

Minutes
Lakeview United Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 20, 2019 7:00pm

Acknowledgement of First Peoples and Traditional Territory

Lakeview United Church Vision Statement

Offering Spiritual Renewal and Growth in a Caring, Affirming Community where all are Welcome

Call to Order

7:05 pm by Daryl Sedor. Quorum is reached.

Attendees

Daryl Sedor, Chairperson, Affirming Ministry
Joep Langejans, Minister
Beckie Scroggins, Ministry & Personnel
Sue Spratt, Fellowship & Caring
Paige Martin, Treasurer

Carolyn Bosch, Secretary
Barb Spence, Faith Formation & Worship
Lorna Flack, Fellowship & Caring
Janet Layton, Rejuvenation Task Force

Regrets

Lesley Sedor, Reaching Out

Opening Devotional – Joep reflected on the New Zealand shooting tragedy and offered a prayer for freedom, compassion, hope and love.

Approval of the Agenda – by consensus as amended to include ‘membership update’ to Old Business.

Adoption of Minutes of February 20, 2019 – as amended.

Correspondence - none

Review of Action Items

Bylaw review regarding alcohol consumption on the church premises. Most members on the board agree that it is time to review our stance on the bylaw prohibiting alcohol on the premises.

Motion: Sue Spratt moved that the following idea be presented to the congregation at the Annual General Meeting. “It is proposed that renters or church users be allowed to serve beer and /or wine at a function provided a liquor license has been procured.” Seconded by Paige Martin. CARRIED

ACTION ITEM: the congregation may need time to consider this motion as it is a shift from a policy that has been in place for decades. Daryl Sedor will include a note about this proposal in his annual report which will be available to the congregation at least two weeks in advance of the AGM.

Committee Reports

Treasurer Report, Paige Martin

Attachment #56

Motion: Sue Spratt moved that the Treasurers Report be accepted as presented. Seconded by Barb Spence. CARRIED

Finance and Facilities – No chair

Attachment #57

Thank you to Roger Scroggins who has agreed to take on the role of chairperson of rentals. Arda Kristanto (Office Admin) will continue to handle the daily demands of rentals and Roger will act as advisor and make decisions regarding out-of-the-ordinary rental requests.

ACTION ITEM: Daryl Sedor will continue to try reaching the PossAbilities coordinator to discuss/resolve issues that have arisen lately including unpaid rent.

Reaching Out, Lesley Sedor

Lesley was unable to attend, but Daryl reports that Reaching Out was very pleased with the Lenten Box initiative.

Faith Formation & Worship, Barb Spence

There was a good turnout for World Day of Prayer and Barb reports that Altadore Baptist Church will host the event next year. Over \$700 was collected and will be donated to World Day of Prayer Women's Council.

Fellowship & Caring, Lorna Flack, Sue Spratt

Attachment #58

Welcoming newcomers and collection of offering is an ongoing discussion. One concern about newcomer perception is that when offering is received many people do not place anything in the plate because they make their contribution by pre-paid cheque or through PAR.

Paige Martin suggested that while the offering plate circulates a slide mentioning that offering is gratefully accepted via PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance). Janet Layton suggested that offerings can include more than a monetary donation: a prayer or hope can be written on a slip of paper and placed in the offering plate allowing people to actively participate in this portion of the service even though they are not placing a donation on the plate. Cards stating that "I make my donation through PAR" are available for people to place in the plate if they choose to do so.

Members are encouraged to wear their nametags as a welcoming initiative.

ACTION ITEM: Jope Langejans will format something to inform people of the various ways that contributions are collected each week. IE. PAR, pre-paid cheque, placing offering in the plate on Sunday. This will be displayed on the screen while offering is received.

Ministry & Personnel, Beckie Scroggins

Attachment #59

Beckie asked for support defining job duties and priorities that for the STEP student position. At the January Council meeting a motion was passed stating that the student hired will work on Flourishing Congregation Survey and also assist Arda in the office. It is suggested that the student also help with Social Media posts and website updates (IF Shelley-Logan Gordanier would like help). The student should also follow up on initiatives started last summer. These initiatives are documented in the office.

ACTION ITEM: Janet Layton will meet with Beckie Scroggins to prepare the STEP student job description.

ACTION ITEM: Jope Langejans and Beckie Scroggins will set up a meeting with Fiona Hayes, past M&P chair to clarify hiring processes as well as procedure regarding performance review with other staff members.

Affirming Ministry, Daryl Sedor

Daryl attended the Rainbow Railroad Celebration at Knox Presbyterian Church. This wonderful program had good attendance from LUC members. The Rainbow Railroad is a charitable organization that assists members of the LGBTQ community to escape violence and persecution in their home country by helping them to relocate to safe countries. Daryl reports that any contributions received at PI Day will be forwarded to the Rainbow Railroad and that the organization is hoping to recruit more volunteers.

LGBT 48, 6 hour event is upcoming.

Rejuvenation Task Force (RTF), Janet Layton

Attachment #60

ACTION ITEM: Daryl Sedor and Janey Layton meet with Shelley Logan-Gordanier to establish communication protocol with regard to placement of information on website, email and social media platforms.

RTF suggests that the community be made aware of the space surrounding our Peace Pole; that this place for mediation is available to the public for quiet reflection.

Janet mentioned that St. David's is accessing training/coaching through the EDGE program "A Network for Ministry Development began in 2011 as a three-year project focused on new and renewing ministries across The **United Church of Canada** " (UCC Website)

The RTF will follow up on pre-work done by student last summer for Lakeview Community Funday and City of Calgary Neighbour Day. Advertisements will be posted in Lakeview News.

Motion: Lorna Flack moved that committee reports be accepted as presented. Seconded by Barb Spence. CARRIED

Ministers Report, Jope Langejans

Attachment #61

Lee Spice and Joel Den Haan will speak at the clustering meeting to be held at Lakeview United Church on April 2, 2019.

Motion: Sue Spratt moved to homologate the presentation of Zayne Seyoum for Baptism on Sunday March 10, 2019. Seconded by Beckie Scroggins. CARRIED

Motion: Lorna Flack moved that the official Council of Lakeview United Church offer its blessings upon the following names of those seeking baptism. This holy sacrament will take place in the sanctuary on Sunday, April 28, 2019, during the regular worship service, and that pre-baptism sessions will have taken place before the baptisms happen on that date:

Kelly Ann Wilderman (mother)

Odette Elizabeth Wilderman (child)

Seconded by Carolyn Bosch. CARRIED

Joep has prepared a term of employment letter to be presented to Kelly Warner for Sunday Worship coverage while Joep is on Sabbatical. A similar letter defining expectations for Pastoral Coverage is prepared and to be sent to John Crowdis.

Old Business

Membership – With help from Shelley Logan-Gardanier, Carolyn Bosch has eliminated 129 people from the Powerchurch database whose last contribution to the church was prior to 01/01/2011 and who are not otherwise affiliated with LUC. Further updates to the membership module were made in response to the emergency contact information that was collected during Pledgefest. Also, Shelley and Arda have re-vamped the Pledgefest Emergency Contact form for next year, to eliminate the confusion the recent one induced.

New Business

Volunteer of the Month

Judy Klassen will be recognized in March for her commitment and dedication to Weaselhead Presents. Kurt Perkins will be recognized in April for the many tasks that he helps with in and around the church.

Meeting Adjourned 9:00pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 24, 2019


Daryl Sedor, Chairperson

5 July 2020
Date


Carolyn Bosch, Secretary

Date