

*Humbercrest United Church*  
Minutes of Church Council Meeting  
June 25, 2019  
(commenced 7:05 pm.)

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Attendance: J. McCrae, F. Steggles, C. Evans, D. Gilmour, M. Garrie, M. Grayhurst, M. Steggles, B. Burke, A. McGregor, M. McBride

Regrets: B Packham, H Gaskin

*Gathering*

1. Welcome by Beverley.
2. Worship: Jessica provided a moment of prayer.

*Administrative Ministry of the Church*

3. Approval of Minutes of the May 28, 2019 Council meeting.

**Motion: Melanie/Charlie** **CARRIED**  
That council approve the minutes of the May 28, 2019 council meeting.

4. Approval of the Agenda

**Motion: Fern/Charlie** **CARRIED**  
That council approve the agenda for the May 28, 2019 meeting.

5. Chair Report/Correspondence  
No report.

*Follow-up / New Business*

**6. Boiler Update**

Mike reported that Biss have confirmed that they will do the additional work starting on July 15, 2019. This will include work on the major leak found under the stage and Mike hopes to be present to see how the water affects the surrounding area and to where it is draining. There will be no further payments until all the work is completed.

**7. Web-site Update**

Marlene reported the new web-site is at the review stage and soon will be operational. Susan Murphy and Marlene will be the backups for administration of the web-site. Joe Anderson is willing to continue to offer support as his time permits. In the meantime Marlene will canvas for another volunteer.

**8. Church Administration Job Description**

From the M&P review of Church Administration, it was concluded that the current description will be maintained with one new change, Smart Serve training will be added which has to do with the serving of alcohol. Any upgrade in administrative skills through professional training will be encouraged. The budget is limited to \$500 but there is training that can be done via desktop.

**9. Review of Constitution**

The job descriptions for Community and Resources Teams were discussed. The main change is the removal of the word “committee” but the functions of the teams remain the same. Melanie will re-write the description for Resources. During the summer she will work on the rewording of our constitution.

**10. Visioning Group**

A Visioning Group has now been set up to explore the question of Humbercrest and where it can go in the future. Linda Steggle will lead the group. In addition to Linda, it will include Diana Seth, Barb Gilmour, Marg Garrie, Howard Gaskin and Jessica McCrae. There will be a meeting of the group on July 8, 2019.

Marg reported on the Rental Committee recent meeting with Katja Brittain, Associate Director, Property & Mission, Toronto United Church Council (TUCC). Katja identified marketing, open houses and networking as areas that could be considered. In her opinion some of our church rooms could be used as small meeting offices. Her initial impression is that we have good potential for renting space.

*Stewardship of Our Resources*

11. Treasurer's Report

Charlie presented the financial results to the end of May. Donations are tracking ahead of the prior year. Use of Halls revenue is noticeably down. For the expenses, the payroll costs are as budgeted. The caretaking costs are lower due to the church being closed while the heat was off in January/February. And with the heat off, the utility costs are down with less gas used. The Buildings and Grounds budget is \$9,000 but for the moment expenditures will be limited to emergency repairs only. To date B&G expense totals only \$916. Overall the net of income and expense at May year to date is a deficit of \$26,796, but comparable to the prior year. Donations for M&S as reported previously are lower than the prior year with there being fewer donors.

In the review of the cheque register, Mike asked about the payment of \$4,891.77 for the organ. He expressed concern about the payment without there being a review process. He reminded council members that Charlie has emphasized that the 2019 finances will be a challenge and all expenditures have to be closely looked at before making a decision to proceed. It was agreed that M&P will advise Brian who will be asked to speak to Mel about the importance of this process.

**Motion: Charlie/Melanie**

**CARRIED**

That council accept the Treasurer's report.

*A Time of Reflection and Discernment*

13. Minister's Report

Jessica added further comments on the topic of visioning. She reported that in September she will attend a workshop at Five Oaks from September 9 to 12, 2019, about ministering in churches in transition. And in October there is a seminar also at Five Oaks with the theme of how we are using our churches. This seminar will explore ideas on how to work in communities. Both of these events show that there are resources available to help congregations.

*Our Shared Ministries*

Committee Reports -

14. **Trustees**

No report.

Approved by HUC Council

15. **Devotions**

No report.

16. **Facilities**

Mike – No report.

17. **Resources**

Marg – It should be noted that following this year’s May sale, some unsold items have been offered on Kijiji, so small amounts are still “trickling in” for items sold this way. The elevator door has been repaired at a cost of \$3,500.

18. **Community**

Fern reported the Community Team met on June 2, 2019. The Welcoming Women Supper was held on June 3, 2019. And the Strawberry Social was held on June 9, 2019. Care and Welcoming is looking for greeters for the summer services. On September 22, 2019, there will be a community barbecue with chef Brian P and the Quilters and Just for Men will host.

22. **Ministry and Personnel**

Aileen – Mel has requested vacation time in October for 2 weeks. Mel also expressed interest in some future fund raising including having a Trivia Night in January 2020. It was agreed that Trivia Night will be put on the agenda for the September council meeting.

23. Closing Remarks/Adjournment

(Adjournment: 9:15 pm.)

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Next regular council meeting is September 24, 2019 @ 7:00 pm.

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B. Burke – *Council Chair*

D. Gilmour – *Secretary*