

MSUC Council Minutes

August 31 2022

6:30 p.m.

The meeting was held in the Cafe Space.

In attendance were: Nancy Talbot, Carla Wilks, Younes Skhissi, Ward Branch, Kathryn Ferriss, Lorna Leckie, Kelly Nobles, Mary Sparks. **Regrets:** Kirsten Harkins

Mary **opened** the meeting with a territorial acknowledgement.

Carla's reading described starting each new day with faith as like diving straight into cold water. This image informed the subsequent Check-in.

Minutes from the June meeting were reviewed.

- Kathryn Ferriss moved, Kelly Nobles seconded that the minutes be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

Financial report: Ward reported that the church's financial position is slightly better than forecast, while things remain tight. .

Minister reports:

Carla highlighted

- a few issues with thrift shop over the summer including some unexpected personnel shuffles and a police incident which was handled well overall.
- The garden designers came to observe the building in action on a thrift shop day. They need to submit a bill for services so far.

Nancy highlighted

- Plans to move Alexis into Anne's office. This would require a space for the Children's ministry in the library. The bookshelves would then be moved into the hallway.
- The cafe space modification was done by a contractor whose services were less than ideal. A new plumber and electrician were brought in to complete the work. Steve is helping deal with the bill from the original contractor.
- One of the Thrift Shop summer students is an ideal candidate for the position of barista. Carla is working on funding. There is a generous benefactor who has contributed money for the student's training expenses.
- A team of thrift shop volunteers who are interior designers is organizing the cafe decor.
- Bursting with Broadway is going back to their previous home. Many other tenants are no longer with the church. The search is on for a weekly tenant e.g. Wednesday evenings.

New business:

- a young man who is highly recommended is being interviewed Sep 1 for the children's ministry position. The plan is to offer 30 hours per month at \$25/hour. Hopefully he will train some youth to run children's programmes.

- Kathryn Ferriss moved, Lorna Leckie seconded that \$25/hour for 30 hours/month be allocated for hiring a children's ministry coordinator. CARRIED

- Stewardship campaign is needed with the goal of increasing regular offerings, not specific fundraising goals. Staff will consult with Meg Clarke. More info next meeting.
- A request was received for support for a young adult to attend a queer family retreat. A small committee approved a \$500 bursary
- An outdoor communion service will be held at Cates Park Sept 4. Marc and Michelle Coulombe will be leading the music.
- Parkgate Days Sept 10 - Carla to man a booth for MSUC, volunteers requested.
- Welcome back lunch Sept 18 after service
- Pilgrims Path to start up Sep 24
- Sacred garden meeting Sept 26. Tierney, Alexis, strategic plan committee members should be invited.
- Mount Seymour Reads: Conversations with Canadians by Lee Maracle after worship Oct 2
- Board retreat Oct 15

Next meeting TBD, possibly not before retreat.