

**The United Church of Canada
Winnipeg Presbytery – Executive Meeting
Tuesday, May 15, 2018**

The Presbytery Executive met on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Andrew’s River Heights United Church with the Chair of Presbytery, Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd, presiding.

Present: 12

Quorum: Yes

Armstrong, Jack
Baschak, Richard
McConnell, Sherri
Paul, Linda

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

Walker, Janet
Windsor, Dorcas
Woodbeck, Patrick

Visitors:

Dwarka, Diane Park, Ha Na

Regrets:

Best, Mary

1. Call to Order / 2. Devotions

Janet Walker welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and opened with prayer, in absence of Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd who was delayed.

Janet acknowledged that we are gathered for worship and work in Treaty One territory, which is also the homestead of the Metis Nation. For thousands of years Indigenous Peoples walked this land and knew it to be the centre of their lives and their spirituality.

3. Omnibus Motion A - Procedural Motions

Moved: Linda Paul

Seconded: Richard Baschak

092/2018 Courtesy:

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

093/2018 Correspondence:

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

094/2018 April 24, 2018 Minutes:

“That the draft minutes of the Executive meeting of April 24, 2018, be approved as printed and circulated. (pages 8993-8998).”

095/2018 May 15, 2018 Agenda:

“That the May 15, 2018 Agenda be approved as printed.”

096/2018 Quorum for May 15, 2018:

Quorum had been achieved for the May 15, 2018 meeting.”

CARRIED

4. Affirming Group

Janet Walker welcomed Diane Dwarka and Ha Na Park from the Affirming Group of Winnipeg Presbytery.

Diane Dwarka and Ha Na Park reported that there were eleven Affirming Ministries in Winnipeg Presbytery: Augustine, Churchill Park, Fort Garry, Immanuel, St. Andrew’s River Heights, St. Mary’s Road, Transcona Memorial, Trinity, the United Church in Meadowood, Young and Winnipeg Presbytery. Representatives from each of the Affirming ministries have been meeting faithfully over the past couple of years with leadership from Richard Manley-Tannis. Over the past two years, they have organized: a one-day workshop on Transgender issues, a Ted Talk style evening embracing new immigrants and human rights issues in the LBTTQ context, and a workshop on IRIDESCE coordinated by Aaron Miechkota.

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Another workshop, entitled 'Queer and Faithful' is in the early planning stages. It is tentatively planned for November 2018.

Diane reported that the Affirming Group intends to have a leadership team consisting of 4-6 people with a 1-year commitment with open renewal. It is intended the terms on the leadership team would rotate between the ministries.

A framework Leadership Team made up of April Klassen, Diane Dwarka, Ha Na Park, Alan Gershuny and/or Stephanie Wright and Patrick Woodbeck has been formed to look at carrying forward the work that has started.

The Affirming Group continues to deal with emergent issues as they occur. They are looking to access funds for ongoing projects and also for emergent needs.

It was recommended that a letter come from the Affirming Group outlining their request for funding. This could also be discussed at the fall Presbytery meeting when the Winnipeg Presbytery finances would be on the agenda.

Concern was raised regarding their presence on the Presbytery website and what will happen to this website at the end of December, 2018. Janet commented that Maggie Zoske and Richard Baschak would be maintaining the Presbytery website until the end of the year and that the regional presence would most likely have a website.

Diane Dwarka and Ha Na Park were thanked and excused from the meeting.

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd assumed the Chair and thanked Janet Walker for filling in as Chair while she was delayed.

5. Amalgamation of St. James Churches Update

Janet Walker reported that she met with Board, Council and Sessions of Sturgeon Creek United Church, Silver Heights United Church and Kirkfield Park United Church. The decisions that they have made and their responsibilities were made clear.

Janet Walker gave an overview of concerns that were raised.

It was acknowledged that when this newly amalgamated congregation begins October 1, 2018, new files would have to be started and the old files from all three congregations would have to be sent to Archives, maybe not immediately but within the next year.

Loraine thanked Janet Walker for all the time and effort she has given to these congregations at this time.

6. Financial Items

Doris Quinn reported that the Auditor from BDO would be presenting the 2017 Winnipeg Presbytery Audit to the court at the June Presbytery Meeting as she would not be able to be at the meeting that night.

It was reported that a request for funds for refugees had been received from John Schwand, through Joan Jarvis in the Conference Office. She understood that there was a Winnipeg Presbytery fund set aside for this purpose. It was reported that this fund had been on the books

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since before Linda Firman took over the bookkeeping tasks. It is unknown whether these funds are restricted or unrestricted.

It was agreed that Doris Quinn would contact the auditor to find out the origin of the Refugee Fund and report back to the Executive at the June Executive meeting.

It was agreed that Winnipeg Presbytery needed to know the criteria for disbursement before any decisions can be made.

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd agreed to respond to John Schwand.

7. Spirit Path

It was agreed this would be added to the September Executive Meeting Agenda.

8. Correspondence Items

#18-40 – I. Greenwood – Request for Retirement – April 30, 2019 (info only)

#18-41 – L. Calvert & R. Manley-Tannis, St. Andrew's College re: Second Century Fund (Agenda Item #9)

#18-42 – T. Hoang, UCC re: Grants (Agenda Item #10)

9. St. Andrew's College – Second Century Fund (Correspondence Item #18-41)

Received for information.

10. Grants Being Given to Ministries (Correspondence #18-42)

It was agreed that Maggie Zoske would find out whether the Conference Office would be sending out the grant applications again this year.

11. Committee Reports

a) Personnel

Beth Rutherford reported that Maggie Zoske would be taking the month of July off, using all of her banked time.

It was clarified that the 1JustCity Fund Developer remained as our employee until July 1, 2018, when all the pieces should be in place for them to take over this function.

The Conference has given 1JustCity a list of items that need to be completed by the transition date of July 1, 2018.

It was noted that 1JustCity needed to be on the June Executive Meeting Agenda as there would be a number of motions.

b) Joint Pastoral Relations

Motion 097/2018 – Classification of Lay Position 1 – Trinity United Church

Moved: Richard Baschak Seconded: Doris Quinn

“That the Lay Position 1 of Trinity United Church be classified as a Congregational Accountable position.”

Motion 098/2018 – Motion 097/2018 To Be Tabled Until June Executive Meeting

Moved: Patrick Woodbeck Seconded: Dorcas Windsor

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“That Motion 097/2018 be tabled until the June Executive meeting, when clarification can be made regarding the job description.” **CARRIED**

Motion 099/2018 – Classification of Youth Leader Position – Trinity United Church

Moved: Jack Armstrong Seconded: Beth Rutherford

“That the Youth Leader position of Trinity United Church (and shared with Good Shepherd Anglican, Epiphany Lutheran, Fort Garry United, The United Church in Meadowood, be classified as a Congregational Accountable Position.” **CARRIED**

The report from the Settlement Commission of the Conference of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario dated May 1 and May 8, 2018, is attached to the permanent record book as **Appendix 18-XII**.

c) Nominating Committee

- Nominating Committee Report

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd noted some corrections that were needed on the Nominating Committee Report that was distributed in the May Presbytery Meeting package.

Patrick Woodbeck responded that this report was distributed in May so that Presbyters could review the report and respond with any corrections that were needed prior to the June Presbytery meeting. This report would be corrected and distributed in the June Presbytery Meeting package.

Sherri McConnell noted that letters would need to be sent to all those sitting on incorporated bodies under the supervision of Winnipeg Presbytery, advising them to change their by-laws to reflect the ending of Winnipeg Presbytery at the end of December 31, 2018.

**12. Retirement & Those Leaving Wpg Presbytery Acknowledgements – June meeting:
- Bill Millar, Joanne Kury, Milly Malavsky, Bill Blaikie, James Christie**

It was noted that all the retirees, with the exception of Jim Christie, would be speaking at the June Presbytery meeting. Jim Christie sent his regrets.

13. Covenanting of New Executive – June meeting

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd noted that she would chair the June meeting and the covenanting of the new Executive would take place at the end of the June Presbytery meeting. Doris Quinn and Jack Armstrong reminded the Executive of their absence for that meeting.

14. Winnipeg Indigenous Accord

Loraine updated with Executive regarding congregations becoming signatories to this Accord.

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd requested that the Winnipeg Indigenous Accord be included in the Conference Annual Meeting package as a gift from Winnipeg Presbytery. Patrick Woodbeck agreed to print and deliver it to the Conference Office for inclusion.

15. Agenda Building for Presbytery Meetings:

June- St. Andrew’s River Heights UC

- Quorum Motion – part of procedural motion
- Covenanting of New Executive (10 minutes)
- Wpg Presbytery Audit & Appointment of Auditors (15 minutes)

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- CDI Audit
- Recognition of Retirees and People Leaving Winnipeg Presbytery – Bill Millar, Joanne Kury, Milly Malavsky, Bill Blaikie, James Christie??? (20 minutes?)
- Nominating Committee Report (10 minutes)
- Transition Report (10 minutes)

September – Immanuel UC

- 1JustCity/Partners in Mission – Tessa Blaikie Whitecloud (15 minutes)
- Life After Presbytery Discussion (30 minutes)
- YAAY Committee (5 minutes)
- Financial Update (5 minutes)

October – St. Mary’s Road UC

November – Windsor Park UC

- YAAY Committee (10 minutes)
- E & S Committee Motion (10 minutes)

December – The United Church in Meadowood

The possibility of having a dinner prior to the December Presbytery meeting was discussed. It was agreed that Maggie Zoske would contact The United Church in Meadowood to see if they had a group that caters at the church.

16. New Business

No new business was reported.

17. Transition Discussion Cont’d from April 11 Meeting

It was noted that more information would be obtained by Sherri McConnell when she attends the financial meeting in Toronto in June.

It was agreed to devote 45 minutes at the beginning of the June Executive Meeting to the transition discussion.

Sherri McConnell gave an update on some items on the Transition Checklist.

18. Closing Prayer

Loraine MacKenzie closed the meeting with prayer.

19. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Maggie Zoske
Recorder

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd, Chair

Linda Paul, Secretary