

**Mountainview United Church
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday January 20, 2015**

Present: J Sallmen, J Fetter, M Blewett, J Villeneuve, Rev Dwain, L Raybould, N Hayden, D Gillis, C Stehlik
Regrets: J Hearn, K Thacker
Recorder: K McNeil

We Assemble in God's Name

J Sallmen welcomed the group and thanked them for coming

The Christ Candle was lit by C Stehlik

Rev. Dwain prepared a scripture reading from Exodus 3:1-5 and then read a poem Shoes in Church, Anonymous.

Rev. Dwain concluded with a prayer.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as distributed.

We Celebrate Our Past

The minutes of November 19, 2014 were approved as circulated and amended – requested to remove the word “oldest” from the paragraph in Rev Dwain’s comments about the Old Testament theologian who spoke at a conference he attended.

We Present Our Offering

1. Business Arising from the Board Minutes November 19, 2014
 - a) Strategic Planning Team Update: an application was sent to the Extension Council and there has been communication back and forth. They are trying very hard to get an answer back to us soon. There will be a meeting at Mountainview on Wednesday February 11, 2015 and we will be unable to hold our council meeting that evening. Sent in all background information except the 2014 report – will be sent when completed. Supposed to be getting a list of questions from Extension Council but we have not received these yet.
 - b) Development Team Update: no meetings since November 12th with EDGE; awaiting CMHC financing approval when completed, then an RFP (Request for Proposal) needs to be completed. John spoke with Michael within the last week and he expects to call a meeting of the Development Team just before the end of January or early in February.
 - c) Missional Thinking with EDGE: at some point we need to make sure during the process that we need to talk to someone (EDGE does this but we would have to pay them) about what we might do with respect to the church, especially if another building. Unless development funding is received, we will not be able to proceed.
 - d) NOW Project Update: Scouts’ parents have signed a release to videotape and take pictures for community purposes, asked J Fraser to clarify that they understand this will be uploaded to YouTube. Niagara Online Worship (NOW) will be at Mountainview for the month of February; Scouts participating in Baden Powell Sunday as well as communion and first Sunday in Lent on February 21st. Option to have Baden Powell Sunday the week beforehand, Rev Dwain awaiting response from Scouts.
 - e) Conversation Café for Property and LLCDC: this took place following the service on November 30th
 - f) Conversation Café by the Board on January 25th: will be having a chili lunch for nickel and dime project; set up Saturday at 2 p.m. Butter, buns and fruit will also be provided. Will need pencils, pad of paper for the white board, markers, etc. John will introduce and explain why we are doing this, ask each table to write down ideas about things to be addressed after funding received (15-20 minutes). Important to let people know we are still moving forward. Hope this will give us a head start for our future development. Important to

hear concerns that people have as we have nothing concrete yet. Board will take ideas and develop new vision path, include team leaders. Foundation of United Church remains but we need to be open to new ideas and visions.

- g) Update on Bill 168 re Violence and Harassment: Nancy and Jane will be working on this but have no update at this time. Will present update at February Board meeting.

2. Correspondence

- a) Outreach Trivia Night: Tentative date of May 23, 2015; would like to have a bar, anticipate selling beer and wine. Required to have liquor licence and ensure that the Board is OK for this to happen. Judith Fraser has all of the forms to apply for a licence to sell liquor.

Motion: Moved – Stehlik Seconded – Villeneuve

“That the Outreach Team be given authority to acquire appropriate licences for the selling of beer and wine for Trivia Night.”

CARRIED

- b) Request for Supplies from John Bedell: A letter was received from John Bedell, head of NOW; John is travelling to the Philippines for 2 weeks in March to rebuild homes, etc., following a hurricane. He is collecting school supplies for children in the community (note in bulletin); requesting also for funding to assist with travel costs. The Outreach Team has agreed that a note in the bulletin will be done requesting school supplies, and they are donating \$100 from the Team. There will also be a separate box for people to make personal donations if they wish.

- 3. LLCDC Concerns: Carol Bott approached John and Margaret; concern that Mountainview be protected in the event that there is any difficulty with children in Sunday School regarding harassment, violence. In the Board structure there is no job description for Sunday School teachers and no direction given to teams with respect to their duties. Faithful Footsteps on United Church website regarding taking care of vulnerable members of the congregation, i.e. children, elderly has been forwarded to C Bott for follow up. Appreciate that there are 2 adults present in Sunday School classes to ensure continued safety of children.

- 4. Nomination Committee Report: all team leaders have agreed to continue with the exception of LLCDC, may be filled soon; we have a trustee who would like to resign and we have a replacement for that person; no secretary yet; have talked with someone who may be willing to act as vice chair. Request to let Margaret know of anyone who would like to be on the Board.

- 5. Trustees: Met on January 12 and a motion was passed to transfer from the endowment fund to the operating fund up to \$15,000 in 2015; money will stay in the bank until requested or required. There was a motion passed by Madeleine Hoxie to buy More Voices original hymn book (\$44.95) and Voices United (\$48.95).

Motion: Moved – Gillis Seconded – Stehlik

“That new music books for the Minister of Music be purchased from Memorial Funds, not to exceed \$120”

CARRIED

May be losing a long time trustee and looking for a replacement; can have up to 15 trustees and may be looking for more as time goes forward. It was noted that trustees need not be members of the church.

- 6. Ministry and Personnel: Rev Dwain was asked to leave the room while discussion took place regarding salary increases for the next budget year. The motion will be presented at the Annual Meeting on March 1, 2015. Following discussions, Rev. Dwain was asked to return for the rest of the meeting.

7. Minister's Report: Rev Dwain will be taking study leave from April 13 to 19 – part of this time will be spent as the Chaplain at the National AOTS (As One That Serves) Men's Club and carrying out a service for them. AOTS is the official united church men's club and this conference will take place at Jackson's Point. There are people who have expressed an interest in becoming members of Mountainview by Affirmation of Faith: Richard Holder, Dawn Good and Teresa (Terre) Leckman.

Motion: Moved – Blewett Seconded – Fetter

"To have a service of Affirmation of Faith for Richard Holder, Dawn Good and Terre Leckman on Sunday March 1, 2015"

8. Treasurer: Mountainview received one donation over \$20,000 this year; \$10,000 from the trustees and several individual donations at the year-end resulting in a small profit for this year. The budget for 2015 will be completed soon.
9. Other Business: Motion for Interim Minister of Music: The chair requests that the following motion, approved by e-mail in December 2014, be included in the Board Minutes of January 20, 2015:

Moved by Kathy and **seconded** by Margaret that the Board approve the recommendation of the search committee that Mountainview United Church hire Chris Lovell as Interim Minister of Music for a term of 2 months at a salary of up to \$300 per week.

Motion: Moved – Fetter Seconded – Raybould

"That the motion approved by e-mail in December 2014 to hire the Interim Minister of Music be included in the minutes of January 20, 2015." **CARRIED**

10. Next Meeting: The next meeting would regularly be held on February 11 but due to the meeting with the Extension Council it is suggested that the meeting be held on February 18th. All agreed.

We Give Thanks to God

- a) We offer our thanks for God's presence in our Ministry – thanks to everyone for attending
- b) We offer our prayers for others – thanks for thoughts, prayers and good wishes during illness
- c) We remember our fellow members – thanks to fellow members for their assistance

We Go Out In God's Name

Rev. Dwain closed the meeting with a prayer.