

Executive:

Chair Barb Baxter ✓
 Vice-Chair Kirk Wilson ✓
 Past Chair Brad Mackey
 Secretary Diana Fisher ✓
 Treasurer Paul Cooper
 Ministry Pat Morrison

Committee Representatives:

AOTS Bill Palmer
 Christian Development x
 Communications Christopher Cooke
 Congregational Care & Growth Iris Murtha / Bob Newman
 Finance Paul Cooper
 Region Rep x
 Outreach Paul Cooper
 Ministry & Personnel John Cooke
 Planning x
 Property Marion Staples
 Proclamation and Special Events x
 Trustees Pete Melanson
 UCW x
 Worship Val Adamson / Bryce McGarvey
 Growth & Givings John Cooke

✓ = present

The Meeting was held at Grace United Church as per adjournment and began at XXXXXX. There was a quorum.

1. Devotion
 FINANCE.

2. Approval of Agenda
MOTION to approve the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes
MOTION to approve the SEPT 4, 2019 council meeting minutes.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes
 none

5. Correspondence

6. New Business
Supply Minister Update

Refugee Committee Update

To all Council members; please review the information below and let me know if you have any questions before the Council meeting on October 2nd. I will also bring a list of the Lambton Refugee

Committee members and areas of responsibility as requested at the October Council meeting.

Grace UC, as Community Sponsor or Constituent Group (this term is defined in the Sponsorship Agreement between the Sponsorship Agreement Holder (UCC) and Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC)), agrees to provide the framework (i.e. to act as the authorized Constituent Group - CG) to initiate a request to CIC through UCC-SAH to sponsor the defined refugee 'family' (specifically Jaber's mother, brother, brothers wife and 3 children) and to be responsible for the oversight of the Refugee Support program and its finances. The defined period of responsibility is for 12 months commencing with the date of arrival of the sponsored family in Canada.

The Sponsor Group (SG) – otherwise known as the Lambton Refugee Committee (LRC) – will be responsible for the day-to-day obligations including reception, lodging, and settlement assistance, well-being and support of the sponsored family for the 12 month period commencing with the date of arrival of the sponsored family in Canada. The Sponsor Group will report to the Grace Outreach Committee.

Current financial resources exceed the minimum threshold set by CIC. If additional funds are required, it is the responsibility of the LRC to do the required fundraising.

GUC would be responsible if the LRC, for whatever reason, did not fulfill its defined responsibilities.

7. Pastoral Report and Teaching

PAT MORRISON

8. Key Ministry Committee Reports

Worship

No report.

Christian Development

No report.

Congregational Care & Growth

Renewed sponsorship for the Alzheimer Society, Seniors' Exercise, Sorority Group, Monday morning Music Group.

Rental for room 1 was requested but insurance waived for a baby shower and a birthday party.

Volunteers have been scheduled for the year to provide refreshments after worship.

Membership Report:

Ron Lawrence and Eleanor Ritchie who died this summer have been removed from the membership roll.

Mavis Viragos transferred out to return to Dunlop United Church.

After much discussion CC&G recommends to Council that we discontinue publishing and delivering Grace Notes. As well, we recommend that the Annual Report be expanded to include community

events and membership updates and that it be delivered by District Visitors.

MOTION: Whereas the volunteer who prepared Grace Notes has retired, the event information is communicated via regular email blasts and Facebook posts, and letters from the Ministerial Team are communicated via the Annual Report; therefore, Congregational Care and Growth moves that we discontinue publishing and delivering Grace Notes.

MOTION: Since delivery of Grace Notes by District Visitors is viewed as a positive in-reach activity, Congregational Care and Growth moves that: a) The Annual Report content be reviewed for inclusion of community events/membership updates, and b) Annual Reports be delivered by District Visitors.

Outreach

Proclamation and Special Events

No report

9. Governance and Support Committee Reports:

Planning

Finance

Completed and submitted 2018 CRA report by June 30, 2019 deadline.

Discussed follow-up re: funding for new floor cleaner as requested by Council. Agreed that Capital Replacement Fund would be used. Net funding would be about \$2200 (after return of \$4100 from GIG campaign) leaving about \$11000 in fund.

Need additional counters and bankers. Item will be put in bulletin.

End of September operating financial data is not yet available. An update will be put in the bulletin when the data is available to ensure the congregation is kept informed.

Communications

Property

No report.

Trustees

No report

Ministry & Personnel

We are supporting the short-term coverage plan through hiring and payment for Marilyn Townsend-Smith, Dan Leaver and Visiting Ministers. We are working closely with Curtis and Lori to ensure they receive care and support as they contend with family issues.

UCW

AOTS

The regular monthly Sunday morning breakfast meeting of AOTS occurred on Sunday, September 22, 2019, at 8:00 AM in the gym of Grace United. Guest speakers were Jessi White and Tanya Winter, co-chairs of the local Parents of Children with Mental Health (PCMH), who spoke about the need of parents for help in navigating a challenging system, and stressed the importance of caregiver self-help. ---- Bill Palmer

Growth & Giving

The project work and financial campaign is now complete. The gym floor is holding up well during the initial use. Property Committee will be monitoring usage and consulting with Gym-Con as needed.

I will ensure 2 small follow-up items are completed, including creating a storage space for the game posts. Thank you to the many people who participated on the committee, contributed to the financial campaign and assisted with the projects over the last 4 years.

MOTION: Growth & Giving financial surplus be transferred to the Capital Replacement Fund after Nov 1/19.

MOTION: Growth & Giving Committee, an ad hoc committee of Council, be disbanded.

10. Meeting closed at xxxxxx

Next regular meeting: NOV 6, 2019

2019 Devotion Responsibility:

JANUARY – Communications
 FEBRUARY – Property
 MARCH – Planning
 APRIL - Trustees
 MAY – Worship

2019 Sunday Lock-up Responsibility:

JANUARY – Property
 FEBRUARY – Planning
 MARCH – Trustees
 APRIL – Worship
 MAY – CD

JUNE – CD

JULY - na

AUGUST - na

SEPTEMBER – CC&G

OCTOBER – Finance

NOVEMBER – Outreach

DECEMBER – M&P

JUNE – CC&G

JULY – AOTS

AUGUST – Communications

SEPTEMBER – Finance

OCTOBER – Outreach

NOVEMBER – M&P

DECEMBER - Property

11. Closing Prayer

Pat Morrison led us in closing prayer.

Kirk Wilson, Vice-Chair

Diana Fisher, Secretary