**Westminster United Church Council Meeting**

**October 13, 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, Elan Buan, Murray Stevens, Carol Gossner, Allison Sarauer, Renee MacKenize, Maxine Mesenchuk, Willie Kosokowsky, Brenda Curtis and April Kozar.

**Zoom** – Jacquelynn Souter-Elliott, Ruth Mostowy, and Tyler Skogen

**Item 1: Welcome/Centering Prayer**

**Item 2: Call to order –** Mary Ruthven called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

**Item3: Consent Agenda**

a) Minutes from September 15

b) Minister's Report

c) Treasurer's Report

d) Property Report

e) Affirm Team Report

f) Worship & Membership Report

Brenda Curtis gave an overview of how reporting to Council as Coordinators and the consent agenda works.

**Item4: Motion for Consent Agenda –** Murray Stevens/Elan Buan,”To accept the consent agenda as presented.” Carried.

**Item5: Items Removed from Consent Agenda -** None

**Item6: Correspondence –** Letter from Camp Christopher

**Item7: Old Business**

1. **Janitorial Services Submission**- October 15 is deadline for submissions. Several applications have been received. A meeting will be held on the 19th to review them.
2. **Garage Sale** - $1895.00 was raised. A thank you card will be sent to Paul and Diana Kneeshaw at Misty Gardens.

c) **Farewell Policy –** Tabled for November meeting

d) **Re-opening of Sunday School**

* Community Chalk Day was successful and kids had fun
* It was suggested that we wait until Advent to start Sunday School

e) **Jeffrey Straker Concert** – October 16 @ 7:00PM

* 34 tickets sold, 2 by Zoom so far

e) **Moving of sanctuary T.V.** – Tabled

f) **Zoom Subscription** – Willie Kosokowsky/Carol Gossner, “To Renew our Zoom subscription until January 2021.” Carried.

g) **Log Book** – April will meet with Murray to discuss what things should be included in the maintenance log book.

h) **Fowl Supper- Nov. 8** – Willie Kosokowsky has been contacting people for volunteers and the response has been positive. General consensus is to proceed with the Fowl Supper on Nov. 8.

i) Chairs(moved and covered) – We are going to cover and stack some extra chairs in the corner of the hall. Exit bulb needs to be changed. Install a shelf in between bathroom doors to place cleaners out of reach of children. Outside light has broken. Renee MacKenzie/Maxine Mesenchuk, “That we cap the light for now and look at replacing it in the future when finances allow.” Carried.

j) Coverage for Study Leave – To save money for pulpit supply, 4 services will be prepared in advance and the reflections will be done by video. Will find 4 volunteers to read the service. Oct 25, Nov. 1 – Mary Ruthven, Nov 22 and Nov 29.

**Item8: New Business**

a) Remit 1 – Regional Council will be voting on this. Remit 1 is about updating wording.

b) Intercultural church – Information on learning about the vision of becoming an Intercultural Church

c) Bench donation – Carol Gossner/Renee MacKenzie, “That Carol Gossner donate a bench from Misty Gardens to place by the front flower bed in memory of her brother Jim in the spring of 2021.” Carried.

d) Stewardship – Stewardship will look at doing videos during Minute for Westminster starting October 25

**Item 9: Emergent Issues**

**Item 10: Next Meeting Date –** November 10, 7:00 PM

**Item 11: Adjournment –** Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm