate of the group was to do an audit of the capacity of the buildings that currently exist. It was noted that Kirkfield Park United Church and Silver Heights United Church will not be holding congregational meetings. Sturgeon Creek United Church has a meeting scheduled for June 4. Janet Walker will attend as Presbytery Chair/rep.

**10. Sale of Sparling United Church Property**

Dwight Rutherford explained that there is an offer on the Sparling United Church property.

**Motion 076/2017 – Sale of Sparling United Church Property**

Moved: Mary Best

Seconded: Beth Rutherford

“That the Executive of Winnipeg Presbytery approve the request of Sparling United Church to sell the house and property located at 1490 Burrows Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, legally described as Lot 2, Plan 28501 Parish of St John 37/9, for \$262,000.00 (less legal and realty fees), to Huu Hoa La and Kim Linh To, with a possession date being June 16, 2017.” **CARRIED**

Although there was a second motion from Sparling United Church, it will be necessary to have a conversation with them before the Executive can vote on it.

**11. Affirming Report**

It was thought that the report as it was written could be sent to Affirm United. Linda Paul will coordinate with Maggie Zoske in order to get this done.

**12. Committee Reports**

**a) Personnel**

The temporary 1JustCity Fund Developer replacing Tessa Blaikie Whitecloud while she is on leave is in place. Hannah Bihun assumed the position on May 1, 2017 and will continue until October 31, 2017.

An exit interview with Cole Grambo will be conducted.

**b) Joint Pastoral Relations**

Retained on Roll letters to those who wish to be retained will be sent to those who have not completed the required documentation to remain on the roll. Those who have been communicated with numerous times will be told that this will be the last year that they will be kept on the role without paperwork.

Ha Na Park submitted a letter requesting a change in pastoral relations due to proposed changes in Ministry staffing at United Church in Meadowood.

**Motion 077/2017 – Change in Pastoral Relations – Ha Na Park**

Moved: Richard Baschak

Seconded: Jack Armstrong

“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive accept the request by Ha Na Park for a change in pastoral relations effective September 30, 2017 because of the reduction of ministry positions at The United Church in Meadowood.” **CARRIED**

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The report from the Settlement Commission of the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario dated April 25, 2017 and May 2, 2017, are attached to the permanent record book as **Appendix 17-IX**.

**13. New Business**

Janet Walker was thanked for her service as Presbytery Chair for the past two years.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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**Janet Walker, Chair**

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**Linda Paul, Secretary**

