



MINUTES OF
THE COUNCIL OF
JUBILEE UNITED CHURCH

The United Church of Canada

January 11, 2023

Virtual Meeting

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, Spencer Peters, Anne McCannel (Secretary)

REGRETS:

Barry Morley, Ken Tunnicliffe, Christina Burge (Treasurer)

The Council met via Zoom, a platform that allowed all members to communicate with one another at the same time.

**REFLECTION, OPENING
PRAYER**

The meeting began with a reflection and prayer at 7:38 pm.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion: that the Minutes of the Council meeting on November 23, 2022 be adopted as distributed.

Moved by: Anne McCannel

Seconded by: Lorna Gross

CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORT

Tabled until the next meeting.

**ITEMS FOR
CONVERSATION**

Administration

Nominations

The following people have agreed to let their names stand for another term: Debra Legge and Ken Tunnicliffe on Council; Len Gross on Trustees; Glo McArter on M&P. Lorna Gross will step down from Council; thanks were extended to her for her service. Anne will speak with Ken Tunnicliffe to see if he will assist with nominations to fill the vacancy on Council.

Facility Use Agreements As of January 1, 2023, we have begun a successive increase in fees for our facility use partners. Brightstar Montessori and First United Methodist will increase 25% over the next three years. MyungSung Church asked for a lesser increase, and in conversation with the Admin Working Group, it was agreed that their fees will increase 20% over the next three years.

It was noted that the relationship with Tai Kong United Church is working out well.

Trustees The deadline for repayment of the CEBA (Canadian Emergency Business Assistance) loan which we received during the pandemic has been extended. Rather than repay the loan now, a \$40,000 GIC (@4.5%) has been purchased, the principle to be used to repay the loan in one year, and interest deposited into operating.

The Trustees will review the Terms of Reference for the principle of the Jubilee Fund and our Statement of Investment Principles.

Online Payments Possible online payment options for Funraiser events were discussed. It was noted that online payments often charge a user fee. Square allows payments at the door. E-transfers would require clear identification of where the money is to go. Debra will find out what Girl Guides uses for online payments and will report back.

Presider Chairs/Bench The Presider Chairs from Rumble and a two-seater bench from the Sussex site are currently in storage. The Presider Chairs have been damaged. There was discussion regarding potentially fixing the chairs, and if the chairs and bench would be used. Rev. Graham will share a photo of the items with Council for further consideration.

Worship

Peace Pole The artist of the Peace Pole has been identified but not yet contacted.

Advent/Christmas Season The Season went well. With the help of Barb Tunnicliffe and Helen Martin, along with Rev. Graham, Gabrielle and Jason, decorating was done at both sites. Beau Bierhaus marshalled a team to paint the windows facing Sussex. The windows were beautiful, but it was suggested that the scenes be more church-related in the future. The 7 pm Christmas Eve service had about 90 people in person and 40 online, the 10 pm Christmas Eve had 35 in person and 20 online, and the Christmas Day service had 35 in person and 35 online. At all three services there were quite a few unfamiliar faces – one of them even left a very positive Google Review! The physical set up in the sanctuary was changed during advent, and while some might have felt uncomfortable initially, the change seemed to work well.

Choir Adult Choir has begun and we will track its progress over the next months. Children's choir is continuing.

Easter Various events have been planned for the Easter season. On Feb 22, Deer Lake United Church will join us for Pancake Ash Wednesday at Sussex; on April 6, the Maundy service will be held at Rumble; on April 7, the Good Friday service will be held at Deer Lake. Graham will check with Deer Lake regarding a joint choir.

New attendees We have noticed quite a few unfamiliar people showing up at worship, and we are very excited about that – especially the ones who return! New names have been added to our mailing list.

Belonging

Funraisers A number of events have been planned over the next several months. These include the 'Sweet Sounds on Sussex', the Scottish Ceilidh, and a pancake breakfast. Another event in June, and more in September, are also being considered. Information has been sent to the mayor's office as a form of invitation.

Transportation We have always had a line item in the budget for those who need to take transportation to church, but we have never been great at advertising this. It was agreed to remind people about this option during the AGM and through a future newsletter.

Family Matters The all-ages advent party went well, including some folks who are not part of a "family". The New Year's Eve sleepover was postponed but will be rescheduled.

Service

Consultation Gabrielle will host a CMG: Service Consultation on January 14, 2023 10:30 to noon. Gabrielle and Rev. Graham will do some planning together.

Thrift Shop At the end of the year, the Thrift Shop donated an additional \$20,000 to church. With support from Pamela Evans & Cathy Cryder as well as Janet Babey, Gwen Morse and Nancy Baird, the Thrift Shop is planning to open on the first Saturday of the month, in addition to the weekly Thursday openings. The Saturday opening in December went well, while January's was not as lucrative. Additional advertising for Saturdays will be done.

St. Michael's Rev. Graham and Gabrielle will return to leading worship on the first Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm at St. Michael's.

Learning

Sunday School With Barb Tunnicliffe having knee surgery, Gabrielle will spend some time with the youth and Debra will support Mira with Sunday School. The entire program is going well.

Bible Study Bible Study continues online led by Dorothy Jeffery.

Lenten Study Lenten study will be held on Wednesday nights during Lent. We will engage the Affirm Theme (specifically 'A Place at the Table') and focus on five areas of intersectionality and welcome: disability, indigenous, racialized, LGB, Trans. The evening will begin with gathering at 5:30 pm, followed by a meal and speaker. Advertising is being developed.

Ministry & Personnel

Rev. Graham is taking some time off between January 10 and 27 but will be working remotely for portions of that. He may possibly also take February 13-20 and will be away May 11-26 for Study, Holiday and a General Council meeting.

Gabrielle will be at the Imagine Children's Retreat March 17-19 and will be taking holidays April 26 – May 9

Both Rev. Graham and Gabrielle will be at the Pacific Mountain Regional Council meeting June 1-4.

The contract with the current cleaning company goes to the end of October. Jerry Tiongson has resigned and his last day was January 4th; Jason and Graham are continuing to re-imagine ways the job can be done differently. The position requires someone who will help set-up sanctuary and assist with the thrift shop; check the office; empty garbage.

A potential applicant who has experience cleaning has been identified. Council was supportive of hiring on contract, as this will give a chance to see how to make the job work. Rev. Graham will talk to M&P about this approach.

Other items

The L'Arche art show held at Sussex in October was well received.

The date for the congregational meeting has been tentatively set for March 12, 2023. As long as financial information is prepared, a zoom meeting will be held a week prior to specifically address financial questions.

Adjournment

Having completed our agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Next Meeting

Tuesday February 21, 2023 in person at 7:30 pm at Sussex.

Debra Legge, Chair

Anne McCannel, Secretary

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