

**May 11, 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:** Cheryl Black, Pat Burns, John Culter, Rose-Hannah Gaskin, Marianna Harris, Syd Lewis, Sally Harris, Tracy Murton, Terri Scallon.

**Regrets:** Philip Cable, Hugh Creighton, Barry Morris, Janice Young.

**Guest:** Tressa Brotsky

**Opening:**

Rose-Hannah Gaskin opened the meeting by welcoming Sally Harris back, leading prayer and welcoming Tressa Brotsky, Tracy Murton's maternity leave replacement.

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

That Tressa Brotsky be granted corresponding privileges.

**Minutes:**

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

That the Executive minutes of April 13, 2005 be adopted.

**Business Arising:**

**Camp Fircom:** Hugh Creighton will be providing a written update with some issues noted at a recent work party at the camp.

**Conference General Meeting:** It was agreed that the proposal going forward at the General Meeting to delay implementation of the recommendations in Derek Evans' Camping Report, for 18 months, would have serious consequences for Camp Fircom. The Secretary was asked to encourage Presbyters, especially those attending the General Meeting to study the Derek Evans' Report, the Outdoor Ministry Report, and the Camp Fircom Report in the delegate's packets and be prepared to speak in favor of immediate implementation.

**Renfrew Section 333 Report:** The Report will be presented to the Renfrew congregation on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> and it was agreed that it should be emailed to all Presbyters that evening. The Secretary was asked to email all Presbyters advising them of this and asking that they set aside time early in the week to study the Report and be prepared for discussion and decisions at the Special Meeting of Presbytery to be held on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at St. Andrew's-Wesley. It was agreed that the advance email should include an outline of the process to be followed including presentation by the Renfrew Section 333 Review Committee, comments from representatives of the Renfrew congregation, followed by discussion by members of Presbytery all in as open a manner as possible.

**Interspirituality Centre:** It was agreed that more information was needed and that Barry Cooke or other appropriate representative of the proposed Centre would be invited to the September Executive meeting.

**Proposal:** A proposal from Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery regarding changing the method of electing General Councilors has gone onto the agenda for the Conference General Meeting.

**Campus Ministry Study Costs:** Tracy Murton reported on her understanding of the contract with Ray McGinnis and the amount of work that had been done.

M/S/C by S.Lewis/C.Black

That the outstanding amount of money owed to Ray McGinnis be paid as per his invoice.

**Secretary Matters:**

Correspondence:

- Letter from the national Camp Sustainability Task Group inviting comments.
- Ethnic Ministries newsletter received and circulated.

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

That Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery approves the application from First United Church for a Real Property Maintenance Grant of \$27,000 for the year 2006.

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

That Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery approves the application from First United Church for a Technology Grant of \$4,000.

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**Treasurer:** No report.

**Long Range Planning:** Syd Lewis reported:

Boundary Review – the four lower mainland Presbytery Chairs met with the Executive Secretary and a report will be forthcoming at the next meeting.

Trinity United - Ongoing concerns include the lack of a signed lease/contract regarding the property, difficulties with the relationship between the parties, and accountability for costs. New developments include:

- a) A letter to be written by the Long Range Planning Committee to the Anglican Diocese seeking information on the delay and requesting finalization of the contract.
- b) A Visitation has been requested by the Trinity congregation to take place in June if possible.
- c) Trinity was asked by Executive to do two business plans:
  - 1) If staying at current site, what is needed?
  - 2) If relocating, what is needed?
- d) Meetings between the churches and the lawyers are to be resumed.

**Congregational Relations:** Tracy Murton reported:

**Visits-** First United Congregation report in process, West Point Grey and Pemberton reports also ready and may be presented during the meeting at the General Meeting in Comox.

**Campus Ministry Report-** the Committee has endorsed the recommendation from Pastoral Relations that there is a need for greater accountability and discussion by the whole Presbytery and that the Campus Ministry Report be the focus of a facilitated discussion at the June Presbytery meeting. Timing is a concern since the application for a Home Missions Grant would need to be submitted by September for a start date in January 2006. It was agreed that information about the three potential models in the report be circulated in advance of the June meeting.

**Co-Chair** – A replacement for Tracy Murton as Co-Chair will be sought from within the Congregational Relations Committee.

**Youth and Young Adult Ministry:**

Two big events coming up include the May 20-23<sup>rd</sup> HERO: The Power Within Retreat at Camp Fircom and the Bursary Fund Benefit Concert on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Details available on the Bridge website [www.oauc.ca/vb](http://www.oauc.ca/vb)

**Pastoral Relations:** Marianna Harris introduced the following motions:

M/S/C by M.Harris/C.Black

That Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery request the transfer of Rev. Joan Wyatt from Central Presbytery, Toronto Conference.

M/S/C by M.Harris/S.Harris

That Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery approve the transfer of Rev. Ellen Turley to Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery

The Pastoral Relations Committee has approved the request of Mount Seymour United Church for an authorization to solemnize marriage for the Rev. Dermott MacInnis and the request of St. Andrew's-Wesley for an authorization to solemnize marriage for Dale Johnson, who will become a member of that congregation on May 15th.

**Education and Students:** Terri Scallon reported that the committee had met in the morning to interview Melinda Munroe who had been interviewed by Conference Interview Board the day before.

M/S/C by T.Scallon/S.Harris

That Melinda Munroe be received as a Candidate for Ordained Ministry in the United Church of Canada.

Representatives from Presbytery are needed for the Discernment Committees of Elaine Foulkes and Carolyn Penhail. The Committee is following up on Drew Owen serving in a Staff Associate capacity at Highlands, during Christina Atkinson's maternity leave.

**Education and Students (cont'd):**

Christine Abbott's term as a Staff Associate at University Hill is to be extended from August to December 31<sup>st</sup>, subject to an interview by Conference Interview Board.

Terri Scallon resigned as Convener of Education and Students with the recommendation that her successor be someone from the mainland area to facilitate travel. Appreciation was expressed to Terri for her work in the role over the past year. The possibility of a joint committee with Vancouver-South Presbytery was mentioned, also the possibility of staff support.

**Faithful Public Witness:** Barry Morris requested time on the agenda in future:

- a) 15 minutes at the June meeting to share a health system example of concern
- b) an hour at the October meeting to fully explore health care system issues.

**Human Resources:** new chair Cheryl Black will be working on nominations for the following positions: Chair Elect and Education and Students Convener. It was noted Ruth Wright had offered to serve as Co-Chair of Pastoral Relations in the fall.

**Next Meetings:**

Special Presbytery Meeting – Thursday, May 19,2005 at 7:00 PM at St.Andrew's-Wesley.

Presbytery Meeting – Friday, May 27,2005 at noon at Conference General Meeting, Comox.

Executive Meeting – Wednesday, June 8,2005 at 3:00 PM at Canadian Memorial.

Presbytery Meeting – Tuesday, June 28,2005 at 4:00 PM at St.Andrew's, North Vancouver.

**Closing:**

Terri Scallon offered prayer to close the meeting at 5:40 PM.

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Rose-Hannah Gaskin, Chair

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Pat Burns, Secretary