



MINUTES OF
THE COUNCIL OF
JUBILEE UNITED CHURCH

The United Church of Canada

November 23, 2022

Held in-person at the Sussex site

JUBILEE UNITED CHURCH
BURNABY, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vision: Together we are Called by God to be One by
Mission: Living Faith - Knowing Love - Voicing Hope
Ministry Priorities: Worship | Belonging | Service | Learning
Values: Honest Respectful Relationships | Joy, Laughter, Fun, Hospitality
Inclusiveness | Adaptability | Worship

INDIGENOUS RELATIONS	Jubilee United Church gives thanks and acknowledges that we are situated on the shared, ancestral and unceded territories of the hən̓q̓əmiñəm and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples. We equally respect each of the Nations who share territory in what we call Burnaby.
PRESENT:	Rev. Graham Brownmiller (Lead Minister), Gabrielle McLarty (Community Life Minister), Debra Legge (Chair), Nancy Baird, Lorna Gross, Barry Morley, Spencer Peters, Ken Tunnicliffe, Anne McCannel (Secretary)
REGRETS:	Christina Burge (Treasurer)
REFLECTION, OPENING PRAYER	The meeting began with prayer at 7:30 pm.
PREVIOUS MINUTES	Motion: that the Minutes of the Council meetings on October 5, 2022 and November 16, 2022 be adopted as distributed. Moved by: Anne McCannel Seconded by: Ken Tunnicliffe CARRIED
FINANCIAL REPORT	It was noted that offerings are down from the budgeted amount. It was agreed to resume passing the plate during church services. It was also suggested that the visitor offering envelopes be placed in the back of the chairs for ready access. Some questions regarding the financial statement will be directed to Christina. Motion: that the financial report of September 30, 2022 be received for information. Moved by: Barry Morley Seconded by: Spencer Peters CARRIED

**ITEMS FOR
CONVERSATION**

Administration

Nominations

At the Annual Meeting of the congregation, there are a few people whose terms are up: Debra Legge, Ken Tunnicliffe & Lorna Gross on Council, Len Gross on Trustees and Glo McArter on M&P. A nominations committee (2-3 people) is needed to discern with these folks about their continued roles. If any of them say no, or it's decided together that they are not going to continue, new members must be found and a conversation had with them to determine their eligibility and desire to serve. Anne McCannel will contact those whose terms are up, and report back to council at the next meeting.

**Tai Kong United
Church**

The Tai Kong United Church begins worshipping at Rumble on November 27th. Jason Meyer has worked with their folks to train on the Audio Visual system and they have received their keys.

**Facility Use
Agreements**

Agreements are being crafted for Bright Star Montessori, Myung Sung, and First United Methodist Churches; a 25% increase over the next 3 years is being levied. Rev. Graham has met with Adriana from Bright Star, but the others chose not to meet.

Masks and Covid

It was agreed that the decision to wear masks during worship will be left with each individual, based on personal preference.

Worship

Peace Pole

There is a Peace Pole that was commissioned by West Burnaby United Church; it is currently in the Memorial Room at Rumble. It was agreed to have it installed in the back patio garden at the Sussex site. Rev. Graham will attempt to locate the artist to speak about moving and re-installing the pole.

Membership

Sara Coyne and Des Goold desire to become members of Jubilee United Church and Rev. Graham consents to this decision.

There are currently 147 members on the roster.

Advent Decorating

Advent decorating (including window painting) has been done at both the Rumble and Sussex sites.

Belonging

Parent & Tot

This program is up and running. While it has been a slow start, it is expected to grow over time. It was suggested that distributing flyers around the community might be helpful to increase awareness.

Funraisers

There was a question regarding which Funraiser events are most profitable. It was indicated that all events raise money. Dave Ellis will be asked to highlight the Funraiser finances at the next Annual General Meeting.

The Breakfast with Santa event on December 11 will be targeted to congregational members, with a limit of 40 tickets being sold.

The Sweet Sounds on Sussex program will begin on January 21, and the Scottish Ceilidh will be held on February 4.

Service

Consultation Gabrielle and Rev. Graham will host a CMG: Service Consultation on January 14, 2023.

ESL Homework Club We have yet to have children come to the homework club; however, there have been three (3) adults express interest in ESL learning opportunities. Dave Ellis and Anne McCannel have volunteered to support this program.

Learning

Lenten Study In March 2020, the congregation agreed to move ahead on a year-long Affirming Process, but this was delayed due to COVID and other pressing matters. As a first step in the process, Council agreed that the Lenten Study would be a good place to begin conversations and hear from folks from different marginalized communities. The National Affirming organization has been consulted; Rev. Graham will discuss this further with the Learning Core Ministry Group.

Ministry & Personnel

Gabrielle will be taking a week of Study Leave from Dec 2 – 8.

Rev. Graham is looking to take a week or two of Study or Holidays in January. He also hopes to attend a conference in May in Minneapolis.

Jason has just shy of 2 weeks of holidays to take and has been paid out for 1/2 of the overtime he worked earlier this year.

Jerry Tiongson has accepted our Caretaker Position and begins November 28th, 2022. The current cleaning company requires a month's notice, so there will be some overlap during the month of December.

A posted schedule for access to Rumble is being developed. It was noted that accessibility may be affecting the ability of people to leave donations for the thrift shop.

Other items

Pacific Mountain Regional Council will be hosting a Christmas Open House on Wednesday, December 14th from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Len Gross has created a structure for the free library and pantry which will be installed in front of the Rumble site. John Baird will be consulted regarding anchoring it. Once it is in place, Debra will register it with the 'Little Free Library' organization.

Flow of food during fellowship after service has been challenging. Work will continue to rearrange tables so there is better movement.

Adjournment

Having completed our agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Next Meeting

January 11, 2023 at 7:30 pm.

Debra Legge, Chair

Anne McCannel, Secretary

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