**Westminster United Church Council Meeting**

**August 11, 2020 7:00 PM Westminster United Church Hall**

**MINUTES**

***Mission Statement***

 *Westminster United Church is a community called by God, guided by the teachings of Jesus, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be a spiritual, caring and open community of faith. We work towards growth and sustainability in all that we do.*

***Acknowledgement***

* For thousands of years Indigenous peoples have walked on this land, in their own country. Their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives. As we open our meeting today, we acknowledge that we are gathered in the traditional territory of the Cree, Salteaux, and Assiniboine First Nations – in the area most recently defined as Treaty 6, and we acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

**Present:** Mary Ruthven, Murray Stevens, Willie Kosokowsky, Ruth Mostowy, Allison Sarauer, Jacquelynn Souter-Elliott, Maxine Mesenchuk, Brenda Curtis, and April Kozar.

**Item 1: Welcome/Centering Prayer:** Brenda Curtis opened with a prayer.

**Item 2: Call to order -** Chair Mary Ruthven called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM

**Item3: Consent Agenda**

a) Minutes from June 23, 2020 meeting

b) Minister's Report

c) Treasurer's Report

d) Financial Statement

f) Affirm Team Report

**Item4: Motion for Consent Agenda –** Willie Kosokowsky/Maxine Mesenchuk, “To accept the consent agenda with the removal of the treasurer’s report.” Carried.

**Item5: Items Removed from Consent Agenda** Treasurer’s Report - Will be discussed under Old Business

**Item6: Correspondence - None**

**Item7: Old Business**

a) Zoom – Murray Stevens/Allison Sarauer, “To renew our Zoom subscription to the end of October.” Carried.

b) Cleaning – Sherry Hogemann reviewed the cleaning protocols required for the church

c) Planned Giving – There is $1600 available. Murray Stevens/Maxine Mesenchuk, “ That Murray Stevens will write a letter to Planned Giving to request funds for the purchase of a new vacuum cleaner and lawn mower for the church.” Carried.

d) Virtual VBS – We have 5 families registered. Monday was painting, Tuesday was a scavenger hunt and Wednesday will be science experiment. It has been going well.

e) Treasurer’s Report-Discussion took place on the current financial position of the church.

**Item 8: New Business**

1. Fundraising-Request for Jeffry Straker to do a concert in the church with a portion of the proceeds going to Westminster and Westminster outreach projects. With the current guidelines, we could have up to 90 people attend. Murray Stevens/Ruth Mostowy, “That we host a Jeffrey Straker concert in October with date to be confirmed with Jeffrey Straker.” Carried.

Allison Sarauer/Murray Stevens, “To plan for a garage sale fundraiser at Misty Gardens September 11 & 12.” Carried. Maxine Mesenchuk will follow up with Misty Gardens and confirm the date.

b) Janitorial Service going forward- A meeting will be held with James and the M&P committee on August 21 to discuss cleaning expectations moving forward.

1. Re-opening of church - Target date for re-opening is September 6, 2020. A letter will go out to the congregation and be posted on facebook and the website.

Murray Stevens/Maxine Mesenchuk, “That Westminster United Church re-open in-person worship for service on Sunday, September 6, 2020. Carried.

1. Farewell Policy  - Allison Sarauer will deliver the gift to Joan and Wayne Stock. The farewell policy will be reviewed and update at a later date.

e) Doctors Without Borders – Brenda Curtis will follow-up.

**Item 9: Emergent Issues –** With the lights being changed in the sanctuary, the TV will need to be moved due to the lights glaring and reflecting.

**Item 10: Next Meeting Date –** Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 PM

**Item 11: Adjournment –** 9:28 PM