

December 9,2003

Meeting held at Trinity United Church beginning at 2:00 PM. The meeting was duly called and constituted and a quorum was present. The Chair, John Culter presided and Pat Burns was Secretary.

Present: Pat Burns, Philip Cable, Don Collett, John Culter, Rose-Hannah Gaskin, Sally Harris, Syd Lewis, Tracy Murton, Ed Searcy.
Guest: Rob Pollock.
Regrets: Brenda Faust, Barry Morris, Janice Young.

Opening:

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, lighting the candle, and inviting Pat Burns to read Isaiah 12. The Chair then offered a prayer. Appreciation was expressed for Christmas season refreshments provided by the Secretary.

Agenda:

An agenda was circulated and adopted with additions.

Minutes:

M/S/C by Harris/Cable

That the Executive Meeting Minutes of November 18,2003 be adopted as presented.

Correspondence: None received.

Chair Issues:

Letter to congregations to be done soon regarding time for clergy and lay to attend to Presbytery responsibilities, including oversight visits.

Report from Shawn Shenfield who volunteered to attend the Conference Camping Consultation on our behalf was circulated.

M/S/C by Searcy/Cable

That Shawn Shenfield be appointed as Vancouver Burrard Presbytery representative to the Camp Fircom Society Board of Directors.

Secretary Matters:

The Secretary will start a new page numbering system for the Minutes effective January 1,2004 as per the Guidelines For Record Keeping. Amendments to the Roll were discussed as well as the use of Rev. on name tags, deferred for further consideration at a later date. It was agreed the cost of the meal at regular meetings would be set by the host congregation, up to a maximum of \$10. The Chair will seek a legal interpretation of requirements for Presbytery membership for service on Joint Needs Assessment and Joint Search Committees as well as on Oversight Visiting Committees.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer reported that no congregations were totally behind in their allocations, some were late with about \$40,000 still to come in.

Pastoral Relations:

Don Collett, Chair reported that he would need to step aside due to the illness of Rev. John Gouws at West Vancouver United. Rob Pollock has agreed to serve as Chair and Don will continue on the committee.

M/S/C by Searcy/Harris

That we accept with considerable regret the resignation of Don Collett as Chair of the Pastoral Relations Committee and appoint Rob Pollock to serve as Chair until June 30,2004.

- 1) St. Andrew's-Wesley - (Rose-Hannah Gaskin excused herself as an interested party) There was a lengthy discussion of the motion at the last Presbytery meeting to refer acceptance of the Joint Needs Assessment and declaring a vacancy at St. Andrew's-Wesley to committees. It was decided the matter needed to be brought back to the full court at its next meeting. Pastoral Relations to contact Long Range Planning and Congregational Relations prior to that meeting.
- 2) First United Church Congregation – Responsibility for following up the requirement for a strategic plan rests with Pastoral Relations.
- 3) Pemberton – Rob Pollock had visited and was willing to continue to provide liaison.

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Long Range Planning:

RenfrewUnited:

Syd Lewis reported that the sub-committee of Rob Pollock, Marianna Harris, and himself had reviewed the excellent work done by Wendy Bily including use of David Ewart's survey process.

M/S/C - by Lewis/Pollock

That Renfrew United Church be allowed to rent the building to a Seventh Day Adventist congregation on Saturdays for three months.

Trinity United: Meetings had been held with Mike Wellwood of the Anglican Diocese hoping to resolve contract issues and establish a new relationship for building use.

Lower Mainland Presbyteries Planning Consultation: Working on a plan to develop congregational skills in common, while retaining characteristics of individual congregations.

Human Resources:

Ed Searcy reported on the process used at the last regular meeting to inform presbyters about committee roles and to recruit members to committees. It was noted the Vision document needs amendments to the Youth and Young Adult Ministry section. There was a lengthy discussion of future Presbytery meeting themes and the possibility of weekend meetings. Rev. David Anderson is coordinating a Re:Vive Event to be held Saturday, March 27,2004 around which the February and April meetings may focus. Concern was expressed for the repeated requests of the Faithful Public Witness Committee for program time, leading to approval to check on the availability of Sally McFague as a resource for the April meeting. Human Resources to consider further for January Executive meeting.

Faithful Public Witness:

Sally Harris mentioned the following:

- Appreciation for program time in April being approved in principle.
- Petitions being circulated regarding 2in5 Welfare Cuts and the possibility of support being needed for an individual to serve as a test case in future court challenge of the change.
- Racetrack slots a concern.
- Vigil for Human Rights to be held December 10th.

Congregational Relations:

Tracy Murton reported that the list of visitors for oversight visits will be publicized on the listserve, orientation training sessions will be held, recruiting of visitors will be from the clusters of the congregations being visited where possible, a committee member will serve on each team, cluster time will be needed at the January regular meeting, and reports will be presented in April or May.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry:

Tracy Murton reported lots going on, including curling day, Youth Council trip to Bowen Island.

Education and Students:

No report. It was agreed that it would be appropriate for the Secretary to request a list of current students under Vancouver Burrard supervision, and their current level of study, from committee chair Brenda Faust.

Other:

Prayers were invited for Rev. George Feenstra as he copes with a lengthy trial related to his actions at a protest event.

Meetings:

Executive Meeting – Tuesday, January 13,2004 at 2:00 PM at Trinity United Church.

Regular Presbytery Meeting – Tuesday, January 27,2004 registration 4:00 PM at West Vancouver United Church.

Adjourned at 5:00 PM with prayer led by Rose-Hannah Gaskin.