

**The United Church of Canada  
Winnipeg Presbytery – Executive Meeting  
Tuesday, September 25, 2018**

**The Presbytery Executive met on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's River Heights United Church, with the Chair of Presbytery, Sherri McConnell, presiding.**

**Present: 10**

**Quorum: Yes**

Armstrong, Jack  
Baschak, Richard  
Best, Mary  
McConnell, Sherri (Chair)

Paul, Linda  
Quinn, Doris  
Rutherford, Beth

Shepherd, Loraine MacKenzie  
Windsor, Dorcas  
Woodbeck, Patrick

**Regrets:**

Walker, Janet

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

Sherri McConnell welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. and opened with prayer.

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 Diana Butler Bass' book entitled Grateful, The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks.

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

Moved: Mary Best

Seconded: Richard Baschak

**178/2018 Courtesy:**

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

**179/2018 Agenda:**

"That the agenda be approved as presented"

**180/2018 Correspondence:**

"That the correspondence be received and referred as noted."

**181/2018 August 28, 2018 Minutes:** "That the draft minutes of the Executive meeting of August 28, 2018, be approved as printed and circulated. (pages 9043-9049)."

**182/2018 Quorum for September 25, 2018:** Quorum had been achieved for the September 25, 2018 meeting. **CARRIED**

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

Sherri McConnell reported that plans were moving along with the transition to the new region.

It was noted that a letter should be sent to the Region 5 Transition Commission from Winnipeg Presbytery outlining the priorities that Winnipeg Presbytery felt should be carried forward in the new Region. Those priorities identified by Winnipeg Presbytery are:

- Partners in Mission – 1JustCity
- Winnipeg Indigenous Accord
- Affirming Ministries
- TRC
- Intercultural Group
- Opportunities to mix city and rural churches/folks

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- Opportunities for churches to work together and hear from one another.

It was agreed Linda Paul would write the letter to the Region 5 Transition Commission.

**5. Regional Council Property Policies (see page 2 for proposed motion for October Pres Meeting)**

Sherri McConnell noted that it was recommended by The Conference of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario that a minimum of 2% from sales of property be given to Archives.

At the Winnipeg Presbytery meeting on September 11, 2018, it was asked whether there had been any consideration given for a percentage of proceeds of property liquidation allocated to Indigenous ministry and justice work.

After a lengthy discussion, the following motion was made:

**Motion 183/2018 – Recommendations for Proceeds of Property Sales**

Moved: Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd

Seconded: Patrick Woodbeck

“Recognizing the Pres. Executive placed a notice of motion at the Winnipeg Presbytery General September 2018 meeting and in response to comments received at the meeting, Winnipeg Presbytery Executive recommends the following motion:

That Winnipeg Presbytery forward to Region 5 Commission the following recommendations 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 a minimum of 2% from the sale of the property go to Archives, a minimum of 10% from the sale of the property be allocated to Indigenous ministry and justice work and the remaining proceeds go to Church Development Inc. (CDI).”

**CARRIED**

**6. Financial Items**

**a) Financial Update**

Doris Quinn gave a financial update to the Executive. It was noted that the BMO account had been closed.

It was agreed that a financial update be given at the October Presbytery meeting.

**b) Use of Capital Reserve Fund by Region (craft Notice of Motion for October Presbytery Meeting)**

Sherri McConnell suggested that she contact Janet Walker and the Conference Office regarding suggestions for the use of Winnipeg Presbytery’s Capital Reserve Fund by the Region before recommendations are made to the full court.

The Executive was cautioned by Judy Hare on making any decisions regarding this fund while Winnipeg Presbytery is in the process of J8 and J9 Reviews.

It was agreed that this item be added to the October Executive Agenda with the intention of a Notice of Motion being included in the November Presbytery meeting information, with the decision being made at the December Presbytery meeting.

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**c) Presbytery Designated Funds**

This was previously dealt with.

**d) Funds from Church Closures**

This was previously dealt with.

**7. Chinese United Church**

Richard Baschak gave an update on a visit he and Janet Walker had made to the congregation.

It was suggested that a separate invitation be sent to Chinese United Church to attend the final gathering of Winnipeg Presbytery in December.

**8. M&S Grant Applications**

Linda Paul reviewed the distributed report that was written on behalf of Dorcas Windsor and herself.

**Motion 184/2018 – Recommendations for 2019 Mission Support Grants**

Moved: Linda Paul

Seconded: Dorcas Windsor

“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive recommends to Winnipeg Presbytery that a Mission and Service (M&S) Fund Block Grant of \$113,000 from the Conference Mission Support Grants Committee be allocated to 1JustCity.”

**CARRIED**

**9. Communication Coordinator’s Report**

Richard Baschak gave the Executive an update on his work as Winnipeg Presbytery’s Communication Coordinator.

It was agreed that Richard give a report to the full court at the October Presbytery Meeting.

**10. Correspondence Items**

#18-78 – L. Paul, Wpg Pres. to T. MacNair, Conf. MNWO re: Response to #18-67 (info only)

#18-79 – L. Paul, Wpg Pres. to BMO re: closing account (info only)

#18-80 – Paul Peters Derry re: Ending of Covenantal Relationships (for discussion)

#18-81 – R. Manley-Tannis re: Follow up on letter from previous Principal (#18-41) re: legacy of Winnipeg Presbytery (info only)

**11. Ending of Covenantal Relationships (Correspondence Item #18-80)**

It was agreed that Mary Best would call Paul Peter Derry to address this item.

**12. Committee Reports**

**a) Personnel**

Maggie Zoske was excused from the meeting.

Beth Rutherford made the Executive aware that Maggie Zoske would not be moving forward as a regional employee within the new system and that, should Maggie continue in her present position until the end of December, Winnipeg Presbytery would be responsible for severance. Beth has requested and received information from Shannon about what the national church is offering staff regarding severance.

The Personnel Committee would be considering the information and requirements at its next meeting and would return to the Executive with a recommendation.



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- GC Folk – worship
- M&S Grant Applications (15 minutes)
- Property Sales Motion (15 minutes)
- Financial Update (5 minutes)
- Communication Coordinator's Report (3 minutes)
- General Council Report (second half of meeting)

**November – Windsor Park UC**

- Worship – St. Matthew's-Maryland
- YAAY Committee (10 minutes)
- Notice of Motion – Intention of Use of Capital Reserve Fund by Region (10 minutes)
- Life After Presbytery Discussion - Affirming Group (15 minutes); Intercultural Group (15 minutes)

**December – The United Church in Meadowood**

- Worship
- Motion – Intention of Use of Capital Reserve Fund by Region (15 minutes)
- Closing Motions???

**14. New Business**

No new business.

**15. Closing Prayer**

Sherri McConnell closed the meeting with prayer.

**16. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Maggie Zoske  
Recorder

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**Sherri McConnell, Chair**

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**Linda Paul, Secretary**

