

Eastside United Church Leadership Team

Minutes of the June 26, 2019 Meeting

Attendees:

Sarah Tkachuk, Bonnie Yake, Bonny Manz, Cathie Henderson, Anita Tessier,
Jim Fallows, Doug Scheurwater, Sam Baidoo, Rev. Russell Mitchell-Walker

Agenda #	Discussion	Action
1.	<p><u>Call to Order – Sarah</u> The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Opening Devotion – Russell</u> A responsive devotion and reading was done, followed by an appreciation done by and for those at the table.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Acceptance of the Agenda</u> Jim moved adoption of agenda, 2nd Bonnie. Carried.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Minutes of the May 22, 2019 Meeting</u> <u>Minutes of the June 9, 2019 Program Congregational meeting</u> Two spelling correction amendments made to Congregational meeting minutes. Jim moved acceptance of both minutes, 2nd Doug. Carried.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Welcome to members and leadership team Terms of Reference – Sarah (10 minutes)</u> Sarah welcomed everyone, especially our two new members, Doug and Sam. The Terms of Reference that were circulated was not the complete structure document so Bonnie suggested it would be a good idea to circulate the entire document. Sarah suggested that team members review the document over the summer.</p>	<p>Russell will ask Suzanne to circulate Will bring forward any changes/comments in the fall.</p>
5a.	<p><u>Business Arising from the Minutes (40 minutes)</u> <u>5a.1 Faith Story Update – Sarah</u> Very little feedback has been received since the presentation was done on June 9, 2019. Those that attended seemed to be satisfied and a number of questions were asked and answered. The Gratitude Team may have gotten feedback when following up on completion of cards.</p>	

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	<p>Sarah said the Faith (former JNAC) Committee will be meeting soon to compile feedback from the surveys/meetings and linkages to Faith Story.</p> <p>Will need to have the Faith Story approved by congregation after the summer. Must be announced the two Sundays before the meeting.</p> <p><u>5a.2 Review and Update on Recommendations from the Region – Sarah</u> The Region is thrilled with the work and progress although it is important to carry through in order to maintain trust. There was mention of a Ministry and Personnel (M&P) workshop planned but no dates were given. When the Faith Story is approved by the congregation, the Eastside Commission will be requesting that the Region approve The Faith Story it, and disband the commission.</p> <p>Communication with membership at Eastside very important. As part of communication should post minutes and financials. Question on whether we can post Draft minutes, or if they have to be formally approved before doing so.</p> <p>Can we get a specific spot to post minutes and financials on our website?</p> <p>Discussion on Russell’s activities/workload. Further analysis will be required by Russell and M&P with Sarah’s involvement as well.</p> <p><u>5a.3 Stewardship Update – Russell</u> Gratitude Team is continuing their follow-up with people that did not return their cards. They also wondered about holding a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in the fall. They also asked about getting some some financial resources to work with.</p> <p>There has been some discussion that perhaps churches could help each other more. One suggestion was another church could cater something for us and we could repay them by catering something for them.</p> <p><u>5a.4 Rebate Update – Sarah</u> Does not currently have access to CRA’s records.</p>	<p>Will have meeting to approve September 22nd. Announce – September 8 and 15.</p> <p>Sarah will check with Tracy on posting minutes.</p> <p>Russell will check on a spot to post minutes/financials.</p> <p>Sarah and M&P to review w/Russell in the fall.</p> <p>Doug will sign the document that will give Sarah access.</p>

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6.	<p><u>Reports (20 minutes)</u></p> <p><u>6.1 Chair – Sarah</u> Spoke about the Faith Story/JNAC and feedback received from Commission and Region. It has been mainly positive and we must do our best to continue what has been started in order to keep up the momentum.</p> <p>There had been a comment after the Congregational Meeting that we should present the committees reports verbally as many people don't read the written ones included in the package.</p> <p><u>6.2 M&P</u> Have met with both Russell and Suzanne to do their performance reviews. Two new members – Teresa Strachan and Brenda Adamko.</p> <p><u>6.3 Region</u> Three members of the congregation are needed to attend the regional meeting. Do not have to be members of committees. Wondering if we need a person from the Leadership Team designated to review things like the Regional Newsletter.</p> <p><u>6.4 Finance – Jim</u> Looking good so far. He is trying to determine how to reflect the payment of the M&S debt on the financial report since it was payment of past years' debt .</p> <p><u>6.5 Living Spirit Centre Committee – Bonnie</u> Continues to be very Finance focused. A committee is to be formed with one representative from each church in the LSC to review books .</p> <p>Percentages used for payments of LSC expenses will be based on actual revenue of each congregation (ie. 2020 percentage payments will be based on 2016, 2017, and 2018).</p> <p><u>6.6 Faith Formation</u> Leanne getting overloaded as shortage of House Group leaders.</p> <p><u>6.7 Minister's – Russell</u> Did some radio and television interviews on CBC about Pride and also our Indigenous Service.</p>	<p>Perhaps include as part of future services (ie. One or two reports on a Sunday)</p> <p>Sarah & Russell will check with Tracy on designate.</p> <p>Jim continuing to research.</p> <p>Greg Thomas will be asked.</p>

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7.	<p><u>New Business (15 minutes)</u></p> <p><u>7.1 Regina and Area Cluster Meeting – Bonnie</u> 8 of the 9 churches had representation. Options for the future of the Regina United Churches were discussed to begin exploring ideas and responses. Also, with regional requirements, things like Regina Anti Poverty Ministry and Lumsden Beach Camp need to be funded somehow locally. Cluster likely not meeting again until the fall.</p> <p><u>7.2 2019/2020 meeting schedule</u> Numbers of meetings seem to be fine. They will continue to be held on Wednesdays.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Next Meeting</u> September 4, 2019, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><i>Motion: Bonnie moved that Doug be given signing authority for Eastside United Church cheques. 2nd Jim. Carried.</i></p>	
9.	<p><u>Closing Prayer - Russell</u></p>	
10.	<p><u>Adjournment</u> Meeting adjourned at 9:15, moved by Jim.</p>	