

**The United Church of Canada  
Winnipeg Presbytery – Executive Meeting  
Tuesday, November 28, 2017**

The Presbytery Executive met on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, at St. Andrew’s River Heights United Church, with the Chair of Presbytery, Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd, presiding.

**Present: 9**

**Quorum: Yes**

Best, Mary  
McConnell, Sherri  
Paul, Linda

Quinn, Doris  
Rutherford, Beth  
Shepherd, Loraine MacKenzie (Chair)

Walker, Janet  
Windsor, Dorcas

**Visitor:**

Manley-Tannis, Richard

**Regrets:**

Armstrong, Jack

Baschak, Richard

Woodbeck, Patrick

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

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and opened with prayer.

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

Moved: Linda Paul

Seconded: Dorcas Windsor

**177/2017 Courtesy:**

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

**178/2017 Agenda:**

“That the agenda be approved as presented”

**179/2017 Correspondence:**

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

**180/2017 October 24, 2017 Minutes:** “That the draft minutes of the Executive meeting of October 24, 2017, be approved as printed and circulated. (pages 8932-8937).”

**181/2017 Quorum for November 28, 2017:** Quorum had been achieved for the November 28, 2017 meeting.” **CARRIED**

**4. Service Agreement – St. Matthew’s-Maryland CM**

This item will be dealt with at the January Executive meeting.

**5. 2018 Congregational Assessments / 2018 Draft Budget**

Doris Quinn presented the recent draft of the 2018 Budget, which included the change in the Conference Assessment, which changed the bottom line. The projected deficit is \$56,460. Janet Walker offered there were Presbytery funds that could be used to offset this deficit.

**Motion 182/2017 – Acceptance of 2018 Winnipeg Presbytery Budget**

Moved: Doris Quinn

Seconded: Janet Walker

“That the 2018 Winnipeg Presbytery budget be accepted as presented (attached to the permanent record book as **Appendix 17-XXII**).”

**CARRIED**

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the possibility of not increasing the assessments for those congregations who were projected to have an increase in 2018.

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**Motion 183/2017 – Winnipeg Presbytery To Offset the Difference for Those  
Congregations Experiencing Increases**

Moved: Beth Rutherford                      Seconded: Mary Best

“Whereas Winnipeg Presbytery is moving into its final year of existence in 2018;  
Whereas Winnipeg Presbytery Executive acknowledges that for the last number of years overall congregational assessments have maintained a 2% increase to ensure our mission;  
Whereas we know congregational assessments in the new model will continue;  
Whereas Winnipeg Presbytery Executive is aware of available funds;  
Whereas in light of the pending changes and a will to exhibit generosity and grace;  
Be it moved, Winnipeg Presbytery Executive approves to offset the difference for those congregations experiencing an increase in 2018.”

**CARRIED**

It was noted that the 2018 congregational assessments had already been mailed to the congregations. It was agreed that Linda Paul would write letters to congregations that would experience an increase in 2018 notifying them that their assessment would not increase in 2018 but would remain the same as in 2017.

**6. Outstanding Congregational Assessments**

Concerns were raised regarding the outstanding assessment of Chinese United Church. It was agreed Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd would contact Paul Campbell, the Pastoral Charge Supervisor to find out their intentions. It was noted that a new minister would not be able to be called until their assessment is paid. It was further noted that if their unpaid assessment moves forward into the new model, they would most likely be dealing with General Council on this matter.

**7. Presbytery Designated Funds**

Janet Walker and Doris Quinn presented a draft of the Winnipeg Presbytery Net Assets (Internally Restricted and Unrestricted), as attached to the permanent record book as **Appendix 17-XXIII**.

It was noted that Winnipeg Presbytery would have to decide what to do with these funds. The Executive can make recommendations to the full court. An initial discussion regarding the end of Winnipeg Presbytery will take place at the February Presbytery meeting at which time these funds could be discussed.

Janet commented that there was enough money in the transition reserve to fund the transition of Presbytery to the new region.

Corrections to some of the amounts were noted. Doris Quinn agreed to make corrections and forward the corrected document to Maggie Zoske to forward to the Executive. Doris remarked that these amounts were based on the audit figures and she would update them monthly.

It was agreed that Maggie Zoske forward the Balance Sheet to the Executive.

It was agreed Doris Quinn would provide an updated Balance Sheet and Net Assets Chart for the January Executive Meeting, where this would be discussed further.

**8. God’s Lake Narrows Christmas Presents**

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd reported that Irene Greenwood had taken the lead and has ample help this year in buying and shipping the presents.

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**9. 1JustCity / Partners in Mission**

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd commented that it was hoped that 1JustCity would be taking over the alignment of partnerships between congregations and community ministries through Partners in Mission.

After a discussion regarding the funding of the Fund Developer's salary and applications to CDI, it was agreed that a letter be sent to 1JustCity outlining the transfer of payroll duties for the Fund Developer January 1, 2018.

It was agreed Linda Paul would write this letter.

**10. St. Matthew's-Maryland Treasurer and Board Member**

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd reported that the St. Matthew's-Maryland Community Ministry Board must continue until 1JustCity received their charitable number and that they need a Treasurer until that takes place.

Loraine approached Doris Quinn who agreed to be the Treasurer during this period. Doris Quinn was thanked by the Executive.

**11. Amalgamation of Sturgeon Creek UC/Silver Heights UC/Kirkfield Park UC**

Item discussed as part of Agenda Item 15.b.

**12. Correspondence Items**

#17-107 – L. Paul, Wpg Pres. to Fort Garry UC – Becoming Affirming Congratulations (info only)

#17-108 – S. McCarthy, Conf. MNWO – Presbytery Nominations for GC Commissioners (info only-February Pres. Agenda)

#17-109 – R. Manley-Tannis – Accountability Report (info only)

#17-110 – L. Paul, Wpg Pres to Charleswood UC – Congratulations – paying off loan (info only)

#17-111 – J. Kury, Headingley UC – Seeking approval of amalgamation plans **(for discussion – Item #13)**

#17-112 – L. Paul, Wpg Pres to 1JustCity – Letter of Support (info only)

#17-113 – J. Kury – Motion from St. Charles UC **(for discussion – Item #13)**

#17-114 – Rev. Robert Polz – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity **(for discussion – Item #14)**

Linda Paul was thanked by Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd for her outstanding letter writing on behalf of the Executive.

**13. Approval of Amalgamation Plans – Headingley UC & St. Charles UC  
(Correspondence Items #17-111 & #17-113)**

**Motion 184/2017 – Approval of Headingley United Church and St. Charles United Church  
To Pursue a Proposal for Amalgamation**

Moved: Mary Best

Seconded: Dorcas Windsor

“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive approves the initiative of Headingley United Church and St. Charles United Church to pursue a proposal for amalgamation.”

**CARRIED**

Since this is the same pastoral charge, only one Ministry Profile needs to be completed.

Mary Best agreed to contact prospective Presbytery representatives to work with this pastoral charge.

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**14. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Correspondence Item #17-114)**

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd noted that a request had been received from Rev. Robert Polz regarding the possibility of a United Church hosting one of the services during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This notice had been forwarded by Maggie Zoske to all the Winnipeg Presbytery ministers. Loraine agreed to attend the preparation meeting on November 29.

**15. Committee Reports**

**a) Personnel**

Beth Rutherford reported that the Personnel Committee was taking the Presbytery staff for their annual Christmas Lunch on Friday, December 1.

**b) Joint Pastoral Relations**

Mary Best reported that the Pastoral Relations Committee was a committee of one at this time and was grateful for the support from the Executive.

Mary noted that Bill Millar was retiring from Knox United Church at the end of November and a Pastoral Charge Supervisor was needed to attend Board meetings and provide support.

The Executive discussed various other pastoral relations concerns.

**Motion 185/2017 – Approval of Sturgeon Creek United Church, Silver Heights United Church and Kirkfield Park United Church To Pursue a Proposal for Amalgamation**

Moved: Janet Walker                      Seconded: Mary Best

“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive approves the initiative of Sturgeon Creek United Church, Silver Heights United Church and Kirkfield Park United Church to pursue a proposal for amalgamation.”

**CARRIED**

It was noted that each congregation must put together its own Ministry Profile to determine their own needs first. Then negotiations begin with the other congregations.

Janet Walker agreed to be the Presbytery representative to work with these congregations.

It was observed that the St. James Open Doors Group doesn't have a role in this amalgamation process and those in the St. James Open Doors Group should not sit on the amalgamation committee. Janet Walker agreed to contact them regarding this matter. They can still have a role in planning joint worship services, etc.

**Motion 186/2017 – Pastoral Oversight Review at Kildonan United Church**

Moved: Mary Best                      Seconded: Linda Paul

“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive appoints representatives to conduct a Pastoral Oversight Review at Kildonan United Church to address the conflict.”

**CARRIED**

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd agreed to approach individuals to conduct this review.

The report of the Settlement Commission of the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario dated October 24 and November 14, 2017 is attached to the permanent record book as **Appendix 17-XXIV**).

**c) Nominating Committee**

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**Motion 187/2017 – Appointment of Maureen Sutton to Education and Students Committee**

Moved: Mary Best

Seconded: Sherri McConnell

“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive approves the appointment of Maureen Sutton to the Education and Students Committee of Winnipeg Presbytery effectively immediately.”

**CARRIED**

**16. Agenda Building for Presbytery Meetings:**

**February**

- Voting on GC Commissioners (20 minutes)
- Notice of Motion and Service Agreement – St. Matthew's-Maryland CM (10 minutes)
- Boundaries Refresher – (30 minutes)
- Discussion Time – what we will miss when Presbytery is finished (30 minutes)
- Education & Students Committee Motions – Hope Mattus & Damber Khadka (10 minutes)

**March**

- Visitation of Betty Kelly (President, Conf. MNWO) (requested 45 mins – 1 hour – late morning)
- TRC Response Group (1 hour?)
- Financial Update – Doris Quinn (5 minutes)
- Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) Workshop (2 hours – afternoon 1-3pm)

**17. New Business**

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd reported that numerous emails had been received during the Executive meeting from Bill Millar of Knox United Church regarding the breaking of the lease at 406 Edmonton Street. It was agreed that Linda Paul write a letter to the Knox United Church Board informing them that Winnipeg Presbytery is unable to act until it receives a motion from the Trustees of Knox United Church. This letter would be sent to Lori Stewart, the Chair of the Board of Knox United Church with Bill Millar being copied. Linda Paul was instructed to have the letter reviewed by Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd and Janet Walker prior to sending.

**18. Closing Prayer**

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd closed the meeting with a blessing.

**19. Adjournment**

Linda Paul moved for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Maggie Zoske  
Recorder

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**Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd, Chair**

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**Linda Paul, Secretary**

