**Eastside United Church Leadership Team**

**Minutes of the May 25, 2022 Meeting**

**Attendees: :** Sarah Tkachuk, Russell Mitchell-Walker, Sam Baidoo, Delia Baidoo, Bonny Manz, Cathie Henderson, Maureen Hughes, Becca Anderson, Anita Tessier, Leanne Sudom

**Regrets:** Doug Scheurwater, Jim Fallows

| **Agenda**  **#** | **Discussion** | **Action** |
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| 1. | **Call to Order – Sarah**  Sarah called the meeting to order at 7:04. |  |
| 2. | **Opening Devotion - Russell** |  |
| 3. | **Acceptance of the Agenda**  Leanne re-ordered and moved the agenda be accepted. 2nd by Cathie. Carried. |  |
| 4. | **Minutes of the April 6, 2022 Leadership Team meeting**  Cathie moved the minutes be accepted. 2nd by Sam. Carried. |  |
| 5. | **Reports**  **5.1 Faith Formation - Leanne**  There is an online meeting planned on June 8th with the committee and the House Group chairs. They will discuss what is working well and what can be improved. A brainstorming opportunity to make it better for everybody. Any recommendations will be provided to the Leadership Team at the next meeting.  On June 19th an Indigenous Anglican Service is being held at 10:00 a.m. on Massey Road and Eastside is invited to attend. Deb Anderson-Pratt may be doing part of the service. Discussion was held on whether to attend as not time to have both services, as well as whether we could link into the live stream via Zoom, but that would require people at Eastside to look after it. A Blanket Exercise will follow the service at Campbell School.  It is also Indigenous History Month.    **5.2 Minister’s – Russell**  *LSC Pandemic Response* – Masks no longer required but still encouraged. A microphone, webcam and other attachments have been ordered to assist with hybrid services and events. Not sure if an LSC expense or Eastside.  *Cluster -* The ministers met a couple of weeks ago. Deb Anderson-Pratt was there and there was a lot of information shared regarding indigenous issues and needs. There is a Feast happening on June 4th  that Deb is hosting. Coordinating the various churches to do with Pride was discussed. A gathering is going to be happening in the Fall with the Ministers and congregation representatives to discuss cooperating and sharing between the congregations. There has been a turnover in Ministers over the last few months so that may mean some responses to the cluster may change.  *Outreach* – no response yet to grant proposal. Redesigning some promotional material for community dinners and Film and Faith.  *Climate Justice Committee* – Has had to events, one being the Community Dinner on Earth Day and the Jane’s Walk to Celebration church to hear about their solar panel process. June 5th – a Wascana Solar Co-op forum at 7:00 p.m. about solar panels and how they can help with them.  *Pastoral Care* – Alex’s death a shock to everyone. His brother has been attending our services and Russell spoke at the viewing on his invitation and a few people from Eastside attended. Debbie Menz in currently at Wascana Rehab. Jim Fallows was dealing with some health issues.  *Continuing Education and Wider Church* – Attended Fresh Expressions. The content was good but masking was optional and many people not wearing them so not comfortable. The Parish Inhabit conference was very good as well, included connecting with a Canadian contingent.  *Skylight* – Not many registrations which means there would be a lack of funds. A difficult decision was made to cancel it. The committee plans to meet though.  *Pride* – Parade is June 11th and Eastside service on June 12th. Jack Saddleback from Saskatoon will be our online speaker.  *LSC* – Will be sharing with BoL over the summer months.  **5.3 M&P - Cathie**  The committee will be meeting with Russell and Becca on June 1st. She requested feedback from Leadership Team if anyone had heard any comments about COVID response, church services, hybrid or in-person, or anything else and she will bring it up with Russell and Becca.  **5.4 Region - Becca**  There are some interesting upcoming events that she will make the congregation aware of via emails.  **5.5 Finance – Sarah**  There is about $49,000.00 in the bank but unencumbered balance is about $29,000.00. The present budget deficit is about $2,300.00. The Whitmore Park monies are decreasing as they are being used to pay Braden. Some of the reason for the deficit is that LSC costs have increased, as well as and increase to Eastside’s share of LSC’s expenses. No current payment holidays planned by the LSC.  **5.6 Living Spirit Centre Committee - Sarah**  There is some additional revenue being received as a Filipino church is renting the East sanctuary on Sunday afternoons and may be a long-term rental although some question from LSCC on insurance. Holy Yoga is going to be renting again in the fall. One of the counsellors is doing some programming right now. Immanuel is still a partner although their worship services are being held elsewhere and they are still trying to discern who they will be in the future. The Diocese will be starting to cover their LSC costs. There will be a Youth and Family Ministry at LSC initiated by Immanuel and BoL and ES hope to be involved. A verbal commitment was made by the Bishop to perhaps pay a larger percentage of the LSC costs than they do presently.  **5.7 Gratitude team – Maureen**  An Appreciation Dinner for the congregation, including spouses, will be held on June 19th. There is an option to be in-person or pick up and be online. Vicki Nelson from Stewardship Support is coming to give a talk and the team is looking into also having a lawyer present for technical questions. The team is currently working on their Fall campaign. Teresa Strachan has joined the committee and Bonny Manz is considering joining. Sarah suggested that a special thank you be given to Bonnie Yake at the dinner for her lengthy involvement on the Leadership Team and the LSCC, including chairing the LSCC.  **5.8 Congregational care – Delia**  Linda Fowler is no longer on the team and Barb Rio stepped down as well. Kacey Colibaba joined the team, as well as Dianna Ingham. She said they are a very caring group and enjoy being together. Elaine keeps good track of the grief books, getting them to people, as there were many tragedies over the last couple of years. They changed some of their processes to do with both in-person and telephone calls and texts. The team also does the welcome on Sunday mornings.  Cathie commented that the team does wonderful work and Delia thanked her and said they gain lots out of being on it as Sarah had said at the Program meeting.  **5.9 Chair - Sarah**  Her report is included in other business. | No service or streaming will be done at Eastside. The service will be announced in church and in the newsletters, including links to online. |
| 6. | **Business arising from the Minutes (20 minutes)**  **6.1 COVID update – return to in person worship**  **- Masking update from LCS**  Discussion was held on whether to continue a mask mandate for Eastside.  The choir members will continue to wear them, and others will be encouraged to wear them. And can distance themselves as they feel comfortable. The windows are being opened and fans used during the services.    **6.2 Strategic planning session - Sarah**  The plan is to have a planning session in September in the East Sanctuary. September 17th from 10:00 – 2:00 with Munch catering lunch. | Masking will be encouraged |
| 7. | **New Business (20 minutes)**  **7.1 2022-2023 Meeting timing**  Will continue on Wednesdays, decision in fall on whether in-person, Zoom, or hybrid. |  |
| 8. | **Next Meeting**  September 7 at 7:00 p.m. |  |
| 9. | **Closing Prayer** |  |
| 10. | **Adjournment**  Sarah adjourned the meeting at 8:42. |  |