

# VANCOUVER-BURRARD PRESBYTERY EXECUTIVE MINUTES

**April 10, 2007**

Minutes of the meeting of Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery Executive held at First United Church, Vancouver, beginning at 2:00 pm, with a quorum present, and duly called under the authority of the Chair, Marianna Harris

**Present:** Carol Acton (Recording Secretary), Simone Carrodus, Linda Gunn, Marianna Harris (Chair), Syd Lewis, Sue Parker, Ruth Wright, David Ewart.

**Regrets:** Barry Morris & Sally Harris,

**Opening worship:** led by Marianna Harris

**Agenda:** Moved by Simone, seconded by Carol that the agenda be accepted as amended.  
**Carried**

**Minutes:** Moved by Ruth Wright, seconded by Sue Parker that the minutes of the Executive meeting of March 13, 2007 be approved with the following correction. On page 07-13 under Follow-up from Presbytery #1 change "Ruth Wright" to Marianna Harris. **Carried**

## **Correspondence:**

1. **From Rev. Deborah Bowman regarding the meeting with First United Church**  
**Congregation:** Linda Gunn will contact Carole Kidd about the possibility of an evening service of celebration and a date for that.
2. **From the National Church:** A letter requesting that we follow-up with 7 Pastoral Charges reminding them to submit their statistics. Different people took on the responsibility of contacting these congregations.

**Pastoral Relations:** Moved by Ruth Wright and seconded by Sue Parker to recognize the following requests for authorization to celebrate marriages:

- From West Point Grey – Gordon Laird, Art Griffen.
- From Lynn Valley United - Sharon Copeman
- From Canadian Memorial United Church – Bob Burrows
- From Highlands United Church Cullene Bryant

**Carried**

Moved by Ruth Wright and seconded by Sue Parker that Joseph Driskill be retained on the roll.

**Carried**

Moved by Ruth Wright, seconded by Sue Parker that Tom Miles be reappointed as half time supply (retired) at St Andrew's-Wesley Church with salary \$18,475, housing \$12,500., telephone \$500., study \$600., for a total of \$32,075. **Carried**

**Trinity United Church:** We discussed Marianna's report on the meetings between Trinity United and St Mark's and our facilitator, Wayne Hilts.

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**Letter from St John's, West End:** Moved by Simone Carrodus, seconded by Sue Parker, in response to a letter from 10 members of St John's, West End that we initiate a JNAC. **Carried**  
The following limiting factors be applied to the JNAC: the chair of the JNAC will be named by Presbytery, there be three Presbytery representatives. There be no more than 7 congregational representatives to be elected at a Congregational Meeting, called and chaired by Presbytery. We ask that these representatives be chosen to represent a balance of perspectives amongst those who are part of St. Johns United Church.

Moved by David Ewart, seconded by Simone Carrodus that Marianna Harris approach someone with the appropriate Interim skills and negotiate a contract to act as a consultant to the JNAC. The money to come from Conference Support Funds. **Carried**

**Review of Governance Model:** Ten people were identified to complete the questionnaire. Marianna will follow-up with those folks.

**Long Range Planning:** Moved by Syd Lewis and seconded by David Ewart that we approve the request St Andrew's-Wesley Church for \$3000. from the Van Deusen Fund to help with the workshop on Homelessness. **Carried**

**Faithful Public Witness:** The possibility of a presentation on Empire was discussed but it was agreed that this topic be postponed until fall in view of the material about the subject that would be coming out from the National Church.

Rev. David Ewart thanked Ruth for her work on this Executive and her work as co-chair of Pastoral Relations. Ruth has resigned as co-chair of Pastoral Relations effective April 30, 2007.

Ruth led us in prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

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**Marianna Harris, chair**

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**Carol Acton secretary**