

Executive:

Chair	Regan Pfaff-MacDonald ✓
Vice-Chair	Al Shaw ✓
Past Chair	Kirk Wilson ✓
Secretary	Diana Duke ✓
Treasurer	Wayne Pease
Ministry	Pat Morrison
	Kenji Marui ✓

Committee Representatives:

AOTS	Al Grimwood
Christian Development	Shirley Willis
Communications	Christopher Cooke
Congregational Care & Growth	Bob Newman ✓
Finance	Paul Cooper ✓
Region Rep	x
Outreach	Paul Cooper ✓
Ministry & Personnel	Laura Black ✓
Planning	Jim Wicks ✓
Property	Marion Staples ✓
Proclamation and Special Events	Bev Walkling ✓
Trustees	Pete Melanson ✓
Worship	Val Adamson ✓

✓ = present

The Meeting was held via Zoom with 13 participants, as per adjournment and began at 7:05 pm. There was a quorum.

1. Devotion

FINANCE – Paul shared a humorous COVID story along with a few COVID jokes.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION to approve the agenda as distributed, with added topic of Community Living request.

Pete Melanson/Mario Staples. Carried

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION to approve the Council meeting minutes from MAY 7-2021, with added details regarding report from CC&G.

Paul Cooper/Kirk Wilson. Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

5. Correspondence

Email from Elizabeth Bloodgood/Wendy Wong/Sarah Stroup regarding Global NGO survey

We have received an invitation to participate in a research project examining the characteristics, behaviors, and partnerships that help nongovernmental organizations to succeed in national and world politics.

The project entitled The Rise and Decline of INGOs is led by Elizabeth Bloodgood at Concordia University, Montreal, Wendy H. Wong at the University of Toronto, and Sarah Stroup at Middlebury College, and is funded by a grant from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

They are very interested in learning about your observations of the operations and impact of our organization. The goal of the survey is to ascertain the characteristics that can help NGOs succeed in different national contexts. If we choose to participate, this multiple-choice survey should take no more than ten minutes to complete. All answers will be kept confidential.

The project will trace how organizational features and social networks in different national contexts shape the rise and demise of INGOs. As part of this project, they have built the first global database on NGOs from national tax and registry data. This dataset, as well as the published results of this survey, will be made available to us. At the end of the survey, we will be asked if we would like our organization to be entered into a drawing for a \$100 CAD donation (100 available) as a

thank you for our participation.

No action as there was no support to do this.

6. New Business

a) Church business during Summer

MOTION that Executives' of Council be empowered to make decisions during the summer on behalf of Council until the next regular meeting of Executive Council in October 2021.

Marion Staples/Val Adamson. Carried

b) Community Living request

In order to proceed with respite programs, they would like to use the Friendship Room, Room 1, Gym during July and August. The Re-opening Committee does not support this request. Concerned expressed regarding COVID protocols, safety, extra cleaning efforts, restricting other users but allowing CL, limiting access to specific areas, monitoring access, congregation is restricted yet CL is allowed in building, etc.

MOTION that the Re-opening Committee revisit this request to see if the barriers and concerns discussed can be mitigated/resolved.

Paul Cooper/Bob Newman. 6 agreed/3 opposed

7. Pastoral Report and Teaching

PAT MORRISON

No report.

KENJI MARUJ

- Getting more used to video production for worship services
- Bloor Street UC in Toronto used a sermon of mine recently
- Attended Festival of Homiletics where professors and preachers shared thoughts “the future of preaching”
- As nursing and congregant care homes start allowing for in-person visits, will also work towards front door and porch visiting
- Working on Antler River Watershed regional meeting for next week – which is why Rev. Sarah Bruer will be leading worship on June 13
- Attended a workshop for the Tri-Regional area (southwestern Ontario) with Murray Sinclair speaking about the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s call to actions for the church

8. Key Ministry Committee Reports

Worship

Worship Services during Lockdown: The format for worship services will be guided by public health guidelines, along with input from the region and reopening committee. If we are holding in-person worship services, Glenn has confirmed music leadership for July and August while he is on vacation. If services remain on-line, music will be selected from the library that Glenn and Beth have assembled.

Sarah Bruer will provide worship leadership again on June 13.

The committee is planning to meet as required through the summer to ensure that worship services can continue with no interruptions, regardless of whether the services are on-line or in-person. Val Adamson.

Christian Development

No report

Congregational Care & Growth

The Caregiving Committee continues to maintain contact with several congregants on an ongoing basis.

MOTION by CC&G that Marianne and David Nichols be accepted for membership to Grace UC via transfer.

Bob Newman/Pete Melanson. Carried

Outreach

- 70 clients served at the May 26 Inn of the Good Shepherd (IOGS) meal. Thanks to all the volunteers for continuing this essential ministry. Next meal is June 23.
- 150 pounds of food donated to the IOGS following the May 2 drive-by/drop-off. Next food-bank Sunday is June 6. Thanks to all who have donated food.
- Virtual soup luncheon supporting the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Brigden UC 'Forget-Me-Not' grow project is June 6. Henry Reindeers, the Ontario Region Representative, will be participating in the zoom call. Paul Cooper

Proclamation and Special Events

Online Auction

As you know, it has been a long time since we have been able to do any live fundraising events for our general funds. Many groups are opting to hold online auctions with donated items which run over approximately one weeks' time. A recent example is Lambton Centre which held an auction which raised over \$2,000.

After discussion with members of Proclamation and Special Events, we would like to try holding such an auction for Grace between June 18th- 25th. This means that we will have to start collecting items as soon as we can.

We would appreciate it if you could consider whether you have any items or skills/services that you would be prepared to put up for auction. Perhaps you could bake muffins as an item or offer to prepare a meal. Items like gift cards are also welcomed. Maybe you have plants that you have been splitting which might be of interest to others. For each item we would like to know the estimated value of the item so we can set a reasonable starting bid of approximately 50% of its value. The auction will run on Facebook and while we know that not all members are on Facebook, we would very much appreciate it if those who are, would invite their friends and help spread the word to others.

If you have something that you would like to donate, please contact Bev Walking at 519-542-9872 or email bevwalking@hotmail.com or via Facebook Bev Place Walking. Bev will need a picture of the item you are willing to donate as soon as possible. The item itself can be dropped off to Bev (or picked up) a little later. Many thanks for your support in making this auction a successful fundraiser for Grace.

Virtual Kidney Foundation Walk

The second event that we are promoting is the reformation of 'Team Grace' to walk in the virtual walk September 26th to raise funds for the Kidney Foundation of Canada. Team Grace did not walk as a team last year but did for the two years prior to that. Most people at Grace, whether they realize it or not, know someone who has been affected by kidney disease, either personally or through someone they love. Funds raised will be used locally helping people who live with kidney disease and will help support research.

9. Governance and Support Committee Reports:

Planning

a) Project Proposals

- The only "Active Projects" are:
 - Sanctuary HVAC Replacement (Mandatory fix when fail)
 - Chapel Renovations (Some completed, but remainder unclear)
- Project Proposal by Property is in the works to fix the circular drive off of Cathcart
 - Working most effective approach to repairing the pavement and dealing with the bollards
 - Concrete versus asphalt was considered but cost prohibitive
- A new Project Proposal form is being generated to add some added information fields and to upgrade instructions on how and when to use the form

- The new form will be posted on the Grace Website or available through the church office

- b) **Constitution Update**
 - Last Council meetings, members asked to review Grace's constitution as related to your Committee suggesting providing feedback by April
 - Request that Committees also review Constitution Appendices that are associated with your Committee
 - Several input submissions have been received and these have been incorporated into a master revision copy
 - **REQUEST:** For those committees yet to respond, please forward on any revisions you would like to see in the Constitution document
 - If you have reviewed and have no revisions, please send a note to confirm this to Jim Wicks

- c) **Fresh Start Modules**
 - First module attended by Grace members was the "Family Systems Theory" was held May 4, 2021
 - Reviews were somewhat mixed with many expecting something different than what was presented, but some insights gained and the event provided opportunity for Grace attendees to have a meaningful discussion in a break-out room
 - Further modules will be selected by Planning in near future with an emphasis on helping us all out of the Pandemic

- d) **Visioning**
 - Planning Team held a Brainstorming session on the Vision for Grace at the May regular meeting
 - Discussions were very broad related to the future direction for Grace
 - The following are some of the topics that were discussed:
 - Approach to worship post COVID
 - Promotion opportunities for the church – new logo
 - Member and community engagement through art and music
 - Community involvement through church events
 - How to gain vision input from the church and the community
 - How to resource execution of the vision and challenges
 - Shared other church models the team had experienced
 - Next steps include:
 - Planning Team members informally talk with congregation and community about vision and how to get involvement
 - Monitor how we all emerge from COVID and identify if there is an opportunity for a church event late in the summer or early fall to start to mutually deal with the impact of the pandemic
 - Continue in September to identify how to effectively engage stakeholders in the Visioning process for Grace. Jim Wicks

Finance

- Operating budget status at end of April was a deficit of \$8.5K (end of March was a surplus of \$9.1K). Forecast is for monthly deficits through at least September. Details were communicated to council and the congregation.
- Finance committee recommendation is that council look for cost reduction items that can be implemented this year (immediately or at least prior to 2022)
- Discretionary M&S giving's could be deferred until Q4 2021
- Invoice received for chapel roof repair (about \$12.6K). Funding will come from the legacy fund.
- Soffit repairs (south side of sanctuary) will be completed when ground is firmer (man-lift required for repair access). Funding from Capital Replacement fund.
- Property continuing to work other maintenance items.
- About \$3K in Inn of the Good Shepherd account. Recommend a donation of \$2K be made.

Communications

No report.

Property

We continue to receive rental income from construction company renting parking lot space.

Trustees

No updates to Constitution required on behalf of Trustees.

Ministry & Personnel

No report.

AOTS

No report.

Region updates

Region meeting is June 10, 11, 12 via zoom

10. Meeting closed at 8:46pm

Gender, Sexuality and Diversity workshop is being held online June 8, 9, 10 via zoom.

11. Closing Prayer

Kenji shared a declaration of shared space prayer.

Next regular meeting: OCTOBER 6, 2021

2021 Devotion Responsibility:

JANUARY – Property
FEBRUARY – Planning
MARCH – Trustees
APRIL – Worship
MAY – CD
JUNE – Finance
JULY - na
AUGUST - na
SEPTEMBER – na
OCTOBER – Outreach
NOVEMBER – M&P
DECEMBER – Communications

2021 Sunday Lock-up Responsibility:

JANUARY – Trustees
FEBRUARY – Worship
MARCH – CD
APRIL – CC&G
MAY – AOTS
JUNE – Communications
JULY – Finance
AUGUST – Outreach
SEPTEMBER – M&P
OCTOBER – Property
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