



Riverside United Church
Council Meeting September 23, 2015

Seven thirty p.m. September twenty third two thousand and fifteen
Friendship Room, Riverside United Church

Present: Marilyn Arthur, Pam Cottingham, Bob Estey, Stella Finkbeiner, Julie Gray, Mark Hunter, Ann McEwan-Castellan, Sharanne MacDonald, Cheryl Mitchell, John Mitchell, Susan O'Hara, Gary Alan Price, David Sawyer, Jan Shamrock

1.0 Welcome

John Mitchell welcomed the group.

Devotions: Marilyn Arthur

Devotion was based on scripture from Jeremiah: "I have plans for you".

Members were invited to talk about their summer.

After a discussion, Marilyn led in prayer.

2.0 Regrets: Gordon Geiger, Roland Haines, Kim MacGowan

3.0 Agenda

Additions to the agenda:

1. 5.3 Renew Update

2. 5.4 Motion needed to ratify the e-mail consent re the sale of 665 Riverside Drive.

Motion 1: Moved/seconded: that the agenda with additions be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4.0 Minutes from June 17, 2015

Motion 2: Moved/seconded: that the minutes of the June 17 2015 meeting be accepted as circulated.

Carried

5.0 Updates

5.1 Recommendations from the Supply Minister Interview Team: David Sawyer

The Supply Minister Interview Team has met with Rev. Harry Disher and recommend him as Riverside's Supply Minister.

Motion 3: Moved/seconded: that Riverside Council approve the recommendation of the Supply Minister Interview Team and direct the team to take the recommendation to the congregation for approval to enter into a contract with Rev. Harry Disher.

Carried

5.2 Gala Update: Susan O'Hara

The Gala will be held Saturday, October 24. The last day to purchase tickets will be Sunday, October 18. Those present will receive a \$55.00 tax receipt. Items have been received for the silent and live auctions. The Council approved the auctioning of a private parking spot as one of the live items.

5.3 ReNew Update: Sharanne MacDonald

1. **The Hyde Park Window Garden** will be dedicated Sunday, October 25. Riverside members from the Hyde Park congregation will be invited to attend the service.

2. Gratitude Wall

There is a proposal for a Gratitude Wall - a way to honour someone and support ReNew Riverside. Individuals or groups wishing to honour someone, whose name will be placed on the wall, can do so with a minimum donation of \$1,000.00. The amount of the donation and the donor will be confidential. Riverside Council referred the plan to The Planned Giving Committee of the Board of Trustees for implementation.

5.4 Sale of 665 Riverside Drive: Gary Alan Price

Motion 4: Moved/seconded: a) that Riverside United Church move forward with the sale of 665 Riverside Drive

2. that Ken Forbes be retained as realtor **Carried**

6.0 Correspondence

1. A letter from Lisa Allen stepping down as the chair of the Outreach and Social Action Committee.
2. From Linda Britton expressing pleasure that the Hyde Park Windows are now being displayed.

7.0 Ministerial Reports**8.1 Youth Minister: Marilyn Arthur**

The SALT group had a successful year. Marilyn will give a more detailed report at the next meeting.

8.2 Minister Report:

No Report

8.3 Minister Emeritus: Gordon Geiger

No Report

9.0 Committee Reports**9.1 Youth Report: Cheryl Mitchell**

1. A Youth Retreat was held the weekend of September 18,19 with 20 youth and

the theme: "Love your Selfie"

2. The young people will assist the Outreach and Social Action Committee with the Limberlost project.

9.2 Trustees: Gary Alan Price

The Board of Trustees must include a member of the Order of Ministry. Marilyn Arthur will fulfill this requirement.

9.3 Christian Development:

No Report

9.4 Exploring Possibilities: Julie Gray

1. The Speaker Series on Monday, October 5, will focus on "Mindful Eating".
2. The Monday, November 2, session will be Happiness 101 with John Mitchell.

9.5 Finance and Stewardship: Ann McEwan-Castella

Below is the latest condensed operating statement for Riverside United Church for August 2015. We present this statement to keep you connected to the financial

June YTD	2015 Actual	2015 Budget	Fav(Unfav)
Operating Income	\$260,835	\$282,952	(\$22,117)
Expenses	\$287,334	\$284,033	(\$ 3,301)
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 26,499)	(\$ 1,081)	(\$25,418)

condition of our church.

Revenue is behind budget and below August 2014. Expenses have been higher due to Utilities, Organ and 665 House repair costs in the first five months but are now tracking closer to budget.

Finance Projects

1. Riverside is now using Libro as the financial institution. Once the GIC at Scotia Bank matures in October, all funds will reside at Libro.
2. The iCMP Device for credit/debit card transactions has been received and is operational. The \$75 set up fee was waived. There will be a \$15/month rental fee and \$.10 per transaction fee. An iPad mini has been purchased to provide portability for the transactions. All that is required is WIFI. Documentation on the use of the device and the handling will be written. The device is not to leave the church. It will first be available in the church office. Further discussion
3. Church use MasterCards have arrived and are currently being used by Jan and Marilyn. The current credit card that was assigned to Rev. Phil and has been cancelled.
4. Reminder that all cheque requests must be approved by the chair of the committee or a delegate. I cosign the cheques on a bi weekly basis and will only sign if there is proof the committee is accepting the charges.

- 5. Thanksgiving mailing will include a summary of the current 2015 Financials and a status report on reNEW.
- 6. Finance is still in need of a treasurer. Ann McEwan has been added as a cosigner of cheques until a treasurer comes on board. We can add a supply minister or we wait until a permanent minister is hired for the church.
- 7. There is a plan to have outside groups not paying rent give a donation to Riverside.

reNEW to August 2015

Revenue	Pledges	Received to August 2015	To be Received
Campaign Pledges	1,000,000		
5% Provision for uncollectable	50,000		
Pledges	950,000	642,644	307,356
* Gifts		74,537	
** Fund Raising Activities		7,627	
*** Transfers		332,810	
**** Journey Forward		94,335	124,114
Mortgage	1,500,000	1,350,000	150,000
		<u>2,501,953</u>	<u>581,470</u>

Expenses	Building	Invoices paid to August 2015	Outstanding Invoices
Bronnenco Cost	2,186,792	1,871,797	214,995
Construction Costs	513,208	430,523	82,685
Project Costs		35,637	
Interest on Mortgage Advance		31,252	
Total Expense	<u>2,700,000</u>	<u>2,369,209</u>	<u>297,680</u>
		<u>132,744</u>	<u>283,790</u>

- * Includes Gifts not pledged and Memorial Gifts
- ** Includes Christmas Tree/Bake Sale and Concert, Pew Pens
- *** Mainly Monies Transferred from Trustees
- **** Monies from the Journey Forward Capital Campaign of 2008 (includes sale of house 665 Riverside)

9.6 Membership: Roland Haines

There has been no fall meeting of the committee as a whole. However, the CDRT sub-committee has met and has submitted the following report.

Community Development Resource Team - Sept. Report for Council

- 1. Fully Alive, a life refresher course for the third age of life, starts Tuesday. Oct. 6. 12 registrants – class is full with a waiting list.
- 2. Observer Magazine Discussion Group, starting Tuesday Oct. 27 with an afternoon and evening session being offered. No registration required. Come prepared to discuss monthly Cover Article. Next discussion group will be Tues. Nov. 17.
- 3. 6 week summer session Ageless Grace was successful. 8 people pre-registered which guaranteed coverage of leaders’ pay. Total of 72 participants. Ageless Grace drop-in format continues starting Sept. 14, \$5. per class.

9.7 Ministry and Personnel: David Sawyer

1. Deanna has stepped down as Nursery Coordinator. The position will be advertised.
2. The 8:44 Music Director position has been split with Marque Smith and Betsy Exley becoming co-directors with two separate contracts and in effect until the end of December 2015

9.8 Outreach and Social Action: Pam Cottingham

1. Lisa Allan has resigned as Chair of the Outreach Committee due to family commitments. At the moment we have no volunteer to take over this position. Brigitte Davidson will chair the October meeting.
2. The sum of \$979.00 was sent to the Good Neighbour Food grains Project from Riverside's envelope appeal.
3. The annual BBQ at Brown's United Church raised \$2,640.00 for this project.
4. Carol Atkinson has agreed to take over the purchase and sale of Fair Trade Coffee from Lisa Allan.
5. This Committee will have a table at the Open House on September 26th. Joan Young will do a poster and we will have information on the various projects that this Committee undertakes. Connie will prepare a schedule of members who have volunteered to man this table.
6. Marilyn advised that she did not require all of the \$500.00 that Outreach provided for the Go Camp in the summer. She calculates that she will have approximately \$400.00 left over. She has asked us what she should do with these excess funds. The committee decided that these funds should be held and used for the SALT program in the future
7. Mission Sunday is October 18th and a speaker from the Northwest London Resource Centre is in place. The lunch will consist of sandwiches and cake.
8. Pam Cottingham will continue as our representative at the Council meetings.

9.9 Presbytery: Jan Shamrock

As a result of this year's General Council there will be many changes to The United Church of Canada. Riverside Council recommended that a meeting of interested members of the congregation be held to provide information and discussion.

9.10 Property: Mark Hunter

1. New contracts will be developed for cleaning services and outside work (lawns, snow removal).

9.11 UCW: Stella Finkbeiner

1. Proceeds from Operation Envelope are coming in at the expected level.
2. UCW members will be visiting with our sister UCW in Glencoe on October 6th. This is always a fun event with worship, a speaker and as always good food.

3. We started our commitment to provide refreshments to the Probus group that have rented space at RUC monthly. The first meeting went very well and we received a very nice thank you from the group.
4. The library has received two donations of books from Mel Peters and Gary Alan Price. They are being sorted and catalogued.
5. The kitchen committee did a thorough cleaning of the kitchen in June after most of the construction in the kitchen was finished. We are working on getting the Servery outfitted and ready to use.
6. We are still in need of a first vice-president.
7. Coming Events
 - Probus Wednesday October 21st
 - Mission Services Lunch Tuesday October 27th
 - Fall Event @ White Oaks Saturday October 31st
 - Presbytery Meeting and dinner Tuesday November 24th
 - Finding Hope at Christmas service Sunday November 29th
 - Congregational Christmas dinner Sunday December 6th
 - UCW Christmas luncheon Saturday December 12th
 - UCW Presbyterial Annual Meeting at RUC Wednesday February 24th 2016

9.12 8:44 Worship: Julie Gray

It was determined by Riverside Council that the Supply Minister will not attend meetings but is to be kept up-to-date on any development.

9.13 10:30 Worship: Sharanne MacDonald

Projectionists are volunteers: presently it is only Ann McEwen and John Mitchell. It would be really helpful if we had another person to handle projection.
 *****The Sound person is under Worship Sexton- paid position

10.00 Other Business

Susan O'Hara, Past Chair, will lead the October meeting.

11.00 Benediction

Marilyn closed the meeting with prayer.

John Mitchell, Chair

Bob Estey, Secretary