**Westminster United Church Council Meeting**

**February 19, 2020 CE Room Westminster United Church 7:00 PM**

**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:** Carol Oleksyn, Mary Ruthven, Dee Robertson, Willie Kosokowsky, Jacquelynn Souter-Elliott, Murray Stevens, Carol Gossner, Rev. Brenda Curtis, and April Kozar.

**Regrets:** Elan Buan and Allison Sarauer

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

**Item 2: Call to order –** Carol Oleksyn called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

**Item 3: Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes from January meeting
2. Minister’s Report
3. Treasurer’s Report
4. Financial statement
5. Affirm Committee report

**Item 4: Motion for Consent Agenda –** Carol Gossner/Dee Robertson, “To accept consent agenda with the removal of Treasurer’s Report and Minister’s Report.” Carried.

**Item 5: Items removed from consent agenda -**

**Minister’s Report -** Rev. Brenda gave clarificationon an item that was brought forward to her in her report. Jacquelynn Souter-Elliott/Mary Ruthven, “To accept the Minister’s Report as presented.” Carried.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Murray Stevens/Carol Gossner, “To accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented.” Carried.

**Item 6: Correspondence**: Thank you letter from ICM for items received from the tree set up in the sanctuary before Christmas.

**Item 7: Old BUSINESS**

1. Draft budget – The following adjustments were made:

In order to accommodate some building expenditures that would be separate from the operating income, but would likely come from the building account the following adjustments were made: Included is $3,000 under Improvements Income and $3,000 under 5292: Improvements. This is meant to cover costs of the new water heater, shelving in basement, and to clean/seal front stucco.

Adjusted 5450: Travel Mileage down to $2,200 from $2,600 to be more in line with what we actually expect.

Under 5500 Making Connections and Outreach, adjusted is some of the labels for the new line items. Increased Healing Pathways from $200 to $300. Note that they generated at least $300 in 2019.

Adjusted 5730: Photocopier down from $2,000 to $1,500

Murray Stevens/Jacquelynn Souter-Elliott, “To present the draft 2020 budget to the congregation at the March 8, 2020 AGM.” Carried.

1. Policy changes -baptism, wedding, funeral – Tabled until next meeting
2. Policy around accounts receivable (unpaid accounts) – Tabled until next meeting
3. Use of church building /space – Murray Stevens/Carol Gossner, “That the healing pathway proposal to create a healing space in the room adjacent to the kitchen be approved and subject to an annual review.” Carried.
4. Additional Council member- Nominating Committee will ask Tyler Skogen to be a Council member representing Westminster Youth.
5. Regional Gathering Report – An update was given. Planning Committee is given a $500 budget for decorating, etc.
6. AED discussion – The new battery was put in so the machine is back in working order. We need someone to look after the machine, do monthly checks and do annual presentations to educate the congregation. The next presentation will be November of 2020. It was suggested to ask Renee Mackenzie if she would be interested. We also need to have people in our congregation trained in CPR/AED.
7. Annual Review with Quill Plains - Willie Kosokowsky /Mary Ruthven, “That we increase the monthly contract with Quill Plains from $620/month to $635/month.” Carried.
8. Blanket exercise – This was brought forward as something Westminster should host. Cost is approx. $700. Mary Ruthven/ Willie Kosokowsky, “That we support bringing the Blanket Exercise to Westminster in fall of 2020.” Carried.
9. safeTALK – April Kozar and Mara Doepker facilitated a safeTALK Workshop open to the community on January 31,2020 at Westminster. There were 9 people in attendance. Feedback received from participants was very positive. April Kozar and Shari Hinz (Humboldt Safe Communities) will be hosting another workshop on March 2 for Humboldt Fire Department and Humboldt EMS. April Kozar will be hosting another community workshop at Westminster on April 3 and is also scheduled with all the other facilitators in Humboldt to facilitate this workshop for the staff at CTRC in August 2020.

**Item 8: NEW BUSINESS**

1. M & P business – Willie Kosokowsky/Murray Stevens, “To increase James Folster hourly wage from $16.50/hr to $17.00/hr effective February 1, 2020.” Carried.
2. Table group discussion time at the Annual Meeting – Stewardship will be the focus
3. Property Report – Estimate for security cameras is $232.00 plus cables and wiring. The new water heater has been installed. When a function is happening, both waters heaters will need to be hooked up to ensure we won’t run out of hot water.
4. Baptism Approval – Emmitt John Kosokowsky on April 12, 2020.

Mary Ruthven/Jacquelynn Souter-Elliot, “To approve the baptism for Emmitt John Kosokowsky on April 12, 2020.” Carried.

1. Membership Approval for Linda Lou Moore – Carol Gossner/Dee Robertson, “To approve the membership of Linda Lou Moore.” Carried.
2. Quilt – Will be given as a gift to the main speaker at the Regional Gathering Conference
3. Stewardship – A task group will be formed to make stewardship the focus of 2020.

**Item 9: Emergent Issues**

**Item 10*:* Next meeting date – To be determined**

**Item 11: Adjournment –** Meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm