

ALBERNI VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

January 17, 2017

Present: Rev. Minnie Hornidge, Angie Blake, Tam Villette, Doreen Grant, Brenda West, Bill Irwin, Linda Wentzell, Lois Andow, Jean Bishop, Hans Galesloot, Audrie Poll, Mike Villette

Rev. Minnie opened with prayer.

m. MIKE VILLETTE/Jean Bishop (carried)

To adopt the amended agenda

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Audrie Poll reported the 2016 Profit & Loss Budget reflected a Net Ordinary Loss of -\$1,589.17. There was also some discussion about the 2017 Budget figures which will reflect a balanced budget going forward into 2017. Fundraising will be a major focus for the congregation to ensure a balanced budget by year end.

m. ANGIE BLAKE/Linda Wentzell (carried)

To adopt the amended Treasurer's budgeted figures.

m. DOREEN GRANT/Bill Irwin (carried)

To approve the minutes of December 13, 2016 Council meeting as presented.

m. ANGIE BLAKE/Hans Galesloot (carried).

To adopt the minutes of the Special Financial Meeting of January 10, 2017.

At this point in the Council meeting a pre-arranged conference call came in from Gail Miller who is our BC Conference Minister. Her assistance has been requested to help Council with the on-going discontent of some of our congregation around the Reconciliation issue. A consensus was reached from Council members that Gail's wide-range of expertise in conflict resolutions would be helpful so a meeting was set for January 26th at 4pm for Gail to join us in person.

NEW BUSINESS

m. MIKE VILLETTE/Doreen Grant (carried)

To approve the Terms of Reference for the Financial Givings Management Team. Liz Parfitt will assume the duties of the Depositor while Brad West will act as the Givings Reporter.

m. MIKE VILLETTE/Tam Villette (carried)

To approve the Outreach Team's recommendation that we apply to the Provision Fund Grant in the amount of \$5000 to support a pilot project of the Bread of Life which would allow them to provide

meals to those in need in the general community on the weekends. Their outreach is only capable of ensuring that the needy are fed Monday - Friday at this point.

m. JEAN BISHOP/Mike Villette (carried)

To approve the recommendation of the Ministry and Personnel Team that Rev. Minnie's Study Leave be granted from Feb. 12-18 and April 24-May 7th. Worship Team is working on supplying coverage.

TEAM REPORTS:

Brenda West reminded all Team Chairs to get their meeting reports to Andrea at least 1 week prior to the Council meetings.

The Stewardship Team recommends that the Pastoral Care Team monies be brought forward and integrated into the AVUC annual budgeting review process as generally accepted accounting practices. This met with some opposition/concern from the rep of the Pastoral Care Team and it was decided that someone from the Stewardship Team should meet with the Pastoral Care Team and explain the rationale for this change. and hopefully get everyone on board with this decision.

GOVERNANCE:

Council is still working on finalizing our Governance model. There were a couple of changes made but the document is nearly complete.

There were still 3 agenda items to deal with but they will be tabled until the next meeting which is February 21st at 4:30pm.

Bill Irwin moved for adjournment at 6:05pm.

Yours in His Service,

Lois Andow

Council Secretary

Brenda West

Council Chairperson