**Eastside United Church Leadership Team**

**Minutes of the June 16, 2021 Meeting**

**Attendees:** Sarah Tkachuk, Russell Mitchell-Walker, Bonnie Yake, Sam Baidoo, Bonny Manz, Cathie Henderson, Anita Tessier, Leanne Sudom, Linda Fowler, Maureen Hughes, Jim Fallows

**Regrets:** Doug Scheurwater

| **Agenda**  **#** |  | **Action** |
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| 1. , | **Call to Order – Sarah**  Sarah called the meeting to order at 7:07. |  |
|  | **Opening Devotion – Russell**  Mark 4:35-41 |  |
|  | **Acceptance of the Agenda**  Two items added; 6.3 SGI Rebate and 7.2 Conversion Therapy Letter. Bonny moved the amended agenda be accepted. 2nd by Sam. Carried |  |
|  | **Minutes of the May 5, 2021 Leadership Team meeting and May 30, 2021 Congregational meeting**  The Congregational meeting minutes not yet complete. Cathie moved acceptance of the May 5, 2021 Leadership Team meeting. 2nd by Bonnie. Carried |  |
|  | **Reports**  **5.1 Minister’s – Russell**  Report attached.  A letter was sent to non-PAR givers to remind them to continue with their offering over the summer and perhaps increase it. Delia resigned from the Gratitude Team as was somewhat overcommitted. Some additional funds, above what was budgeted, may be necessary for audiovisual services.  **5.2 M&P - Cathie**  Committee met with Russell on June 2nd to discuss work plan. Cathie appreciated the feedback received before her meeting from the LT.    **5.3 Region - Doug (absent)**  Doug has asked to step down as the representative. Becca has put her name forward to replace him and should attend, or at least report, to the Leadership Team. There can be two representatives so we can continue to look for a second representative.  ***Jim moved that Becca Dziaduck be appointed as Regional Representative. 2nd by Sam. Carried***  Russell – two proposals at last Regional Council meeting. One was about establishing a Justice Committee to determine how we live out being an anti-racist church and looking at our structures and committees. The second was about writing a letter and encouraging the government to support spiritual care again which is the hospital chaplaincy program.  **5.4 Finance – Jim**  The T3010 form has been submitted to CRA.  Envelope giving in May was quite low, as it has been so far this calendar year. It is the envelope giving that is down. Which means revenue is somewhat short although the two-month contribution holiday in July and August will help keep the deficit lower, reducing it by about $5,000.00. Mortgage balance is under $30,000.00 now.  **5.5 Living Spirit Centre Committee – Bonnie**  Last meeting was May 18th. Discussed re-opening. BoL beginning in-person services and have come up with a partial re-payment plan to LSC. Immanuel has not decided on a “Forever Home” yet.  Nancy’s Farewell is the evening of June 17th. The current partners have had meetings about the LSC documents. Two meetings so far but next one not until September. Lawyer is doing a draft of the Joint Owners Agreement. Would like to do more things together with all three churches but it takes a bit longer but the hope is that there will be a few things worked on together. Their next LSCC meeting is planned for September but there may be some emailing within the council members about the building re-opening.  **5.6 Faith Formation – Leanne**  15 Pentecost bags were created and delivered to families. There had been a plan to partner with Immanuel on a Vacation Bible School but there has been no update on that. Stephanie Banks volunteered to take Amanda’s place as co-chair of this committee. Additional members are always welcome. Sam volunteered to be a member.  **5.7 Gratitude team – Maureen**  Letters have been sent to the members who give via envelopes reminding them not to forget. Online Information has also been sent out about having an online Auction in November that people were asked to make donations for. They have been working on the Stewardship Campaign and timeline. Packages will be sent out either via email or Canada Post. October 24th will be Stewardship Sunday and response card deadline is early November. The team would like additional members, especially with Delia leaving, which they were sad to see. They would like Jim to attend one of their meetings in order to determine a goal for their request for funds.  **5.8 Congregational Care - Linda**  The team continues to do phone calls to members. June has been a quieter month so far. No meetings being held over the summer.  **5.9 Chair – Sarah**  Did further follow up with Wesley.  **Business arising from the Minutes (45 minutes)**  **6.1 Nomination for Living Skies Council representative**  See 5.3  **6.2 Revision to Reopen Plan**  A number of revisions were made to the plan and they were reviewed. There was much discussion on the latest requirements and what to do if we have to continue cleaning (volunteers) plus for other requirements; masks and singing, social distancing, contact tracing, using microphones, passing of the peace, communion, etc. We may continue having more hand sanitizer and Lysol wipes for sanitizing surfaces available. And gloves for communion servers. And perhaps some reminders/communication regarding not attending if you have symptoms of COVID or flu or colds. The re-opening plan will continue to be revised, depending on provincial guidelines. Our plan does not have to go to Region for approval, just integrated with the LSCC. The challenge is creating a space where everyone feels comfortable and safe. We will be using the west sanctuary for awhile, as the streaming is only available from there right now. We may need to review the volunteer instructions for the services and perhaps amend.  The Leadership Team members should review the re-opening plan as things change and we will revisit as we may need to meet in late August regarding re-opening.  **6.3 SGI Rebate – Bonnie**  A motion was made at the Congregational meeting about giving Rebate to a charity through Eastside. The Leadership Team was to decide what the money will be donated to. The Regina Native Outreach is not yet incorporated as a charity, but they can be considered a mission our church will help support. Should someone put a specific outreach ministry they wish supported with their cheque/money, those funds should be directed to that one.  ***Bonnie moved that any rebates received by Eastside with no ministry specified, be contributed to Regina Native Outreach Ministry. 2nd by Jim. Carried.*** | Further communication about the shortfall may be needed.  Becca, Russell and Sarah to review house group instructions and amend if needed.  To be paid to them likely mid-July and mid-August. |
|  | **New Business (10 minutes)**  **7.1 Voluntary Associate Minister – Hazel Arbon and Ken Powers**  The National Church has new terminology to do with Voluntary Associate Ministers. In order to have a church they are affiliated with, a motion needs to be made.  ***Anita moved that that Hazel Arbon and Ken Powers be confirmed as voluntary associates by the governing body of Eastside community of faith. 2nd by Maureen. Carried.***  **7.2 Conversion Therapy Letter – Russell**  Russell asked that the Leadership Team give him authority to sign the conversion therapy letter to the Regina Mayor and Council speaking in favour of a ban on conversion therapy, on behalf of Eastside United Church.  ***Jim moved that Russell be allowed to sign the conversion therapy letter on behalf of Eastside United Church. 2nd by Linda. Carried*** |  |
|  | **Next Meeting**  Tuesday, August 24th. |  |
|  | **Closing Prayer - Russell** |  |
|  | **Adjournment**  Bonnie moved meeting be adjourned at 9:00 |  |