



Riverside United Church
Council Meeting, January 18, 2012

Present: Doug Allen, Marilyn Arthur, John Bowman, Peter Case, Bob Estey,
Gordon Geiger, Kathy Haines, Mark Hunter, Ray Mantle,
Ann McEwan-Castellan, Jim Millard, Peter O'Hara (Ministry and Personnel),
Susan O'Hara, Angela Stewart, Don Sutherland

1.0 Welcome and Devotions:
The meeting opened with devotions and prayer

2.0 Regrets
Susan Anderson

3.0 Agenda
Additions

5.3 Nominating Committee

Motion 1: Moved/seconded: That the agenda with addition be accepted. **Carried**

4.0 Minutes of the Meeting December 21, 2011

Motion 2: Moved/seconded: that the minutes of the December 21, 2011 meeting be accepted. **Carried**

5.0 Updates

5.1 2012 Budget: Jim Millard

Jim presented and reviewed the proposed 2012 Budget.

Motion 3: Moved/seconded: to recommend that the proposed 2012 Budget be presented to the Annual Meeting. **Carried**

5.2 Hired Drill Plan: Ray Mantle

Riverside has a plan approved by the City with a copy in the office.

The Property Committee was asked to develop a plan to educate the congregation.

5.3 Nominating Committee: Ray Mantle

There is a need for additional members for committees.

There will be a Job Fair on Sunday, February 5, with a minute person on Sunday, January 22.

6.0 Correspondence

1. A letter from John Curtis resigning as a member of the Trustees as of the Annual Meeting.

2. A letter from Muriel Estey, Parish Nurse, thanking Riverside Council for the generous honorarium.

2. A letter from Bob Estey resigning as a Riverside Representative to Middlesex Presbytery as of the Annual Meeting. **2012 -01**

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Focus Items

7.1 Parking Lot Attendant: Ray Martle

There is a need for Parking Lot Attendant(s).

A search for volunteers will be included in the Job Fair.

7.2 Hyde Park Quilts: Kathy Haines

At the recent Membership Meeting Marilyn Durham on behalf of the Heritage Committee requested:

- a) That the Hyde Park quilts be hung in the balcony of the sanctuary
- b) That there be a new heritage cabinet design to house Hyde Park/Riverside heritage items.

Ray Martle indicated that there is not sufficient space in the balcony to hang the Hyde Park quilts.

Motion 4: Moved/seconded: that the Heritage Committee with the Property Committee come up with a cabinet design the cost of which is not to exceed \$5,000. **Carried**

7.3 Remit: Marilyn Arthur

Marilyn distributed copies of "Our Words of Faith", a resource document prepared for the remit concerning the Doctrine Section of the Basis of Union of the United Church of Canada.

Council members are to study the document and come prepared for discussion at the February Council meeting.

7.4 Manual Updates: Peter Case

Committees have been asked to update their section of the Manual. Changes in the Finance and Stewardship and Christian Development sections were discussed. Committee chairs are to complete any changes, inform other Committee Chairs of any changes and come prepared for discussion at the February meeting.

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Ministerial Reports

8.1 Youth Minister: Marilyn Arthur

1. The 4:00pm and 7:00pm Christmas Eve worship were well attended once again this year. The 4pm continues to attract very young families. They enjoy this early time of worship and the informal worship style of bringing the Christmas story alive. The 7pm was a beautiful worship that included a great deal of people sharing their skills and talents. We presented the Christmas story through narrative with children dressing up to form the nativity. Thank you to everyone who helped plan and lead in these two worships.

2. RUC led a two-day New Years camp on January 3rd and 4th. We had 18 children in attendance.

3. I have started my online intensive courses that are required for my recognition as a **Designated Lay Minister**. I am enrolled, at present, in an Old Testament course. I will finish February 18th and then will be taking a New Testament course from February 25th-March 31st.

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4. I thank you in advance for my **vacation time** from January 27-February 3rd.
Jon and I are looking forward to spending a week on the beautiful beaches in
Cuba.

8.2 Minister Report: Philip Newman

1. Upcoming Dates:

No report.

7.3 Minister Emeritus Report: Gordon Geiger

No Report.

8.0 Committee Reports

8.1 Youth Report:

No Report.

8.2 Trustees: Ann McEwan-Castellan

No report.

8.3 Christian Development: Peter Case

1. We reviewed the good and bad (mostly good) of the Christmas Dinner in
November. Allison Case did a great job of organizing. We revisited our menu as
we had too much of some things and not enough of others.

2. The 'Majority Rules' evening we be held on January 28,2012. Family Fun and
dessert with live entertainment. This will be a blast for all ages!

3. In March we plan on again holding a dinner and movie evening. We are
looking for another film with local interest.

4. We NEED people on our committee. Many on the committee are entering the
third year. Without more people the future of this committee will need to be
reviewed.

8.4 Exploring Possibilities: John Bowman

No Report

8.5 Finance and Stewardship: Jim Millard

See 5.1

8.6 Membership: Kathy Haines

No Report

8.7 Ministry and Personnel: Susan Anderson

No report.

8.8 Outreach and Social Action: Doug Allen

No Report.

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§ 9 Presbytery: Don Sutherland
No Report

§ 10 Property: Ray Mantle

1. We helped install the props, the stage for the *Starry Night* production in December. Then removed and put the stage into storage.
2. We setup tables and chairs in the Auditorium for the UCW Candle Light Service.
3. In all, December was a very restful month. I am sure that the future holds many new things that the Property Team will be involved in.

§ 11 U.C.W.

1. This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the UCW. There will be many celebrations and we at Riverside United are planning a special service on Sunday May 6th to celebrate this occasion. We would like a special offering that day to be given to the Marangora Project which the National UCW supports. A committee is working on the details and will have more information in the near future.
2. Our first Fundraiser for 2011 is the Card party on Friday, February 10th from noon to 4PM. As usual we are already getting a response for tickets from the community.
3. Although we lost Irene Robb who organized our annual bus trip she had already been planning with the help of Marlene from Marlene's Tour the trip for this year. More information re date etc. will follow.
4. The Executive for 2011 was installed on Sunday Jan 15th.

§ 12 Worship: Greg Schneider

1. Review of the Terms of Reference have been updated
2. We would like to have Enrique Martinez attend a training course on the A/V equipment, either out of M&P budget or Worship budget
3. Three members (at least) will be leaving this year, mostly to go on The 8:44 Worship Committee. New members will be needed.

9.0 Other Business

9.1 A Proposal: Kathy Haines

It has become apparent that there are a number of people who would like to attend events but do not have a ride.

Request: Those who are sponsoring events (regular or special) the opportunity and specific direction/information for those wishing a ride. Heartily agreed!

10.0

Benediction

Rev. Gordon Geiger closed the meeting with prayer.

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