

**The United Church of Canada  
Winnipeg Presbytery – Executive Meeting  
Tuesday, August 28, 2018**

**The Presbytery Executive met on Tuesday, August 28, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Andrew’s River Heights United Church with the Chair of Presbytery, Sherri McConnell, presiding.**

**Present: 9**

**Quorum: Yes**

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

**Regrets:**

Baschak, Richard	Shepherd, Loraine MacKenzie
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**1. Call to Order / 2. Devotions**

Sherri McConnell welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Sherri 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.

Sherri opened with some words from Indigenous Canadian author and journalist Richard Wagamese’s book and a prayer.

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

Moved by: Doris Quinn

Seconded by: Jack Armstrong

**146/2018 Courtesy:**

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

**147/2018 Correspondence:**

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

**148/2018 June 26, 2018 Minutes:** “That the draft minutes of the Executive meeting of June 26, 2018, be approved as printed and circulated (pages 9029-9035).”

**149/2018 July 6, 2018 Minutes:** “That the draft minutes of the Executive meeting of July 6, 2018, be approved as printed and circulated (pages 9036-9037).”

**150/2018 July 18, 2018 Minutes:** “That the draft minutes of the Executive meeting of July 18, 2018, be approved as printed and circulated (pages 9038-9040).”

**151/2018 August 8, 2018 Minutes:** “That the draft minutes of the Executive meeting of August 8, 2018, be approved as printed and circulated (pages 9041-9042).”

**152/2018 Agenda:** “That the agenda be approved as presented”

**153/2018 Quorum for August 28:** “That quorum was achieved for August 28, 2018.”

**CARRIED**

**4. Transition Discussion (from June 2018 Winnipeg Presbytery Transition Checklist)**

Sherri McConnell reviewed the distributed checklist.

**a) Item #4 – Forward Policies to Region regarding percentage of property sales, etc.**

The Winnipeg Presbytery Executive recommends the following to the full court of Winnipeg Presbytery:

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“That Winnipeg Presbytery forward to Region 5 Commission the continuation of the following practises regarding the sale of property:

1. When congregations amalgamate, all proceeds from the sale of church properties go to the newly formed community of faith.
2. When a congregation closes and a property is sold, the appropriate percentages from the sale of the property go to Archives and the remaining proceeds go to Church Development Inc. (CDI).”

It was agreed that a notice of motion would be included in the September 11 Presbytery Meeting information with the motion being presented to the court by Patrick Woodbeck at the October 9 Presbytery Meeting.

**b) Item #10 – Spirit Path**

It was agreed that the Executive invite the Spirit Path Leadership Team to its October meeting to discuss the past year and to assign markers on growth going forward.

Sherri McConnell agreed to contact the Spirit Path Leadership Team with this invitation.

**c) Item #12 – Organise Final Meeting**

**i) Worship Planning Team** – Patrick Woodbeck agreed to put a team together to organize this worship service.

**d) Website and Domain Renewal**

It was reported that the Presbytery Office received an invoice for the renewal of the website hosting and domain, extending into 2019, for a total of \$273.00.

It was agreed that this amount be paid as the Presbytery website would need to extend into 2019, for redirection to the new Regional website and it could possibly be a site for the clusters/interest groups to post information.

**5. Financial Items**

**a) Financial Update**

Doris Quinn reported that Winnipeg Presbytery holds an account at BMO which was originally used to fund 1JustCity but it is not used anymore. Therefore, it was requested that this account be closed and funds transferred into the Winnipeg Presbytery General Funds account.

**Motion 154/2018 – Closure of Winnipeg Presbytery BMO Account**

Moved: Linda Paul

Seconded: Patrick Woodbeck

“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive approves the closure of the BMO Account Transit #05367 Account #8970-737 and the funds be transferred into the CIBC Winnipeg Presbytery Account Transit #00007 Account #75-01617.”

**CARRIED**

**Motion 155/2018 – Winnipeg Presbytery Signing Authorities**

Moved: Linda Paul

Seconded: Dorcas Windsor

“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive appoints the following people as signing authorities for the Winnipeg Presbytery bank accounts held at Royal Bank (Account #783-30912-1-3) and CIBC Accounts (Transit #00007 Account #75-01617; Transit #00507 Account #60-27814; and the Investment Account #00046-2813673): Sherri McConnell, Doris Quinn, Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd, Linda Firman.”

**CARRIED**

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**b) Unrestricting Trust Funds**

Janet Walker reported that she and Doris Quinn met to discuss the various restricted trust funds of Winnipeg Presbytery. Shannon McCarthy advised that Winnipeg Presbytery could un-restrict these funds by way of a motion.

**Motion 156/2018 – Un-Restricting Winnipeg Presbytery Trust Funds**

Moved: Linda Paul

Seconded: Janet Walker

“That the Winnipeg Presbytery Executive un-restrict the funds found on the balance sheet, called Trust Funds (Strategic Awareness, Community Ministry Retreat, Fox Benevolent, Refugees Unit) totalling \$6,733.25 and place this money in the Capital Reserve Fund.”

**CARRIED**

It was agreed that recommendations should be made to the Region regarding the priorities of Winnipeg Presbytery when its funds are transferred to the Region at the end of 2018.

It was agreed this item be added to the September Executive Meeting Agenda with a Notice of Motion being given to the full court for the October Presbytery meeting. The motion would be presented at the November Presbytery meeting.

**6. Correspondence Items**

#18-58 – S. McCarthy, Conf. MNWO – Approval of K. DeLisle as Interim Minister until 2023 (info only)

#18-59 – L. Paul, Wpg. Pres. to Trustees of Silver Heights Pastoral Charge – Approval to list Silver Heights UC for sale (info only)

#18-60 – L. Paul, Wpg. Pres. to Trustees of Kirkfield Park UC – Approval to list Kirkfield Park UC for sale (info only)

#18-61 – L. Paul, Wpg. Pres. to Trustees of Augustine UC – Approval of Loan from UCC for Construction Costs (info only)

#18-62 – L. Paul, Wpg. Pres to K. Lumley, 1JustCity – Motions transferring financial items to 1JustCity (info only)

#18-63 – L. Paul, Wpg Pres to T. Higgins, Young UC – Request for Funds for Refugees #18-44 (info only)

#18-64 – L. Paul, Wpg Pres to B. Craddock, St. Andrew’s River Heights UC – Hungarian Interest Group Funds (info only)

#18-65 – L. Paul, Wpg Pres to Kirkfield Park Congregation – Notice of Sale (info only)

#18-66 – D. Holroyd, Crescent Fort Rouge UC – Request approval to explore expansion of accessibility (dealt with at July 18, 2018 Executive Conference Call)

#18-67 – T. MacNair, Conf. MNWO – Seeking Funds for Wpg Presbytery Youth Retreat Participants (for discussion – Agenda Item #7)

#18-68 – Communications Coordinator’s Contract (for discussion – Agenda Item #8)

#18-69 – B. Gillis, Crescent Fort Rouge UC – Background Paper for Accessibility Request (info only)

#18-70 – K. Windsor – Property Title for Silver Heights United Church (info only)

#18-71 – UC Archives – Photos of North End Stella Community Ministry (for discussion – Agenda Item #9)

#18-72 – L. Paul, Wpg Pres. – Trustees of Crescent Fort Rouge UC – Approval to Explore Expansion of Accessibility (info only)

#18-73 – L. Paul, Wpg Pres – Trustees of Silver Heights UC – Acceptance of Unconditional Offer to Purchase (info only)

#18-74 – L. Paul, Wpg Pres – Congregation of Silver Heights UC – Notice of Sale (info only)

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#18-75 – L. Paul, Wpg Pres – Trustees of St. Charles UC – Amended Motion to Sell St. Charles UC (info only)

#18-76 – S. Jackson, UCC – Amalgamation of St. James Churches (for discussion – Agenda Item #10)

#18-77 – T. MacNair, Conf. MNWO – Bel-air Trust Fund (for discussion – Agenda Item #11)

**7. Request for Funds for Youth Retreat Participants (Correspondence Item #18-67)  
Motion 157/2018 – Funding Winnipeg Presbytery Youth to Attend Conference-wide  
Events**

Moved: Dorcas Windsor                      Seconded: Mary Best

“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive agrees to fund \$2000 out of the Winnipeg Presbytery General Budget for Winnipeg Presbytery youth to attend Conference-wide events.” **CARRIED**

**8. Communications Coordinator’s Contract (Correspondence Item #18-68)**

Sherri McConnell reported that she made a contract for Richard Baschak as the Communications Coordinator, based on our Motion 071/2018, so that he could start being paid.

Richard Baschak requested that he be given time on each Executive Meeting Agenda to provide a Communications Coordinator’s report. It was agreed.

**9. Photos of North End Stella CM (Correspondence Item #18-71)**

Sherri McConnell volunteered to pick up the pictures of North End Stella Community Ministry from Archives and would forward them to 1JustCity/Tessa Blaikie Whitecloud.

Sherri agreed to contact Archives to make arrangements.

**10. Email from Susan Jackson – UCC (Correspondence Item #18-76)**

It was noted that the minutes containing the amalgamation motion had been sent to Susan Jackson on August 7, 2018 by Maggie Zoske.

It was suggested that Items 2-5 should be addressed by the Interim Minister of Prairie Spirit United Church after October 1, 2018.

Maggie Zoske agreed to contact Susan Jackson with this information.

**11. Bel-air Trust Fund Request (Correspondence Item #18-77)**

It was agreed that Winnipeg Presbytery would wait for a decision of Selkirk Presbytery as this Trust Fund is held by the Conference of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario but the allocation of funds is at the discretion of Winnipeg Presbytery and Selkirk Presbytery together.

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

**12. Committee Reports**

**a) Personnel**

Beth Rutherford reported that the Presbytery Administrator’s computer’s memory needed to be upgraded as it was causing some problems. This upgrade was deemed necessary and was undertaken on August 23, 2018, at a cost of \$226.00.

Beth commented that the committee would be meeting in the next month.

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**b) Joint Pastoral Relations**

**Motion 158/2018 – Paul Peters Derry – Retained on the Roll**

Moved: Mary Best

Seconded: Patrick Woodbeck

“Having received a completed PR442RR that Paul Peters Derry be retained on the roll of Winnipeg Presbytery effective immediately.”

**CARRIED**

**Motion 159/2018 – Debbie Coss – Retained on the Roll**

Moved: Mary Best

Seconded: Beth Rutherford

“Having received a completed PR442RR that Debbie Coss be retained on the roll of Winnipeg Presbytery effective immediately.”

**CARRIED**

Mary reported that a number of folks who have been retained on the roll, shouldn't be as they have not provided the necessary forms. These people need to be moved onto the Discontinued Service List (DSL). Winnipeg Presbytery needs to take responsibility for this before this responsibility shifts to the region. Once this happens, the Region with the Office of Vocations will be stricter on this issue.

Mary Best agreed to write letters to the people with outstanding forms.

**Motion 160/2018 – Classification of Youth Program Leader Position – St. Charles Headingley United Church**

Moved: Mary Best

Seconded: Beth Rutherford

“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive affirms the classification of the Youth Program Leader position description of St. Charles Headingley United Church as a Congregational Accountable Position.”

**CARRIED**

**Motion 161/2018 – Classification of Talking Teens Leader Position – The United Church in Meadowood**

Moved: Mary Best

Seconded: Jack Armstrong

“That Wpg Presbytery Executive affirms the classification of the Talking Teens Leader position of The United Church in Meadowood as a Congregational Accountable Position.”

**CARRIED**

The Settlement Commission of the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario report dated May 29, June 12, and June 29, 2018, is attached to the permanent record book as **Appendix 18-XV**.

**c) Nominating Committee**

No report.

**13. Request for GC Folk to Lead Opening/Closing Worship at October Presbytery Meeting**

It was reported that a request was received from Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd for the General Council folk to lead the opening and closing worship at the October Presbytery. A thirty minute General Council report had previously been arranged for the same meeting.

It was suggested that the GC folk be invited to provide the opening/closing worship at the November Presbytery meeting at Windsor Park United Church.

Sherri McConnell agreed to be in touch with Loraine with this suggestion.

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**14. Ministry Updates at Presbytery Meetings**

It was agreed that the following groups be invited to give a fifteen minute Ministry Update, immediately after the break:

September - TRC Response Group

October – Affirming Group

November – Intercultural Group

Part of their presentation could be on how they envision their work going forward after Presbytery ceases.

Sherri McConnell agreed to contact these groups.

**15. 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 – TRC Response Group (15 minutes)
- Notice of Motion re: Property Sales (5 mins.)

**October – St. Mary’s Road UC**

- General Council Report (30 minutes)
- M&S Grant application (10-15 minutes)
- Ministry Update - Affirming Group (15 minutes)
- Property Sales Motion (15 minutes)
- Notice of Motion – Instructions for Use of Capital Reserve Fund after Presbytery (5 mins.)

**November – Windsor Park UC**

- Worship – GC Folk
- YAAAY Committee (10 minutes)
- E & S Committee Motion (10 minutes)
- Ministry Update - Intercultural Group (15 mins)
- Motion – Instructions for Use of Capital Reserve Fund after Presbytery (15 mins.)

**December – The United Church in Meadowood**

- Worship
- Closing Motions???

**16. New Business**

It was agreed to add Chinese United Church to the September Executive Agenda.

**17. Closing Prayer**

Sherri McConnell led the closing prayer.

**18. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Maggie Zoske  
Recorder

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Sherri McConnell, Chair

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Linda Paul, Secretary

