

GILMORE PARK UNITED CHURCH
ACCOUNTABLE BOARD MEETING
December 8, 2009

Present: Grant Smith, Rev. Anna Christie, Rev. Jennifer Goddard-Sheppard, Cathie Colpitts, Joanne Dennill, Pat Heslop, Tanya Martens, Phil Newton, Margie Savigny, Rob Ogden, Sandy Jolly, and Geoff Ireland.

Absent: David Bowe, Betty Coles, Dorothy Dawson, Shelby Everitt, and Susan Johnsen.

Grant called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

Rev. Jennifer lit the Christ Candle and said the opening prayer.

Rob moved a motion to accept the agenda.

November minutes were approved as circulated.

October minutes were amended to include that the financial reports were presented and approved.

Unfinished Business

Tanya presented the Application For Group/Section Charter for Scouts Canada. We discussed what GPUC's relationship looks like with the Scouts.

Rob Ogden has agreed to be the Scouts liaison.

Tanya will contact Judy to ask if she, Grant, Rob and Rev. Jennifer could attend their January 11th Scout meeting.

Bequests from Ernie Chan and Ruth Stratton.

Committees will discuss thoughts of how to use the money and bring back suggestions to the January meeting. These suggestions will then be presented to the congregation at the AGM.

Nominations – Phil is looking at nominations and would like a list from committee chairs giving current members and suggestions for nominations.

It was agreed that each committee will have a member stand up to “sell” their committee every Sunday for the next few weeks, and then a job fair could take place one Sunday after church.

Pictorial Directory – privacy issues have been addressed.

Lori Bannier is organizing to sponsor a family for Christmas.

Stewardship Team – AB discussed names of people who might be good persons for a Stewardship Team. Those people will be contacted by AB members to see

if they are willing to join such a team, and we will come back in January to share the results (who has agreed to join, and if someone has agreed to chair the team).

Next Council meeting will take place Sunday January 24th, from 12:00 – 3:00pm.

Pat presented the financial statements for November, 2009.

Margie approved the November financial statements. Seconded by Phil. Carried.

New Business

Pat presented the draft for the 2010 budget.

Committee Reports*

* Please see attached reports

Finance

Margie moved a motion to accept the recommendation for GPUC to pay the full amount owing for Rev. Jennifer Goddard-Sheppard's Pension and Insurance. The amount owing for Gilmore Park United Church is \$2,235.56 and for Rev. Jennifer is \$1,335.57. Pat seconded. Carried.

Property

Rob moved a motion to request a \$2,000.00 budget to paint the air ducts. Cathie seconded. Carried.

AB gives permission to Rob to further investigate the idea of a kitchen expansion.

Open Discussion

Do we want to make GPUC an Internship site? Ministry, Worship, and Finance are to discuss this and bring it back to the January meeting.

Date for next AB meeting is January 12th.

Rev. Anna said the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.

Respectfully submitted

Joanne Dennill
Secretary

Gilmore Park United Church

Monthly Report:

TEAM NAME: FINANCE TEAM

DATE: Dec 2009

DECISIONS MADE/ACTIONS TAKEN OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD &/OR CONGREGATION:

The Finance Committee has approved the November 2009 Financial Statement.

The committee has also looked at an initial Budget for the year 2010 and will present same to the Board for discussion.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD FOR NEW IDEAS/MINISTRIES TO BE APPROVED:

We reviewed the Discerning the Call Form presented by Margie Savigny at our last Board Meeting and recommend that we go forward with committing the \$9,000.00 asked for "The Fircom Foundation" to provide funding Bursaries for 20 children to who are in need to attend the camp.

REQUESTS TO THE BOARD FOR FUNDS OVER AND ABOVE THE TEAM BUDGET:

It has come to our attention that the required Employee and Employer deductions for Rev. Jennifer Goddard-Sheppard where not made for Pension and Insurance on her behalf. The amount owing for Gilmore Park United Church is \$2,235.56 and for Rev. Jennifer is \$1,335.57. We are not quite sure why this happened in 2008. We are recommending that Gilmore Park pay the full amount at this time.

FUTURE PLANS, IDEAS OR VISIONS DISCUSSED:

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Monthly Report: TEAM/GROUP to BOARD

TEAM NAME: PROPERTY

DATE: Dec, 2009

DECISIONS MADE/ACTIONS TAKEN OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD &/OR CONGREGATION:

Painting is mostly complete. The activity room will be painted over the Christmas break.

REQUESTS TO THE BOARD FOR FUNDS OVER AND ABOVE THE TEAM BUDGET:

The activity room painting does not include repainting the badly peeling air ducts. Due to the ceiling height this is an expensive project @\$2,000. With the AB approval, the property team would like to proceed with painting the ducts.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD FOR NEW IDEAS/MINISTRIES TO BE APPROVED: see below

FUTURE PLANS, IDEAS OR VISIONS DISCUSSED:

VISIONS - Expand the kitchen, pantry storage and the table/ chair storage out to the edge of the walkway and Memorial Garden.

FUTURE PLANS - Discuss with our building architect the expansion concept, timelines, challenges and estimated cost.

IDEAS – Present a preliminary plan and budget to the AB in Jan. 2010. On AB concept approval prepare a concept drawing with a more detail cost estimate for presentation to the annual general meeting in Feb.2010.

Financing Options - We will be receiving a \$150,000 bonus cheque from GGSC in Jan 2010. We have received a substantial bequest, possible use “The *Bequest Donner* Memorial Kitchen”. Increase our mortgage that comes up for renewal in May 2010. *Note: At current rates we could borrow an additional \$100,000 without exceeding our current monthly payment.*

Upon congregation approval, convene a **Project Implementation Group (PIGs 2)** which will include all interested parties and a professional kitchen designer.

TEMPLATE

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Monthly Report: TEAM/GROUP to BOARD

TEAM NAME: PASTORAL CARE

DATE: DECEMBER 2009

DECISIONS MADE/ACTIONS TAKEN OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD &/OR CONGREGATION:

Please state how these have been/will be communicated to the congregation.

We continue to send cards and pray for those in need . We have not added any new names since our last meeting.

The listing of those in our congregation not covered in small groups or committees has not yet been amended for distribution to the team.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD FOR NEW IDEAS/MINISTRIES TO BE APPROVED:

Please state how these decisions or actions relate to Ministry Policies 100 or 101

None

REQUESTS TO THE BOARD FOR FUNDS OVER AND ABOVE THE TEAM BUDGET:

None

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Monthly Report: TEAM/GROUP to BOARD

TEAM NAME: **Worship**

DATE: December 2009

DECISIONS MADE/ACTIONS TAKEN OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD &/OR CONGREGATION:

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A quote of \$175 was given by Island Glass for a new beveled glass top for the Communion table. The existing plexiglass is scratched and cracked. This cost has been added into the 2010 budget.

Advent planning as per website:

Cantata service Dec 13

Blue Christmas service Wed Dec 16

3 Christmas Eve services – 4:30, 7:00 and 11:00 pm.

Communion will be served at the 11 pm service.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD FOR NEW IDEAS/MINISTRIES TO BE APPROVED:

Please state how these decisions or actions relate to Ministry Policies 100 or 101

None at this time

REQUESTS TO THE BOARD FOR FUNDS OVER AND ABOVE THE TEAM BUDGET:

2010 budget was submitted to Finance Team.

FUTURE PLANS, IDEAS OR VISIONS DISCUSSED:

Please state how these decisions or actions relate to Ministry Policies 100 or 101

None.

Next worship meeting is January 17th.