**Eastside United Church Leadership Team**

**Minutes of the January 13, 2021 Meeting**

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

| **Agenda**  **#** |  | **Action** |
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| 1. , | **Call to Order – Sarah**  Sarah called the meeting to order at 7:05. |  |
|  | **Opening Devotion – Russell**  Round table regarding Epiphany or other thoughts. |  |
|  | **Acceptance of the Agenda**  Maureen moved acceptance. 2nd by Cathie. Carried |  |
|  | **Minutes of the November 12, 2020** | To be distributed via email and voted on at a later date. |
|  | **Reports**  **5.1 Minister’s – Russell**  Regina Cluster – nothing occurring at the moment. Russell will do some communicating with cluster. Wesley’s current Minister leaving the end of this month.  ICF – Russell thanked Linda and Doug for their work.  Community Dinner – about 60 people from various geographic locations attended the last one.  Advent Bags- Enjoyed by those that received them and Russell had an opportunity to have a short visit with families when he delivered them.  Kairos Climate Action – Russell has volunteered to help with this issue.  **5.2 M&P - Cathie**  Met with Russell regarding his vacation. His work year is from July 1st to June 30th of the following year. He is planning to take a week in February and a couple of weeks in April and then will carry over the balance of his holidays. He plans to take next year’s vacation in July and August. He is also taking a few days in January as Con-Ed to link into some webinars and do some educational reading.  Harvey has not yet asked for any vacation. M&P will discuss further and they and/or Russell will speak to Harvey about when he would like his vacation.    **5.3 Region - Doug**  No meetings have been held lately.  **5.4 Finance – Jim**  2020 revenues and expenses were reviewed. There was a large surplus but that should not be expected every year as there were a number of large donations in December, plus additional reimbursement for Russell’s salary.  Anita was advised by CIBC that we are unable to set up e-transfers for deposit without set up for e-transfer for payments as well.  **5.5 Living Spirit Centre Committee – Bonnie**  LSC continuing to get rent from Counsellors and Munch. BOL gave an update to the LSC committee on how they will be catching up to their LSC assessment. Property and Maintenance will be making a number of expenditures for audiovisual equipment, Fire Code improvements and possibly some parking lot fixes. Jim advised that the LSC account is looking good and that BoL has made some of their re-payments.  **5.6 Faith Formation – Leanne**  The donations to Alix and his work at feeding the homeless were very much appreciated.  Their team has been putting some thought into potential future needs when we go back to in-person, as well as continuing to stream the services. It is doubtful that anyone in the congregation has the knowledge and/or the willingness to look after the camera, etc. for every service. They wondered if perhaps we may need to pay someone to provide that service. There was quite a bit of discussion at this meeting on what format will be used for the streaming and how it will be done. Suggestions made that other churches may have people doing the same for them or BoL as well. Also a suggestion that Harvey may be interested in doing it.  **5.7 Gratitude team – Maureen**  The puzzle is not yet complete. Calls were made to over 40 families by Wanda and Maureen. There was a resignation from their team which leaves the two of them as the only members.  They are considering a new initiative to show appreciation to the House Groups. Perhaps a luncheon.  **5.8 Congregational Care - Linda**  No services have been able to be done at Wascana Rehab since last March. Linda received a call from Wascana before Christmas wondering if cards could be done for the residents. There were cards done from Eastside and Wesley, as well as ornaments done by Sonia, for all the residents. Lorna King assisted the people at Wascana with the delivery.  Grief books have been given to some people, as well as a couple of Prayer Shawls. As well, the team has made calls to members of the congregation that are not using Zoom.  **5.9 Chair – Sarah**  All her report is included as agenda items for this meeting. | Sarah to contact Wesley’s council.  Jim doing some follow up with a contact he has. |
|  | **Business arising from the Minutes (10 minutes)**  **6.1 COVID Reopen task force – discussion**  A determination needs to be made on when the plan needs approval. In-person services will not be happening for awhile, but some small groups may wish to meet in-person. The plan will be circulated via email for comments and then a special meeting will be held in order to approve.  **6.2 Update on Immanuel Parish**  The former 521 group had discussed three options: 1) exit LSC partnership; 2) take over LSC and buy-out other two members; 3) continue the present relationship somehow. The Immanuel Parish council wants to use LSC as a satellite for some of their personnel and perhaps have some services in our building. The relationship with the present members of the LSC may need to be renewed or refreshed.  ***Bonnie moved that we accept the proposal of the task force and participate in a team to develop and renew the terms of the new agreement for joint use of the LSC with the Immanuel Anglican Church as a full partner. 2nd by Jim. Carried.***  Bonnie Yake and Jim Fallows will represent Eastside on the Task Force. Russell will be a Ministry representative on the task force.  **6.3 2021 Budget - Jim**  The budget was reviewed and discussed and a few changes were made. The Outreach funding was discussed as the understanding is that they are no longer getting the amount of funds they used to receive both nationally and regionally and additional funds may be required.  ***Jim moved the budget be approved with the changes discussed at this meeting incorporated. 2nd by Bonnie. Carried.***  ***Jim moved that $17,000.00 be put in mortgage fund. 2nd by Anita. Carried.***  The Finance AGM will be held on February 28th. | Doug to follow up with Region to get additional information on Outreach needs.  Notice must be given to the congregation. |
|  | **New Business (10 minutes)** |  |
|  | **Next Meeting**  March 10, 2021; 7:00 p.m. |  |
|  | **Closing Prayer - Russell** |  |
|  | **Adjournment**  Sam moved meeting be adjourned at 9:45 |  |