

VANCOUVER-BURRARD PRESBYTERY MINUTES Page 06-59
October 24, 2006

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Presbytery held at Capilano United Church, North Vancouver, BC , with a quorum present and duly called under the authority of the Chair, Reverend Marianna Harris.

Present:

Ministry Personnel: Bruce Sanquin, David Ewart, Phillip Cable, Ruth Wright, Terri Scallon, Barry Morris, Sharon Copeman, Nancy Talbot, Marianna Harris, Dan Chambers, Sally Harris, Valerie Taylor, Maureen Hollins, Tracy Murton, Art Griffin, Gary Paterson, Daniel Bogert- O'Brien, Janice Young, Brian Burke, Ed Searcy, Brad Newcombe, Bob Miller, Dal McCrindle

Lay: Jean Moore, Linda Gunn, Susan Henry, Jo Fraser, Simone Carrodus, Karen Millard, Jeff Seaton, Susan Parker, Michelle Ness, Brenda Wilkinson, Katheryn Karst, Gloria Laxton, John Culter, Ellen Coburn, Laurene Lewis, Syd Lewis, Jen Beth Fulton, Bill Davie, Trevor Harris, Barbara Matiru, Phyllis Cooper, Carol O'Dell, Maria Kim, Mack McCorkindale

Guests:

Margie Savigney, Neil Carrodus, and Sheila Levangy from the Camp Fircom Board.....

Regrets:

Robin Jacobsen, Susan Dumoulin, Gabrielle McLarty, Christina Atkinson, Don Collett, Eric Hamlyn, Bob Burrows, Phyllis Bottomer, Jeff Smith, Elaine Barkey, Shelagh MacKinnon, Cheryl Black

Call to Order and Introductions:

Marianna Harris , as Chair called the meeting to order. The following people were introduced: Carol O'Dell from Trinity, Brenda Wilkinson from St John's Sunshine Coast, Mack McCorkindale and Maria Kim from YAYA, Dal McCrindle retired, and Bob Miller retired

Motion to Extend Corresponding Privileges:

Michelle Ness moved and Sally Harris seconded that voting privileges be extended to our visitors. **Carried**

Agenda:

Michelle Ness moved and Sally Harris seconded that the agenda be accepted as circulated **Carried**

Minutes of Presbytery Meeting of September 26, 2006:

Simone Carrodus moved and Michelle Ness seconded that the minutes be adopted. **Carried**

Minutes of the Executive Meetings of October 11, 2006:

Simone Carrodus moved and Michelle seconded that the minutes be received.
Carried

YAYA

The "Well" is on tour and will be at St. Andrew's Church on November 26th as well as many other locations.

Marianna interviewed Mack McCorkindale from Highlands United Church and encouraged everyone to get to know our youth reps.

The "Go Project" web site is HYPERLINK "<http://www.thegoproject.ca>"
www.thegoproject.ca . The 2 youth will be in our area in January.

Tracy and Mack distributed the October YAYA report and highlighted the key activities. The wandering worship was held in Pemberton this past Sunday. Tracy encouraged congregations to send their youth activities to her for publication in the newsletter.

Budget

The budget will be presented in November if information is received from Conference. Congregations are encouraged to budget for an increase in allocations this year if they are already working on budgets. Preliminary information indicates at least a 3% increase.

Van Dusen Application

Syd Lewis reviewed an application from the North Shore Youth Initiative for Presbytery Support

Motion:

Syd Lewis moved and John Culter seconded that \$3,000 be requested from the Van Dusen Fund as startup money for the NSYI. **Carried**

Mission and Service Fund

Brian Burke gave an overview of use of M&S money. He stressed the importance of us determining the items forwarded for grants from M&S. For every \$1 contributed, 25 cents comes back to us in grants.

Brian also discussed the Luther Snow workshop coming up soon supported by M&S

Congregational Relations Committee:

Maureen Hollins presented the three applications for **Home Mission Grants** from M&S

UBC Campus Ministry/ University Hill \$ 16,000

Longhouse Native Ministry \$ 26,000

First United Church Mission \$249,000

Motions:

UBC Campus Ministry

Moved by Simone Carrodus, seconded by Maureen Hollins as reviewers recommend that Presbytery approve a grant of \$16,000 to UBC Campus Ministry

which can not be reduced **Carried**

Longhouse Council of Native Ministry

Moved by Simone Carrodus, seconded by Maureen Hollins as reviewers recommend that Presbytery approve a grant of \$26,000 to Longhouse Council of Native Ministry which can not be reduced **Carried**

First United Church Mission

Moved by Simone Carrodus, seconded by Maureen Hollins as reviewers recommend that Presbytery approve a grant of \$249,000 to First United Church Mission which can not be reduced **Carried**

Mount Seymour Oversight Visit Report

Recommendations:

Presbytery should maintain oversight visits every three years.

Presbytery should continue to support the ministers, encourage peer groups.

This congregation might well benefit from an intensive stewardship programme, with an every member visit, as they are not meeting their budget and already carry a far size mortgage on the property. With current housing costs, this may not seem large, but perhaps they would be freer with it gone.

We hope the congregation can carry on discussions about the ministry of music with care, appreciation and honesty. It would be helpful for the future of Mt. Seymour if the congregation could formulate a clear vision for the music and worship programme.

Also, attention to the Children and Youth program is essential; may the search process be fruitful!

Motion:

Simone Carrodus moved and Michelle Ness seconded that the Oversight Visit Report for Mount Seymour be received **Carried**

A summary will be added to the Web site, and the complete report is available, from either chair of Congregational Relations, for presbyters who apply.

Oversight Visits for 2007

Simone reported that the following congregations will be visited in 2007:

Highlands United Church

Lynn Valley United Church

St John's United Church – Sunshine Coast

Longhouse Native Ministry

St Andrew's – Wesley Church

In November teams will be selected for each visit.

Training will be given by Janice Young on Monday January 29, 2007

Education and Students

Linda Gunn welcomed Rev Gary Paterson to the committee

Motion:

Moved by Dan Chambers and seconded by Sharon Copeman that we confirm the status of Judith Hardcastle as a candidate for Ordained Ministry **Carried**

Emerging Spirit

Tracy Murton reported that there are not any "Living the Welcome Workshops" scheduled yet in BC. She also provided an update of activities. Information was sent to all churches on Oct 23 with links to the "Wonder Café" website

Motion:

David Ewart moved and Dan Chambers seconded that Vancouver Burrard Presbytery urgently request a "Living the Welcome Workshop" to be held ASAP **Carried**

Bruce Sanquin and Nancy Talbot will coordinate the site with Tracy, who is one of the trainers.

Camp Fircom

Margey Sevigney, the chair of the Fircom Board and Neil Carrodus and Sheila Lavangy joined the meeting and stayed for dinner to answer other questions. The Board has worked with BCIT and will have a plan by March 2007

Motions:

Moved by John Culter and seconded by Simone Carrodus that Vancouver Burrard Presbytery supports the Camp Futures Report as far as it concerns Camp Fircom. **CARRIED**

Moved by John Culter and seconded by Simone Carrodus that Vancouver Burrard Presbytery concurs with Derek Evans' proposal that the Presbytery would have a collegial, not supervisory relationship to the camp **Carried**

Announcements

Barry Morris: Thoughts and input on Renfrew are still being taken by the committee

Ed Searcy: The Christian Season Calendar is available at \$13.50 for a single copy or \$8.10 for orders of 25

Carol O'Dell: Alvin Hayes will be at Trinity on November 4, 2006

Janice Young: Thanked Syd & Laurene Lewis and John Culter for attending St. John's' rededication service. Their repairs are complete

We are all encouraged to get our congregations involved in First Mission White Gift program

The meeting was adjourned for dinner, followed by David Ewart's Covenanting Service

Next meetings:

Executive: October 25 and November 15, 2006

Presbytery: November 28 2006 at Longhouse

Marianna Harris, chair Simone Carrodus, secretary