

**The United Church of Canada
Winnipeg Presbytery – Executive Meeting
Tuesday, June 26, 2018**

The Presbytery Executive met on Tuesday, June 26, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Andrew’s River Heights United Church with the Chair of Presbytery, Sherri McConnell, presiding.

Present: 16

Quorum: Yes

Armstrong, Jack	Paul, Linda	Walker, Janet
Baschak, Richard	Quinn, Doris	Windsor, Dorcas
Best, Mary	Rutherford, Beth	Woodbeck, Patrick
McConnell, Sherri (Chair)	Shepherd, Loraine MacKenzie	

Visitors:

Ball, Bruce	Carter, Jeff	Rutherford, Dwight
Blaikie Whitecloud, Tessa	Fletcher, Dennis	

1. Call to Order / 2. Devotions

Sherri McConnell welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and opened with some words from Indigenous Canadian author and journalist Richard Wagamese and a prayer.

3. Omnibus Motion A - Procedural Motions

Moved: Linda Paul

Seconded: Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd

123/2018 Courtesy:

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

124/2018 Correspondence:

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

125/2018 May 15, 2018 Minutes:

“That the draft minutes of the Executive meeting of May 15, 2018, be approved as printed and circulated (pages 9006-9010).”

126/2018 June 12, 2018 Minutes:

“That the draft minutes of the Executive meeting of June 12, 2018, be approved as printed and circulated (pages 9015-9016).”

127/2018 Agenda:

“That the agenda be approved as presented”

128/2018 Quorum for June 26:

“That quorum was achieved for June 26, 2018.”

CARRIED

4. Ecumenical Prayer Service – July 13

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd reported that a poster had just been released about this service. Loraine reported that she had been invited to preach at this service along with Anglican Bishop Don Phillips. Loraine agreed to send this information to Maggie Zoske who would include it in the Conference Weekly News.

5. Transition Discussion

Sherri McConnell shared updates on the Regional Transition Commission which comprises the chairs from each Presbytery, a leading elder from All Native Circle Conference as well as a member from Keewatin Presbytery, the Conference President and Conference Past-President.

It was agreed that a letter would be sent from the Nominating Committee to all the incorporated bodies within Winnipeg Presbytery encouraging them to revise their by-laws before the end of the year with regards to the new Region instead of Winnipeg Presbytery or the Conference of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario.

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It was suggested that the Nominating Committee seek confirmation from Shannon McCarthy that Winnipeg Presbytery has no responsibility regarding these incorporated bodies.

Sherri McConnell updated the Executive on the financial gathering that was held in June in London, Ontario of which she, Shannon McCarthy and Stuart Fletcher-Cook attended.

With regards to the Remit Transition Financial Checklist that had been received from General Council, it was suggested that a task group be formed to attend to this list. Doris Quinn volunteered to be on this task group and we are hoping that Linda Firman will be part of this as well. It was suggested that Janet Walker be asked and Sherri McConnell agreed to assist them initially.

Sherri reviewed the June 2018 Winnipeg Presbytery Transition Checklist (with Timeline), which she updated for Winnipeg Presbytery from the original that was received from General Council.

It was decided to examine items from the checklist further at the August Executive meeting.

6. 1JustCity Transition

Tessa Blaikie Whitecloud was welcomed to the meeting.

Tessa outlined the steps that were taken to prepare for the transition of 1JustCity from Winnipeg Presbytery.

Having received a copy of incorporation documents for 1JustCity dated July 19, 2017;

Having received a copy of notification dated February 28, 2018 that 1Just City has been recognized as a Registered Charity;

Having been informed that 1JustCity Inc. has a business number, is enrolled in ADP payroll system and in the United Church Pension and Benefits Plan as an Organizational employer; and appropriate insurance coverage;

Having a rough statement of financial assets related to 1JustCity held by Winnipeg Presbytery (restricted and general) and a proposed budget for 1Just City Inc. to demonstrate their ability to sustain staffing commitments and programs (if relevant);

Motion 129/2018 – Ending of Employment – Fund Developer – 1JustCity

Moved: Mary Best

Seconded: Beth Rutherford

“That Winnipeg Presbytery end the employment of Tessa Blaikie Whitecloud as 1JustCity Fund Developer effective June 30, 2018.”

CARRIED

Motion 130/2018 – Transfer of 1JustCity Assets from Winnipeg Presbytery

Moved: Jack Armstrong

Seconded: Doris Quinn

“That Winnipeg Presbytery approve the transfer of any Winnipeg Presbytery assets currently designated as 1JustCity assets to 1Just City Inc. as soon as possible after appropriate banking arrangements are made by 1JustCity Inc.”

CARRIED

Motion 131/2018 – Dissolution of 1JustCity from Winnipeg Presbytery and Removal from Insurance

Moved: Richard Baschak

Seconded: Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd

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“That Winnipeg Presbytery dissolves the committee known as IJustCity within the structures of Winnipeg Presbytery and withdraw the inclusion of 1JustCity as outreach ministry in the insurance policy of Winnipeg presbytery acknowledging a shift of those responsibilities to the Board of Directors of 1JustCity Inc.” **CARRIED**

Tessa was thanked and excused from the meeting.

7. Property Committee

Dwight Rutherford, Property Committee Chair and representatives from Augustine United Church (Dennis Fletcher, Bruce Ball and Jeff Carter) were welcomed to the meeting.

a) Augustine United Church

Motion 132/2018 – Approval of Documents of Incorporation – Augustine Centre

Moved: Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd Seconded: Dorcas Windsor

“That the Executive of Winnipeg Presbytery of the United Church of Canada approve the request of the Trustees of Augustine Pastoral Charge to accept the documents of incorporation of Augustine Centre and give its support to the work of the Centre as a hub for the arts, education, faith and justice subject to the approval of the Conference of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario.” **WITHDRAWN**

The Executive deemed that it was not the body to approve this motion as this is the responsibility of the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario. The Property Committee was instructed that the documents of incorporation be given to the Conference of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario for approval.

Motion 133/2018 – Approval of Loan – Augustine Pastoral Charge

Moved: Mary Best Seconded: Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd

“That the Executive of Winnipeg Presbytery of the United Church of Canada approve the request of the Trustees of Augustine Pastoral Charge for a \$500,000 loan from the United Church of Canada to support construction costs of Augustine Centre, such loan to be repaid at 2.5% interest over a period of 15 years by arrangement with Augustine Centre.” **CARRIED**

The Augustine United Church representatives were excused from the meeting with thanks.

b) St. James Churches

Dwight Rutherford updated the Executive on the process leading up to these motions being made.

Motion 134/2018 – Approval of Silver Heights United Church to be Listed for Sale

Moved: Linda Paul Seconded: Janet Walker

“That the Executive of Winnipeg Presbytery approve the request of the Trustees of Silver Heights Pastoral Charge, to list for sale as a church, the property commonly called Silver Heights United Church, 199 Garriock Avenue in Winnipeg Manitoba, legally described as SP Lot 8 Plan 44433 WLTO in RL 17 and 18 Parish of St. James and Lots 51, 52, 53 Block 10 Plan 5090 WLTO in RL 17 to 20 of said Parish, for approximately \$410,000.00” **CARRIED**

Dorcas Windsor abstained

Motion 135/2018 – Approval of Kirkfield Park United Church to be Listed for Sale

Moved: Jack Armstrong Seconded: Richard Baschak

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“That the Executive of Winnipeg Presbytery approve the request of the Trustees of Kirkfield Park Pastoral Charge, to list for sale as a church (highest and best use), the property commonly called Kirkfield Park United Church located at 472 Kirkfield Street in Winnipeg Manitoba, legally described in the attached Appendix “A,” for approximately \$535,600.00.” **CARRIED**

It was noted that it is the intention that all offers will be considered, regardless of the proposed use of the properties.

It was agreed that letters would be sent to the Trustees containing the motions and the last comment.

Dwight Rutherford was thanked and excused from the meeting.

8. Hungarian Interest Group (Correspondence Item #18-57)

Sherri McConnell reviewed the letter that was received from St. Andrew’s River Heights United Church.

Motion 136/2018 – Hungarian Interest Group Funds

Moved: Janet Walker Seconded: Richard Baschak

“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive thanks St. Andrew’s River Heights United Church for their gracious hosting of the Hungarian Interest Group, and in keeping with Motion 032/2016 dated February 23, 2016, that the funds held in trust for the Hungarian Interest Group be returned to Winnipeg Presbytery, minus \$1,000 for the use of St. Andrew’s River Heights United Church.”

CARRIED

Linda Paul abstained

9. Financial Items

Doris Quinn reviewed the short and long term investments spreadsheet and financial statement to date.

Doris reported that she was still investigating the Refugee Fund.

It was agreed that Sherri McConnell would contact Shannon McCarthy about unrestricting funds. This item would be discussed further at the August Executive meeting.

Doris Quinn and Jack Armstrong excused themselves from the meeting

10. Correspondence Items

#18-43 – T. Hoang, UCC – Transition Checklists – May 2018 (for discussion – Agenda item #11)

#18-44 – T. Higgins, Young UC – Request for financial assistance for Refugee Fund (for discussion – Agenda item #12)

#18-45 – L. Paul, Wpg Pres., to M. Satterly re: Reviews (info only)

#18-46 – L. Paul, Wpg Pres., to Congregation & Governing Board, Kildonan UC re: reviews (info only)

#18-47 – UofW Foundation – Allocation to The Deer Lodge Bursary (info only)

#18-48 – T. MacNair, Conf. YAAY Coordinator – Request for Funding (for discussion – Agenda item #13)

#18-49 – M. Best – Retirement Letter (info only)

#18-50 – L. Paul, Wpg Pres., to M. Satterly re: Reviews (info only)

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- #18-51 – L. Paul, Wpg Pres., to P. Leuschen re: Reviews (info only)
- #18-52 – L. Paul, Wpg Pres., to G. Taylor re: reviews (info only)
- #18-53 – L. Paul, Wpg Pres., to K. DeLisle re: reviews (info only)
- #18-54 – L. Paul, Wpg Pres., to B. Gillis re: reviews (info only)
- #18-55 – L. Paul, Wpg Pres., to H. Mattus re: reviews (info only)
- #18-56 – L. Paul, Wpg Pres., to J. McNairmay re: reviews (info only)
- #18-57 – B. Craddock, St. Andrew’s River Heights UC – Hungarian Interest Group (for discussion)

Mary Best’s retirement request was acknowledged by the Executive.

11. Transition Checklists – May 2018 (Correspondence Item #18-43)

Agenda Item #5.

12. Request for Financial Assistance for Refugee Fund (Correspondence Item #18-44)

It was noted that the various funds need to be discussed with Shannon McCarthy.

Linda Paul agreed to write a letter responding that Winnipeg Presbytery is investigating its funds.

13. Request for Funding – YAAY Coordinator (Correspondence Item #18-48)

The Executive agrees to pay the \$150.00 (\$75.00 each) for two Pre-TACs registrations from Winnipeg Presbytery for the Conference Annual Meeting. The policy of paying for registrations was noted from Motion 169/2006 from the June 20, 2006 Executive Meeting Minutes.

Regarding the request for funds for ALF 2018, it was suggested that Twila MacNair submit a letter requesting a specific amount of funding. Maggie Zoske agreed to notify Twila.

Dorcas Windsor and Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd excused themselves from the meeting.

14. Committee Reports

a) Personnel

No report.

b) Joint Pastoral Relations

Mary Best updated the Executive on various pastoral relations items.

Motion 137/2018 – Debbie Coss – Request for Change in Pastoral Relations

Moved: Mary Best

Seconded: Richard Baschak

“That the Executive of Winnipeg Presbytery accept the request of Debbie Coss for a change in pastoral relations effective July 1, 2018 and upon the request of Spirit Path, that the 90 day period be waived.”

CARRIED

1 opposed

c) Nominating Committee

No report.

15. Holiday Time Phone Coverage - June 29 – August 6

It was reported that Maggie Zoske would be taking June 29 to August 6 off using her banked time.

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Linda Paul volunteered to check the phone messages in Maggie Zoske's absence. Janet Walker volunteered to be the emergency contact for Linda Paul in Sherri McConnell's absence.

16. Executive Meeting Dates & Proposed Start Time of 1:30 p.m.

- no July meeting
- August 28
- September 25
- October 23
- November 27
- December 18 (if needed)

It was agreed to keep the meeting times at 2:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's River Heights United Church.

17. December 11 Dinner Prior to Final Presbytery Meeting - UCiM

Sherri McConnell reported that Maggie Zoske had been in touch with the catering group at the United Church in Meadowood who would be willing to cater the dinner on December 11 prior to the final Winnipeg Presbytery meeting.

They have suggested a menu for \$10.00/per person for 90-100 people that would be able to accommodate most dietary needs.

18. Agenda Building for Presbytery Meetings:

September – Immanuel UC

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

October – St. Mary's Road UC

- Ministry Update????
- M&S Grants (10 minutes)
- Life After Presbytery Discussion (30 minutes)

November – Windsor Park UC

- YAAAY Committee (10 minutes)
- E & S Committee Motion (10 minutes)
- Life After Presbytery Discussion (30 minutes)
- Ministry Update???

December – The United Church in Meadowood

- Worship
- Closing Motions???

19. Chinese United Church

Janet Walker updated the Executive on Chinese United Church.

20. Amalgamation of St. James Churches Update

Janet Walker updated the Executive on the amalgamation of the St. James Churches.

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21. New Business

- Bill Blaikie – Request to give retirement speech at fall Pres Meeting

Since this request was received from Carol Fletcher, it was agreed that Sherri McConnell would send an invitation to Bill Blaikie through Carol Fletcher for him to contact the Executive if and when he would like to give his retirement speech at a Winnipeg Presbytery meeting since he was unable to do so at the June meeting.

22. Closing Prayer

Sherri McConnell closed the meeting with a blessing.

23. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Maggie Zoske
Recorder

Sherri McConnell

Linda Paul, Secretary

