

Minutes
Lakeview United Church Council "Special" Meeting
Thursday, August 13, 2020 @ 7:00 pm MST
Via Zoom

Attendees

Lorna Flack	Fellowship & Caring
Becky Scroggins	M&P
Roger Scroggins	Rentals
Bob Gibennus	Council Chair
Daryl Sedor	Faith Formation & worship, Chinook Winds Region
Joep Langejans	LUC Minister
Jude Sampson	Secretary

Regrets

Raj Retjnanandan	Reaching Out Committee Chair
Robbie Temple	Treasurer
Janet Layton	Rejuvenation Task Force

Agenda

Public worship relaunch (or not) and strategies
Church rentals during pandemic
Marie's contract

Call to Order: Bob called meeting to order at 7:10 pm

Opening Devotional

Joep started the meeting by leading us in prayer.

Review of today's Town Hall Meeting

Bob shared the highlights of this meeting concerning COVID 19 facts, cautions and guidelines with us. A copy is attached to the minutes.

Rentals during the Pandemic

We currently have 3 rental groups; Al Madinah on Friday afternoons, AA Friday nights and Pedal Heads during weekdays.

Two other groups have submitted applications for rentals; Student Inc and Westwinds. After a discussion the council agreed unanimously on the following steps

STEP 1 – currently LUC website states the church is closed to renters. This is not correct as we currently have 3 renters. Roger suggests changing the wording to read "Renters will be considered....."

STEP 2 – the costs of renting need to be weighed against the costs of additional cleaning required during the pandemic. Some organizations have said they find the rental costs hard to gather now. Would they be willing to pay more for additional cleaning required? Can the Church absorb the costs?

STEP 3 – Roger, Bob and Joep will review the costs of the additional cleaning and come to a decision concerning the existing renters and if they recommend proceeding with new renters

STEP 4 – If the Church allows renters a form will be created, for the renters to sign, outlining the Churches expectations during COVID 19

Public Worship

Bob asked each of the council members for their thoughts about if and when we should conduct the worship service inside the church.

General comments included:

- if service was held inside attendance would have to be confirmed prior to service and two services may be required.
- our congregation is high risk as it is mainly composed of seniors
- we would lose ½ of the people we have outside now by conducting services inside
- need to keep our congregation safe
- majority of time at church is about community and this is not available during the pandemic (ie. Coffee, visiting, touching)
- if we were to have service inside we would need lots of volunteers. We would be putting them at risk.

All agreed *not* to have the service inside at this time. We will continue with Jope's services outside on the lawn as long as the weather permits. If we are unable to conduct services outside we will go back to Jope's services on You Tube.

We will revisit this question at the Council Meeting in September.

Marie's Contract

Beckie raised the question of Marie's contract. Marie provides music services for the church including choir rehearsals, choosing of songs for services and playing the piano. Marie's services were suspended 4 months ago due to the pandemic. Do we want to terminate Marie's contract? Becky will look further into the terms of Marie's contract. This question will be discussed at September's Council meeting.

Action Items

Item	Action By
1. Rentals – ensure correct wording on website	Roger
2. Rentals – investigate cost of cleaning & disinfecting verses rental costs and present at September meeting	Roger, Bob, Jope
3. Rentals – prepare a new rental agreement specific to COVID-19 requirements (incl. contact tracing) in consultation with Bob and Jope. Bring recommendation to September meeting.	Roger
4. Sanctuary – arrange to have hymn books and pew bibles removed and stored	Bob
5. Indoor Public Worship – check with other United Churches that have reopened for indoor public worship and find out what protocols they have put in place. Submit findings to Bob.	Daryl
6. Marie's Contract – confirm details of contract and report back at September meeting	Beckie

Meeting adjourned with a prayer from Jope

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 16 @ 7:00 pm

Bob Gibennus Sept. 23/20
Bob Gibennus, Chairperson Date

Judy Sampson Sept 16, 2020
Judy Sampson, Secretary Date
Jude

