

**VANCOUVER – BURRARD PRESBYTERY EXECUTIVE MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2006**

**Present:** Simone Carrodus, Linda Gunn, Eric Hamlyn, Marianna Harris, Sally Harris, Syd Lewis, Sue Parker, Ruth Wright

**Regrets:** Brian Burke, David Ewart, Barry Morris

**Worship:** Led by Ruth

**Minutes:** Moved by Sue Parker, seconded by Ruth Wright, that the minutes of the executive meeting held July 25 2006 be adopted. **Carried**

**Agenda:** Moved by Linda Gunn, seconded by Syd Lewis that the agenda proposed by the chair be adopted. **Carried**

**Correspondence:**

Simone Carrodus reported

—a letter she had written as secretary to the Land Title Office, affirming (1) trusteeship of St. John's Sunshine Coast United Church and (2) Van-Burrard Presbytery's approval of the trustees' granting a mortgage of \$380,000 to the United Church of Canada.

—a letter from Ethnic Ministries of the national church, demanding our minutes, needs a response saying our minutes are on our website, and that we are interested in why the letter was sent, and how we can be supportive. **Syd Lewis** "volunteered" to write the letter.

—receipt of transfer papers for Rev. Bob Miller, Rev. Barry Cooke, and Rev Sharon Moore-Cooke from Vancouver South to this presbytery; all are completed.

**Discussion about B.C. Conference 2008 at Capilano College:**

**Moved** by Sally Harris, seconded by Sue Parker, that Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery extend an invitation to hold B.C. Conference 2008 General Meeting in May 2008 at Capilano College.

**Moved** by Simone Carrodus, seconded by Ruth Wright, that an amendment be made, adding: "with the provision that another Lower Mainland presbytery be invited to take on the organizing responsibility." **amendment carried**

**Motion:**

that Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery extend an invitation to hold B.C. Conference 2008 General Meeting in May 2008 at Capilano College, with the provision that another Lower Mainland presbytery be invited to take on the organizing responsibility. **Carried**

**Financial Matters:**

Sue Parker reported:

*Payment of Presbytery allocations:*

We have received \$108,332 of \$163,863 budgeted for 2006; or 66.1% at 8 months, which is right on target.

Four churches have fully paid for the year:

- St David's Pemberton
- Canadian Memorial
- First
- Trinity

### *Meals at presbytery meetings:*

To date, presbytery dinners have cost \$1439, with \$540 revenue; so we have spent almost \$900 from our budget on meals.

We need to remind presbyters to RSVP for meetings and especially for meals; “yes or no” a week before the meeting. We will no longer contract for 40 meals; just for the number to be served. In the long run, we also need to re-evaluate whether we serve dinner at presbytery meetings.

### *Mileage/travel costs:*

**Moved** by Sue Parker, seconded by Sally Harris, that travel be paid to the lay presbyters and unemployed clergy who travel more than 50 km (round trip) to meetings, at the current United Church rate for lay people. **Carried**

**Moved** by Sue Parker, seconded by Sally Harris, that ferry costs for both car and passenger be paid to all presbyters using a ferry to get to meetings. **Carried**

**Moved** by Sue Parker, seconded by Sally Harris, that travel expenses for reimbursement must be sent to the presbytery treasurer within 30 days of the event, and no later than the end of December each year. **Carried**

**Sue** Parker will send these motions to the presbyters separately, on the listserv.

### *Signing officers:*

**Moved** by Ruth Wright, seconded by Sue Parker, that the vice-chair, David Ewart, be made a signing officer of Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery’s bank account. **Carried**

### **Hospitality Group:**

**Sue**, as treasurer, has volunteered to collect dinner-money and take attendance at presbytery meetings, thus taking responsibility for paying for the dinner. A small task group, called a “hospitality group” could assist her to do this job as members arrive.

We would also like to ask the host churches to provide tea and coffee and a few goodies for teatime, especially for those committees who meet beforehand. **Marianna** will spearhead this initiative.

### **Conference Support Funds:**

Marianna reported on usage of the \$17,000 we have for this year:

—we have used some for the facilitation process for Trinity (with Wayne Hilts)

—we have used some for accommodation, travel, and facilitation of the executive retreat in September; participants paid their own food costs

—we still have some which could be used for seed money to make our goals, developed during the retreat, happen.

—this money is not for redistribution to congregational or mission budgets, projects, programmes, or staff

**Marianna** will provide copies of the guidelines for presbyters on the listserv.

### **Pastoral Relations:**

Ruth Wright reported:

**Bob Miller** has agreed to act as cochair of Pastoral Relations, with the proviso that he not be the regular attendee at executive. (**Trevor Harris** is cochair of Congregational Relations under the same conditions; therefore, neither of them should be included under “regrets” or counted as necessary in order to determine if a quorum is present.)

**Moved** by Ruth Wright, seconded by Sue Parker, that Susan DuMoulin’s appointment to Canadian Memorial United Church be approved from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 **Carried**  
Terms are available from the secretary.

Ruth reported that Jennifer Richmond’s transfer form, from Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery to Kent Presbytery, is now complete. Jen is at Wallaceburg-Trinity Pastoral Charge.

**Moved** by Simone Carrodus, seconded by Syd Lewis, that for the purposes only of pastoral relations forms, either of the cochairs of the presbytery’s Pastoral Relations Committee will sign as “secretary”.

**Carried**

Therefore, from now, the secretary of presbytery should send all such forms to Pastoral Relations.

### **Congregational Relations:**

Simone Carrodus reported:

- Lakeview: no report as yet. Direct Congregational Relations and Pastoral Relations to get onto it!
- Mt. Seymour oversight: report has not surfaced yet. Direct Congregational Relations to get onto it for the September presbytery meeting
- reports presented in June: summaries of reports need to be on presbytery website and sent on the listserve; the full report (as well as having been sent to the board of the pastoral charge) should be available to presbyters on request, from the committee.

### **Trinity-St. Mark’s Process:**

The facilitator Wayne Hilts has made contact with St. Mark’s and the Diocese of New Westminster, resulting in:

- St. Mark’s will respond as to whether they are willing to proceed with facilitated process
- the diocese is willing to contribute to the costs of the facilitation, so we assume the diocese is willing to proceed with the process

### **Faithful Public Witness:**

Sally Harris requests programme time in October for the committee to present “Poverty, Empire, and the Cross” (But we didn’t put that into the plan for October.)

### **Long-Range Planning:**

Executive discussed the possibility of a mailing to boards of pastoral charges, to create a presence, leadership, share stuff from the retreat. **Marianna**

**Fall Agenda Plans:**

September: West Point Grey;

—covenanting

—half-hour beginning discussion of Renfrew site/east side;

**Ariel Creighton**

—Q&A about General Council: **Marianna, Syd, Eric, ?**

October Executive: Fircom discernment; invite **Margie Savigney**

October: Capilano

—covenanting

—Fircom discernment

November: where?

— one hour discussion on Renfrew site/east side; **Ariel Creighton**

January: St. Andrew's-Wesley

—First United issues: **Don Robertson**