

**First Metropolitan United Church
Board Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2020**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:03PM by Conference call and Skype.

Present: Shelagh MacKinnon, Edeana Malcolm, Jacquie Henderson, Liane Clark, Anne Carson and Ross Breckon Emily MacDonald.

2. **Opening Reflection/Prayer:** - The meeting was opened by Liane reading a piece from the Moderator's Prayer. Ross Breckon will do the Reflection/Prayer at the April meeting.

3. **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Motion: That the Consent Agenda be adopted as circulated prior to the Board Meeting.

- a. 2020 03 18 Board Meeting Agenda (agreed to)
- b. 2020 02 19 Board Draft Minutes (accepted)

Moved: Jacquie Henderson **Seconded:** Liane Clark **Carried.**

4. **Minister's Report** – Thanks to everyone who is going flat out to make this time of crisis as “normal” a time as possible! We have the Prayer Team with plans already in motion to help stay connected to folks in the congregation. We are checking that all our staff are being cared for, too. March 15 church service worked as it was done “by the book” where Health protocols were concerned at that time. Social Distancing and no coffee time. We are looking at ways with Joan Mason to deliver new ways of interacting on the FMUC Website. Emails and phone calls will go out to help keep everyone connected. Our Place night shelter in the Fellowship Hall has been reduced to 30 folks from 50. Our Place says they have room inside their facility for the overflow.

- 5 **Ministry and Personnel** –

Motion: It is moved that the Board approve the 13 hour / week Sunday School Leader job description retroactive to January 1, 2020.

Moved: Liane Clark **Seconded:** Anne Carson **Carried.**

There has been a new Assistant Caretaker hired. He has started his training with Bruce.

FROM 3:25PM UNTIL 3:42PM THE MEETING WAS HELD IN CAMERA.

- 6. Treasurer's Report** – February 2020 Finance and Administration Update (pre read). This item was missed on the Agenda. It is forwarded to the April Board Meeting.
- 7. Strategic Plan** – Nothing additional at this time.
- 8. Redevelopment Task Group** – Ross has Terms of Reference ready. He will forward them to us and discussion of them will be at the April Board Meeting. March 29 Terry Harrison is to be in Victoria and will speak to the congregation. This now may be done virtually and added into the Live Stream service. Ross will be talking to ICA re: their contracts and time line for them to still be one of our tenants.
- 9. Team Reports: -**
Weird Church is answering the call put out by the North Park Neighborhood Assoc. to have us help them with their community garden at Franklin Green Park. Some of the FMUC congregation dislike the term "Weird Church". That Teams folks are looking into finding another "term" of description.
- 10. Old Business –**
 - a. Single Use Bottles: -Anne will write a piece for the Website to be put on it closer to the time we get back to FMUC.
 - b. Halo Project – Ross and Anne will work on bringing this to FMUC.
- 11. New Business: -**
- 12. Actions To Be Taken From Decisions Made At This Board Meeting**
- 13. Next Meeting** – Board Meeting– April 15, 2020 at 3PM by phone and Skype.
- 14. Adjournment was at 4:45PM**

Chairperson: _____

Edeana Malcolm

Secretary: - _____

Anne Carson