

**First Metropolitan United Church
Draft Board Meeting Minutes October 21, 2020**

1. **Call to Order** at 3:03PM.
Present: Rev. Shelagh MacKinnon, Edeana Malcolm, Emily MacDonald
Jacquie Henderson, Liane Clark, Ross Breckon and Anne Carson.

2. **Opening Reflection/Prayer:** Edeana opened the meeting with a prayer from our Moderator Rev. Richard Bott. Liane will do the reflection/prayer at the November Board Meeting.

3. **Approval of the Consent Agenda**
Motion: "That the Consent Agenda and Board Draft Minutes be adopted as circulated prior to the Board Meeting."
 - a. 2020 10 21 Board Meeting Agenda (agreed to)
 - b. 2020 09 09 Board Draft Minutes will be corrected and approved at the November meeting.
 - c. Baptism Policy – tabled to November meeting
 - d. Communion Policy – tabled to November meeting

Moved: Jacquie Henderson **Seconded:** Anne Carson **Carried.**

4. **Minister's Report:** Shelagh showed us a short YouTube clip by Nadia Bolz-Weber. She is an Evangelical Lutheran Pastor. It is called What's New is Often Messy: Have a Little Faith. She reminds us that what's new doesn't always have a nice neat order or comes in a package that we are immediately comfortable with. As this Second Wave of Covid 19 is upon us, we are going to go through some messy, new aspects of life. Nadia encourages us to have faith that God is here and he will be with us through these new trials.

5. **Ministry and Personnel:** Thanks to the folks on the Team for all the work they have recently done.

At 3:35PM the meeting went In Camera

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

At 3:45PM the meeting went out of In Camera

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

6. Treasurer's Report

- a. 9. September 2020 Finance & Administration Committee Update
Motion: To accept the Updated Finance and Administration August 2020 report as presented.
Moved: Liane Clark **Seconded:** Ross Breckon **Carried.**
- b. Funds report Q3 2020 was quickly discussed as it was presented for our information.

7. Strategic Plan/ Affirming Committee

- a. Our Strategic Planning has been invaluable, but our timeline is off now with Covid 19. We are in a time of adaptive change.
- b. The Affirming Team had 2 Congregational Zoom information discussions. Edeana also had Zoom discussions with The Men's Water into Wine group and the UCW.
- c. A Bible Study – Becoming and Affirming Congregation: Listening to Ancient and Contemporary Voices on Sexuality and Theology. The study will be held by Zoom on Tuesdays at 10AM or 7PM – November 10, 17, 24 and December 1. Information as to how to sign up for this study is on our Website.

8. Redevelopment Task Group:

At 4PM the meeting went In Camera

Moved: Ross Breckon **Seconded:** Anne Carson **Carried.**

At 4:25PM the meeting went out of In Camera

Moved: Ross Breckon **Seconded:** Anne Carson **Carried.**

9. Team Reports:

- a. The Evolving Church Team will be helping Kate Breckon with the annual Christmas Stockings and New Year's Eve Pizza party for the folks who stay with us from Our Place. We got the grant from the Provision Fund of the United Church of Canada for the Ageing to Sage ing Course. Information about the course is available on our Website. If you think you might like to take the course please do the quick survey also available on our Website or print a copy off and submit to the office.

- b. **Motion: That the Administrative Assistant be added as a staff resource to the Finance and Administration Team.**

Moved: Liane Clark **Seconded:** Ross Breckon **Carried.**

- c. **Motion: That the current Stewardship Team be dissolved and Stewardship be under the umbrella of the Finance and Administration Team.**

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

10. **Halo Project:** Ross received a preliminary report from Mike Wood Daily. The comprehensive one will come soon.

11. **Old Business**

12. **New Business**

- a. "Actions to be Taken" added to the Minutes. A document created as a result of tasks to be carried out by the next meeting by the Board is a worksheet/list. Some of the points will become part of the minutes as they may or may not pertain to Old Business in the future.
- b. Responsibility of Reopening Plan enforcement – tabled to next meeting.
- c. AGM: We need to look into having the AGM before the end of 2020.
- d. At the Sunday - November 15, 2020 11AM service we will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Rev. Shelagh MacKinnon becoming a Minister in the United Church of Canada. Rev. Ingrid Brown from St. George's United Church in Courtenay will preach.

13. **Actions To Be Taken From Decisions Made At This Board Meeting** – All tasks completed from September Board meeting.

14. **Next Board Meeting** November 18, 2020 at 3PM via Zoom .

15. **Adjournment** at 5PM.

Chairperson: _____

Edeana Malcolm

Secretary: - _____

Anne Carson