

September 27, 2005

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Presbytery held at Renfrew United Church, Vancouver on Tuesday, September 27, 2005 at 4:00 PM, with a quorum present, and duly called under the authority of the Chair, Rose-Hannah Gaskin.

Present:

Ministry Personnel: Bruce Sanguin, Jeff Seaton, Deb Bowman, Philip Cable, Ruth Wright, Rob Pollock, Gabrielle McLarty, Barry Morris, Sharon Copeman, Robin Jacobson, Rose-Hannah Gaskin, Marianna Harris, Gary Paterson, Dan Chambers, Colleen Blair, Janice Young, Brian Burke, Sally Harris, Ed Searcy, Maureen Hollins, Tressa Brotsky, Bob Burows, Art Griffin, Cullene Bryant, Doug Goodwin.

Lay: Linda Gunn, Elinor Byers, Carole Kidd, Susan Henry, Pat Burns, Shawn Shenfield, Simone Carrodus, Trevor Watson, Don Preston, Susan Chambers, Bill Davie, Karen Millard, Geoff Wilkins, John Bessuille, Trevor Harris, Barbara Matiru, Sue Parker, Phyllis Cooper, Michelle Ness, Sue Lamb, Katheryn Karst, Laurene Lewis, Syd Lewis, Kelsey Hannah, Jean Moore.

Regrets: Sheila Stanway, Karen Wootton, Nancy Talbot, Jen Richmond, Shelagh MacKinnon, Cheryl Black, Christine Abbott, Brian Baybay, Bayani Baybay.

Guests: Alice Frith, Margo Hardman, Aretta Bessuille, Leanne Boyd and other members of Renfrew congregation plus Kathy MacKean.

Worship and Service of Covenant:

Marianna Harris presided at worship which included the Service of Covenant between the Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin and the congregation of Renfrew United Church. Scripture included readings from Micah 6, Psalm 19, and Acts 1. Janice Young's sermon was on the topic "Living Between the Times".

Welcome and Introductions:

Bruce Sanguin introduced Jeff Seaton, Intern at Canadian Memorial. Conference Secretary Doug Goodwin was welcomed. Ruth Wright and Rob Pollock were welcomed back.

Minutes:

Moved by John Bessuille, seconded by Michelle Ness

That the minutes of the Presbytery meeting held on June 28, 2005 be adopted as circulated. Carried.

Moved by Philip Cable, seconded by Janice Young

That the Presbytery Executive meeting minutes of July 20, August 19 and September 14, 2005 be received for information. Carried.

Induction of Officers: The following members of Executive were named and those present were introduced:

- Chair – Rose-Hannah Gaskin
- Chair Elect – TBA
- Treasurer – Philip Cable
- Secretary – Pat Burns
- Pastoral Relations – Marianna Harris & Ruth Wright
- Human Resources – Cheryl Black
- Education & Students- Linda Gunn
- Congregational Relations – Janice Young & Simone Carrodus
- Long Range Planning – Syd Lewis & John Culter
- Faithful Public Witness – Sally Harris & Barry Morris
- Youth and Young Adult Ministry – Tressa Brotsky
- Camp Fircom /Special Liaison – Hugh Creighton

Renfrew Update:

The Chair expressed appreciation to Renfrew for hosting the meeting. After 2 weeks as part time minister at Renfrew, Rose-Hannah indicated there had been a whirlwind of activity.

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Renfrew Update (cont'd):

Appreciation had been expressed to Alice Frith who retired as Church Secretary after 35 years of service. The relationship between Renfrew and the Mission Animation Zone (MAZ) continues to be explored.

Congregational Relations: Janice Young reported that the triennial visits planned for Spring 2006 are to Capilano, Mount Seymour, St. Andrew's/ North Van, West Vancouver, and St. John's/ West End.

Maureen Hollins is the new Home Missions Grants Coordinator. New forms were supplied this year and all are now in. Appreciation was expressed to Linda Gunn for all her work in the role previously.

Deb Bowman distributed and reviewed a summary of the Report of the Oversight Visit to First United Church Congregation. The Summary will be posted on the Presbytery website at www.vanburrard.org

Moved by Janice Young, seconded by Deb Bowman

That Presbytery accept the report of the Oversight Visit to First United Church Congregation.

Carried.

All Presbytery Committees were encouraged to review the Presbytery Vision Document on our website, especially the sections related to their work.

Education and Students:

Moved by Linda Gunn, seconded by Philip Cable

That Gary Patterson be accepted as a qualified Internship Supervisor and that St. Andrew's-Wesley be accepted as a suitable Internship site.

Carried.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry:

Tressa Brotsky introduced Kelsey Hannah, the new Office Assistant for YAYA ministry. The fall newsletter and upcoming events are available on the YAYA website. Five new members have been elected to the Youth Council and two are still needed from Vancouver-Burrard. An invitation was extended to Presbyters to let Tressa know of youth involved in congregations. "Wandering Worship" led by members of the Youth Council, and sensitive to congregational expectations, has dates available to travel to our congregations.

Pastoral Relations:

Moved by Sue Parker, seconded by Ruth Wright

That Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery approve the call of Rev. Daniel O'Brien to Squamish United Church effective November 1,2005. He is category F.

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Carried.

Moved by Sue Parker, seconded by Ruth Wright

That Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery ask for the transfer of membership of Rev. Daniel Bogart O'Brien from Ottawa Presbytery.

Carried.

The following are very tentative dates for Services of Covenant:

North Lonsdale – Robin Jacobson – Oct.23rd, evening at North Lonsdale

YAYA - Tressa Brotsky – Nov.6th at 7:00 PM at Ryerson

Highlands - Cheryl Black – Nov.29th during Presbytery meeting at Highlands

West Point Grey – Gordon How – TBA

Squamish - Daniel O'Brien - TBA

Long Range Planning:

Syd Lewis reported that the committee is working on developing an Investment Policy Statement as a guide for churches with invested funds and on a definition of Real and Personal Property to establish levels of expenditure for which Presbytery approval would be required. A suggestion was made that the new United Church Foundation be considered in developing investment guidelines.

Faithful Public Witness:

Susan Henry reported that the committee has continuing concern about the state of the Health care system in Canada and is working on a presentation to Presbytery.

Mission and Service:

Jean Moore indicated that she is in her last year as coordinator for Mission and Service so the Presbytery will be seeking a new M&S Coordinator. Jean mentioned the goal of \$30,000,000 nationally and encouraged all Presbyters to check their congregation's support to date this year on the national web site. Jean has resources available to help increase awareness of and support for M&S. We can be proud of our collective response to the Tsunami disaster and to the "Beads of Hope" campaign. Jean would welcome help in sending out Commitment Forms this fall. (Email the Secretary for her phone number.)

Remits:

Remits are to be discussed and voted on at the next meeting of Presbytery. Originally emailed to all Presbyters in March it was requested that they be emailed again as soon as possible. They are:

- #1 – Permission to Conferences re: frequency of meetings
- #2 – Categories to be established for Remits
- #3 – Broaden Settlement Committee Presbytery representation from OM to OM, LPM, LPMIT, or SA plus lay
- #4 – Broaden congregation reps to Presbytery to 1per 100
- #5 – Change Basis of Union to reflect current re-organization.

Announcements:

Cullene Bryant – Oct.21st and Nov.25th Stand-up comedy at the Laughing Bean at 7:30 PM
Barry Morris – Honoring retirees at next meeting, Presbyters encouraged to invite them.
Ed Searcy – University Hill's Christian Seasons Calendars again available. Now in larger format. Also hosting a Retrospective Exhibition of 5 years of calendar artwork at the Lookout Gallery in Regent College from Oct.19th to Nov.12th with an opening reception Oct.19th 4:30 – 7:30 PM

Simone Carrodus – Camp Fircom Dinner Auction featuring entertainer Dawn Pemberton on Oct.22nd at the Arbutus Club. Items urgently needed for the auction. Contact Simone for further information or to donate items.

Gary Paterson – Jazz fundraiser Sep.29th at St. Andrew's-Wesley featuring 10 groups, from 7-11 PM.

Philip Cable – third and fourth 120th Anniversary Celebrations at First United will be:

- Oct.23rd starting at 2:00 PM the Very Reverend Robert Smith on "The View From Mt. Nemo", with Perry Dickinson , music.
- Nov.20th starting at 2:00 PM the Rev. Dr. Ruth Wright's presentation and reflection on her recent experience in Africa, with Ron Small, music.

Dan Chambers – Taize service Oct.2nd at 7:30 PM at St. David's.

Tressa Brotsky – Oct 29th Youth Council dance at Highlands.

Next Meetings:

Executive: Wednesday, October 12,2005 at 2:00 PM at Canadian Memorial

Presbytery: Tuesday, October 25,2005 at 4:00 PM at Longhouse Ministry, 2595 Franklin Street, Vancouver.

Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.