

March 9, 2005

Meeting held at Canadian Memorial United Church, Vancouver beginning at 3:00 PM. The meeting was duly called and constituted and a quorum was present with Chair, Rose-Hannah Gaskin, presiding.

Present: Pat Burns, Philip Cable, John Culter, Rose-Hannah Gaskin, Marianna Harris, Syd Lewis, Barry Morris, Tracy Murton, Ed Searcy, Janice Young.

Regrets: Hugh Creighton, Sally Harris, Terri Scallon.

Guests: Harry Oussoren, Geoff Wilkins.

Opening:

Rose-Hannah Gaskin opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, reading from Dag Hammarskjold's book "For the Sacrifice", and leading prayer as Marianna Harris lighted the candles.

Minutes:

M/S/C - by J.Young/S.Lewis

That the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on February 9,2005 be adopted.

Business Arising:

- 1) Camp Fircom: It was learned that \$50,000 has been made available to Camp Fircom to assure that the 2005 camping season will continue, in addition to the \$57,000 provided by B.C.Conference to cover current accounts payable. It was agreed that the Secretary should send a Thank-you note to the Mission Through Finance Committee. Doug Goodwin, Conference Executive Secretary, will attend the next Executive meeting to discuss implications of Derek Evans' Report on the future of United Church camping. Consideration of a number of points raised by Hugh Creighton will occur at the next meeting also.
- 2) First United Church: Pat Burns reported that the Mission Oversight Board had passed a motion supporting in principle the Strategic Plan developed by the Congregation and resolving to work faithfully with the Congregation on its implementation.
- 3) Cullene Bryant has offered to work with the multi-faith committee developing a proposal for a Spiritual Centre in southeast False Creek area.

Secretary Matters: The Secretary reviewed and clarified a number of matters relating to the upcoming B.C.Conference General Meeting in Comox, May 26-29. It was agreed that members of Presbytery be asked to submit current address and contact information to update the Roll and that a request for information about people celebrating significant anniversaries of ordination or commissioning be sent.

M/S/C by J.Culter/M.Harris

That Pat Burns appointment as Member At Large of Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery be confirmed as effective from March 22,2002 and that the Roll be amended accordingly.

Correspondence:

- Letter from Margo Hardman, Chair, Renfrew Board re: reporting back to full Presbytery with Renfrew Section 333 Report
- Names for Admission, Re-Admission to be read at March Presbytery meeting
- Five Remits to be voted on by Presbytery by November
- Mt. Seymour United 16 page Constitution received
- Presbytery Insurance Cover Note received.

Long Range Planning:

St.John's United, Davis Bay faces major costs in repairing and/or renovating the church building due to water damage. Difficulty in obtaining cost estimates has been experienced. It is expected that more information will be available at the next Executive meeting.

The Four Presbytery Planning Committee's meet March 9th to review the Boundary Review Task Force Report and to consider how to communicate the results back to their respective Presbyteries.

Pastoral Relations: Philip Cable left the meeting for that portion of the discussion that involved pastoral relations matters in which he was an interested party.

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M/S/C by M.Harris/J.Culter

That Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery appoint the Rev. Mollie Williams to Highlands United Church as United Supply, category F, April 1,2005 to June 30,2005, part time , 30 hours per week under the following terms.

<terms available from Secretary>

M/S/C by M.Harris/J.Culter

That Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery approve the re-appointment of the Rev. Philip Cable to First United Church Congregation from September 1,2005 to August 30,2006 under the following terms.

<terms available from Secretary>

The following persons will be authorized to solemnize marriages at St. Andrew's-Wesley Church: Max Warne, Tom Miles, Gordon Turner.

Congregational Relations:

A preliminary draft report has been prepared by Ray McGinnis on Campus Ministry and the final report will go to Congregational Relations March meeting and to the full Presbytery at the April meeting.

Human Resources:

The March Presbytery meeting will include a panel discussion with Rev. Dr. Patricia Dutcher-Walls and Rev. Dr. Ed Searcy on the topic "What does it mean to be prophetic in our own time?"

The April Presbytery meeting will include the Faithful Footsteps presentation.

First United Church Congregation Strategic Plan:

M/S/C by J.Young/E.Searcy

That the motion tabled at the December 8,2004 Executive meeting regarding the First United Church Congregation Strategic Plan be lifted from the table.

Rose-Hannah Gaskin passed the Chair responsibility to John Culter during discussion of the Strategic Plan.

M/S/Defeated - M.Harris/S.Lewis

That the Executive of Vancouver Burrard Presbytery not accept the Strategic Plan presented by First United Church Congregation. (Defeated)

M/S/C by M.Harris/E.Searcy

That Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery give First United Church Congregation permission to start the "Sojourners With First" portion of the Strategic Plan and refer the balance of the plan to the Congregational Relations and Pastoral Relations Committees for further consideration.

It was agreed that it would be appropriate to place the Strategic Plan on the Presbytery website at www.vanburrard.org

Meeting with Renfrew Section 333 Committee:

The Executive then met with Harry Oussoren and Geoff Wilkins, members of the Renfrew Section 333 Committee, with regrets from Simone Carrodus, the third member. The Committee will be meeting with many individuals and groups as it carries out its work. A draft report will be prepared by the end of April which will be sent to Toronto before being returned for full Presbytery consideration at the June Presbytery meeting. The process is formal and verbatim notes are made including the identity of each speaker. The Executive members each spoke about their understanding of the situation at Renfrew United Church. It was agreed that the Presbytery Secretary would provide Committee members with excerpts of minutes and other documents relating to Renfrew.

Closing: The meeting closed with a blessing from the Chair at 5:30 PM.

Next Meetings:

Presbytery – Tuesday, March 22,2005 at 4:00 PM at West Point Grey United Church

Executive – Wednesday, April 13,2005 at 3:00 PM at Canadian Memorial