

Minutes
Lakeview United Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Lakeview United Church Vision Statement

Seeking Spiritual Renewal and Growth in a Caring, Affirming Community

Opening Statement

At 7:04 pm Bob Gibennus opened the meeting by acknowledging that we meet on traditional territories of First People to this region.

Call to Order

Bob Gibennus called the meeting to order. Quorum is reached.

Attendees

Bob Gibennus, Chairperson	Jope Langejans, Minister
Daryl Sedor, Affirming Ministry, Chinook Region Co-representative	
Carolyn Bosch, Secretary	Lesley Sedor, Reaching Out
Beckie Scroggins, Ministry & Personnel	Paige Martin, Treasurer
Kurt Perkins, Finance & Facility	Janet Layton, Rejuvenation Task Force

Guests:

Fiona Hayes, Member at large	Roger Scroggins, Property (rentals)
Joel Den Haan, Chinook Winds Region, Community of Faith Support & Strategy Consultant	

Regrets:

Lorna Flack, Fellowship & Caring

Opening Devotional – Jope

Jope had placed squares of fabric over the conference room. He spoke of the Tibetan tradition of hanging prayer flags in the breeze to spread good will. Jope asked that we each take three squares home and consider through prayer how to decorate the square. Squares are hung in the following particular order: Blue (sky), White (air), Red (fire), Green (water) then Yellow (earth).

ACTION ITEM: all members of Council to add a prayer or decoration to each of three fabric squares in the Tibetan tradition for the making of a prayer flag.

Jope also shared correspondence from Dr. David Swann who thanked us for the opportunity to speak at the Entheos retreat. David gave his honorarium to ATZIN.org. Brian Pearson also sent a note of gratitude.

Rev. John Crowdis has advised that the board recommends Lakeview United Church as the best place for St. Matthews congregation to come once the doors close.

Bob Gibennus offered a prayer to start the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

Approved by consensus.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes from the January 15, 2020 Council meeting were adopted by consensus.

Correspondence

Bob shared a letter from a Syrian refugee that arrived via the LUC website. This person is asking for help to emigrate from Lebanon to Canada. Members of Council thought it would be best to pass the letter on to Raj Retnanandan whose experience with LUC's sponsorship of Syrian refugees might help to vet the letter. **ACTION ITEM:** Bob will ask Raj whether any action should be taken regarding the letter.

Review of Action Items

- ✓ Members of Council sent thank you notes and got positive responses in return.
- ✓ Governance model was forwarded to Council members on January 16 for review.
- ✓ Carolyn sent a summary of governance meeting notes to Council members on January 20.

Committee Reports

Treasurer, Paige Martin

Attachment #8, 9, 10

Paige provided a monthly report, a revised 2020 budget and the 2019 Annual Financial Report. Of note, the Calgary Girls Choir has decided not to rent space at LUC which means \$8500 of anticipated revenue had to be removed from the 2020 budget forecast. This creates an anticipated \$25,000 deficit budget for 2020.

Motion: Paige Martin moved that we accept the revised 2020 budget as presented at this meeting. Seconded by Daryl Sedor. CARRIED

Motion: Beckie Scroggins moved that the 2019 Annual Financial Report and Financial Statement be accepted. Seconded by Daryl Sedor. CARRIED

In June 2020 Paige will have served as treasurer for 4 years and so will step away from this role. We are all asked to help recruit a new treasurer.

Finance & Facilities, Kurt Perkins

Attachment #11

Reaching Out, Lesley Sedor

Attachment #12

Faith Formation & Worship, NO CHAIR

No Report

Fellowship & Caring, Lorna Flack

No Report

Ministry & Personnel, Beckie Scroggins

Attachment #13

Janet Layton has prepared a request for a grant from Canada Summer Jobs. Certain requirements must be met in order to qualify for the grant including designating a supervisor and mentor for the position that will be advertised. Joep is willing to act a supervisor to the temporary position. Wayne Gordanier will act as mentor. Janet explained that this grant does not require that a student is hired, but there must be a focus on training and the grant is designed to offer jobs to groups exhibiting barriers to employment. Janet anticipated that the cost to LUC for a 10 week summer position will be approximately \$2200 if a grant is received. Council agrees that Janet should submit the application. A decision as to whether or not to advertise and hire a summer employee will be further discussed. If a grant is not secured will a summer position still be offered?

Affirming Ministry, Daryl Sedor

No Report

Rejuvenation Task Force, Janet Layton

Attachment #14

Chinook Winds Region, Daryl Sedor

No Report

Upcoming events include:

- General Council 44 to be held in Calgary, July 21 to 25, 2021. Volunteers can sign up on Chinook Winds website.
- Rendez-vous 2020 for youth and young adults is coming to Calgary on August 11- 14.
- World Day of Prayer is March 6.
- Pl day is March 14 so Daryl hopes to celebrate this at the church on March 15.

Motion: Daryl Sedor moved the all reports be accepted as presented. Seconded by Paige Martin.
CARRIED

Ministers Report, Jope Langejans,

Attachment #15

Old Business

The Entheos retreat was held on February 13. A planned giving request in the amount of \$1090.00 to access funds in the “reaching up” category was submitted by Paige Martin to pay for this day of learning. Council reviewed and approved payment from Planned Giving as requested.

Regarding potential changes to our governance structure, it was decided that the March Council meeting will be entirely dedicated to this topic.

ACTION ITEM: Council members are asked to review the 2013 model and come prepared to discuss ways to improve the structure and bylaws.

New Business

Mosque rental request

Attachment #16

Joel Den Haan and Roger Scroggin joined us to introduce and explain a space use request from Imam Syed Soharwardy who represents the Islamic Supreme Council of Canada here in Calgary. This group of Sufi Muslims, the Al Madinah Islamic Calgary Assembly are looking to offer prayers services in SW Calgary. A lengthy discussion included how this opportunity is in alignment with the intentions set out when we chose to erect a peace pole and confirms our status as an inclusive community. We recognize this to be more than a simple rental and that a more meaningful relationship with the Al Madinah Islamic community is expected to develop. It will be important to share this information with members of our congregation as it may be confusing to some. It was decided that a 3 month trial period will be the best approach and that we should ask Imam Syed Soharwardy to help introduce the relationship by attending a Sunday service in the near future.

Motion: Council recommends that a letter of intent be published on the LUC website indicating we will explore the opportunity to develop a relationship with the Al Medinah Islamic Calgary Assembly beginning with a 3 month trial period in the Spring of 2020. Moved by Daryl Sedor. Seconded by Beckie Scroggins. CARRIED

ACTION ITEM: Jope to prepare letter for the website and to invite Imam, Syed Soharwardy to speak at a Sunday Worship service.

Volunteer of the Month

February – Heather Mayers for recruiting communion servers and scripture readers. Suggestions for future months include: Judy Klassen (Weasel head Presents), Michael Rainey and Heather Dorin (Pledgefest).

Meeting Adjourned 9:05 pm

Upcoming Meetings:

Annual Financial Meeting – Sunday, March 1 at 11:00 am

LUC Council Meeting - Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 pm

Bob Gibennus
Bob Gibennus, Chairperson Date

Carolyn Bosch Apr. 7, 2020
Carolyn Bosch, Secretary Date