

Minutes of the Official Board of Sydenham Heritage United Church

June 8, 2022

Present: Maureen Gilmore, Larry Pickard, Yvonne Wright, Paul Shepherd, Verna Timpener, BJLeighton, Norma Janzen

Regrets: Sharon Davidson, Loren White, Ron Stinson

Absent: Andrew Advincula

Maureen called the meeting to order.

Land Acknowledgement offered by Maureen

Behavioural Covenant shared by Maureen

Devotion offered by Verna. A reading titled "Life is a Game, These are the Rules"

Congregational Health – no items

Motion to accept the agenda moved by Yvonne Wright, seconded by Verna Timpener, carried.

Motion to accept the minutes of the May 10, 2022 minutes moved by Norma Janzen, seconded by Larry Pickard carried with one correction

- Under Stewardship correct Fraud Worship to read Fraud Workshop

Business Arising from the Minutes

1. Covid Survey
 - Has been sent out in the summer newsletter
 - Some responses beginning to be submitted following this prompt
 - Will be circulated to board
2. Board Retreat
 - Set for June 24 at Five Oaks
 - Please bring ideas related to fundraising for discussion
 - Terry offered to do minutes for the retreat
3. Masking Mandate at SHUC
 - Province is lifting most mandates June 11
 - Discussion
 - Several events Bar-b-que , Men's Breakfast, Fix It Club – all happening without masks being worn

- Knitting club wear masks at all times
- No one is wearing mask in building other than sanctuary
- Worship Committee discussed mandate in sanctuary and recommended continuing mandate through the summer and review the mandate before September
- Masking is a small safety measure
- Want to respect feelings
- We are only UC in Brantford with a mask mandate
- We are discouraging people from attending church
- Worship should be safe and masking will make it safe

Motion to no longer require masking during worship in the sanctuary , moved by Norma Janzen, seconded by BJ Leighton

Yes – 4 votes

No – 3 votes

Carried.

Motion to no longer require masking in the building, moved by Verna Timpener, seconded by Norma Janzen

Yes – 4

No – 2

Abstained - 1

Carried.

Next Steps

- Will be shared from the pulpit on Sunday
- Message will be this decision will be reviewed regularly by the board
- This item will be placed on subsequent Board agendas under 'business arising'

4) Faith Profile

- Yvonne will clarify with the Region if the Profile authored by the committee and the financial and demographic information submitted by Norma and Aileen meets their expectations and can be placed on the Hub
- Yvonne will bring the feedback to the next meeting

5) Edge Idea Day

- Sharing meetings set for July 4, August 22, September 26 and November 7, SHUC has been invited to participate
- Yvonne committed to reviewing the invitation

6) Photo Book

- Information has been received to participate in a photo directory
- No cost to the church
- Discussion
- Norma will bring some further information to the September board meeting for consideration and decision making

Ministers Report

- Summer worship services have been finalized
- SHUC is responsible for worship July 24,31 and August 7
- We are encouraged to visit the other churches over the summer
- The services will be available on line as well
- Drum circle has brought in 3 non church people
- Healing Circle has brought in 2 non church people
- Two fall weddings
- A BC church has reached out – using the principles of Paul;s book to assist in conversations about social justice
- No update from the United Church Resource Corporation
- Participated in an interfaith event on the occupation of Palestine

Correspondence – none

Spiritual

- Pastoral Care continue to offer their strong work connecting with congregants
- Darrell Picketts has joined the Worship Committee
- Worship committee has been asked to review portions of the covid survey related to worship experiences
- Have invited audio/tech team to attend meetings to address volume issues
- Bell Lane – we need to make decision
- Music ministry is going well

Stewardship

- Food Grains Bar B-Q free will offering yielded \$320.00
- Next meeting next week

M&P

- Paul's Performance Appraisal has commenced
- Each Board Member will be contacted , members of the congregation and other staff members for input

Finance

- As reported last month the deficit continues to accumulate

- Currently \$48,344,74 for the first five months of 2022

Trustee Report

- Received

Communication

- Summer newsletter in the mail

Property

- 1) Photos of ministers of SHUC has been mounted and labelled
 - Cindy Cleaves did a lovely job of labelling
 - Will be unveiled June 19 during service
- 2) Tree at edge of parking lot is rotting and needs to be removed

Motion that the Property Committee arrange the removal of the tree up to \$2000.00 moved by Yvonne Wright, seconded by Norma Janzen, carried

Horseshoe Falls

- Rev Scarlett of Oakland UC is new president
- UCC Strategic Plan
- Deep Spirituality; Bold Discipleship, Daring Justice
- Board reviewed video created by the UCC

New Business

1. Summer meetings

- During covid we met throughout the summer
- Historically we did not meet in July and August
- Discussion

Decision

Next meeting will be September 14th

If there is a need to meet over the summer any member can contact Maureen, Sharon or Paul

Next Meeting

September 14

Devotions – Yvonne

Maureen acknowledged the difficult decision made this evening and the mixed feelings in the board. She thanked everyone for being kind and respectful.

Paul closed the meeting with the Stewardship Prayer.