

Minutes
Lakeview United Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, December 19, 2018 7:00pm

Acknowledgement of First Peoples and Traditional Territory

Lakeview United Church Vision Statement

Offering Spiritual Renewal and Growth in a Caring, Affirming Community where all are Welcome

Call to Order

7:10 pm by Daryl Sedor. Quorum is reached.

Attendees

Daryl Sedor, Chairperson, Affirming Ministry
Jope Langejans, Minister
Lesley Sedor, Reaching Out
Louise Poudrette, Faith Formation & Worship
Fiona Hayes, Ministry & Personnel
Wayne Gordanier, Rejuvenation Task Force
Cecelia Pavao, Guest

Carolyn Bosch, Secretary
Gwen Jamieson, Faith Formation & Worship
Lorna Flack, Fellowship & Caring
Paige Martin, Treasurer
Janet Layton, Rejuvenation Task Force

Regrets

Sue Spratt, Fellowship & Caring

Opening Devotional – Jope asked us all to participate in a prayer. Attachment #32

Approval of the Agenda with revision for item 3 & 4 of Treasurer's Report to be added to future meetings.

Adoption of Minutes of November 21, 2018

Correspondence, None

Committee Reports

Finance & Facilities, NO CHAIR, Paige Martin, Attachment #33
We continue to need a person or a team to assume this role.

Student Care will start on Monday, January 7. Jope has volunteered to greet/welcome them the first day or two of their program start-up.

Carolyn Bosch will meet with Shelly Logan-Gordanier in the new year to update and review the membership module in Powerchurch.

Reaching Out, Lesley Sedor

Thanks to Council; the Advent Giving response was overwhelming! Lesley will place a notice of thanks in the bulletin.

Faith Formation & Worship, Gwen Jamieson Attachment #34

Fellowship & Caring, Lorna Flack Attachment #35

Ministry & Personnel, Fiona Hayes

The Reachire advertisement for the office position received quite a few applications. Arda, our temporary office administrator has also applied for the position and an offer has been extended to her. She has been asked to commit to one year with a reply expected on Dec. 20, 2018.

The M&P Committee has floated ideas about offering a temporary contract for someone to provide Pastoral Care and take on some new initiatives in preparation and over the term of Jope's sabbatical. The M&P committee is concerned that momentum gained on new initiatives will be lost when Jope takes leave. It is hoped that, by hiring someone prior to his departure, we can avoid a loss of momentum. It would be especially beneficial to have someone come prior to the start of Jope's sabbatical to establish relationships in the area of Pastoral Care. The M&P committee recommend that a person be hired using Project money with a preferred start date in March.

Jope mentioned the potential idea for him to share Pastoral Care duties with John Crowdis of St. Matthew's United Church whose own sabbatical will run immediately after Jope's sabbatical leave. They would plan to cover one day per week. However, there was concern that Jope would be too busy upon his own return to Lakeview to be able to dedicate one whole day per week to St. Matthews.

Beckie Scroggins has agreed to join the M&P committee.

This is officially Fiona's last Council meeting as Chairperson for the M&P committee. She thanked Council for the opportunity to serve the church. We are all grateful to Fiona for her long term on the M&P committee.

Affirming Ministry, Daryl Sedor

No report. The next meeting will be held in January.

Presbytery, Daryl Sedor

A very moving de-covenanting service was held for Calgary Presbytery.

There was an emergency executive meeting regarding the Mustard Seed and Ogden United Church merging . A new three story building at the old Ogden United Church site will be built for housing and programs.

In January, Jope will help to move articles from the old Presbytery office to the new Region office in Okotoks.

Rejuvenation Task Force, Wayne Gordanier, Janet Layton Attachment #36

Wayne Gordanier will step down as Chair of the RTF committee effective December 31, 2018.

Motion: Gwen Jamieson moved to allow the hiring of a Community Engagement Coordinator to help coordinate with round table discussions in community and to work with the congregation as volunteer coordinator in the development of projects in the upcoming year for a term of 6 months. Seconded by Carolyn Bosch.

The discussion was about where to place priorities. There was concern about the time period considering that Jope will be planning and taking his Sabbatical leave and the church will have new office staff starting in January. It was suggested that we take action on the items already identified by the Rejuvenation Task Force in consultation with the congregation before taking on too many new initiatives. Small projects can be carried out by committee members with a focus on what we do well.

Janet felt that the Flourishing Congregations ideology would encourage us to reach out to the community. It would be good to hire an individual who could take the national survey so we can take advantage of the service offered by Flourishing Congregations.

The conversation came back around to concern about timing. If we pay someone to do consultations etcetera, there is an expectation that action is taken at Lakeview United Church (LUC). Is LUC able to respond at this time of flux? Would it be better to wait until the clusters (that are a part of the new Regional organization of the United Church of Canada) are defined and operational? Perhaps cooperation within the clusters will help us to gain efficiencies.

Wayne emphasized it is important that we show a bright face to the community. We tend to be insular and need to look outward more than we do. How do we let the community know all that we do when our own members don't know all that we do? DEFEATED.

ACTION ITEM: Council will re-visit this motion in the Spring.

Motion: Wayne Gordanier moved that a 4'x8' sign be purchased to be placed to the left of the driveway to highlight activities at Lakeview United Church that do not show on the current sign.

Joep suggested that funding might be available in the from Concert Series funds for this initiative. TABLED.

ACTION ITEM: Rejuvenation Task Force will look into City of Calgary regulations regarding sign usage and placement to find out where and how long a temporary sign can be placed on the property.

Motion: Lorna Flack moved that all reports be accepted as presented. Seconded by Fiona Hayes. CARRIED.

Ministers Report, Joep Langejans Attachment #37

Treasurer's Report, Paige Martin Attachment #38, 39

Paige notes that the deficit for 2018 will be double what was anticipated, mainly due to a drop/loss of investment income.

The Reaching Out Fund holds a \$10,000 balance.

Motion: Louise Poudrette moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Seconded by Fiona Hayes. CARRIED.

2019 Budget Review Attachment #40

A draft of the 2019 Budget was reviewed and accepted by Council as drafted. A motion to accept the 2019 budget after income numbers are finalized will be sent via email to council members in the new year.

There was some discussion about renters leaving lights on and taps running. It is suggested that a "Before You Leave the Building" checklist be provided to renters and possibly be placed by some exit doors.

Motion: Paige Martin moved that a restricted use fund for the Rejuvenation Task Force be set up for future expenses. Seed money can be taken from the Project Fund 18. Seconded by Fiona Hayes. CARRIED.

New Business

Volunteer of the Month

Linda Zuege will be honoured in January for her efforts at Staywell Manor and Garrison Woods residences.

Meeting Adjourned 8:50pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 16, 2019



Daryl Sedor, Chairperson Date

 Feb. 5, 2019

Carolyn Bosch, Secretary Date

Dates to remember:

Wed. Feb 13 - Entheos Retreat for Council

Wed. Feb. 20 - Council Meeting - 2018 Financial Report approval

Sun. Mar. 3 - Annual Financial Meeting (Last possible date to meet the UCC Stats report deadline of March 4).