

**GILMORE PARK UNITED CHURCH  
MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 13, 2007**

Present: Rev. Anna, Esther Trasolini, Ivor Barnbrook, Nenita Bonifacio  
Bill Wallace, Shelby Everitt, Rita Francis, Pat Heslop, Doug  
Sherrett (Chair – Discernment Committee) Alex Bois (Inquirer)  
Rev. Stuart Appenheimer (Order of Ministry representative for  
Rev. Anna)

Absent: Jodi Gilmore

Call to Order – Esther called the meeting to order at 6:45p.m.

Esther lit the Christ Candle and said the opening prayer.

Order of the Day

Esther moved a Motion to recognize that Rev. Anna excused herself for the Presentation of the Discernment Committee Report and subsequent discussion with Alexandria Bois and that Rev. Stuart Appenheimer is sitting in for her as a presbytery representative. Seconded by Pat. **Carried.**

Esther welcomed Rev. Stuart, Doug and Alex.

Doug named the Discernment Committee which consisted of: Dr. Doris Dyke and Jacinto Baybay (Presbytery Representatives), Esther Trasolini, Carol Warner Gilmore Park Congregation Representatives and Doug Sherrett – Chair – and Gilmore Park Congregation Representative named by Inquirer. Doug spoke of the journey we had shared with Alex over the past year, as a Spirit filled, exhilarating, awesome, challenging and growth filled opportunity for all of the members not only the Inquirer, and of the process, which was to help Alex to address her personal character, Faith and Witness in determining her choice as a vocation in Ministry. We did complete the requirements, and were happy to endorse Alex Bois as a Candidate for Ordained Ministry.

Alex spoke about her Call, her journey to the answer, and her experience with the Discernment Committee. She then answered a few questions from Council members. Doug and Alex then left the meeting

**Carol moved a Motion as follows:**

The Council of Gilmore Park United Church Congregation in Vancouver South Presbytery/District having reviewed the application Of the Inquirer, (Alexandria Bois), to be received as a Candidate for Ordained Ministry, and having received the report of the Discernment Committee does hereby support the application believing Alexandria Bois to be genuinely called and suitable for Ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care in the United Church of Canada.

**The motion was duly seconded. The Council then voted by secret ballot and the vote was unanimous Carried.**

We invited Doug, Rev. Anna and Alex back into the meeting

Rita moved a Motion to thank and dismiss the Discernment Committee. Seconded by Nenita. **Carried.**

Shelby moved a Motion stating that the Covenanting Service for Alex Bois will be held on February 25, 2007 at 10:30a.m. Seconded by Pat. **Carried.** Gilmore Park United Church will also acknowledge Grant Smith's Celebration of Ministry as a Lay Minister of Marriages and give him our blessings at the Service on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Rev. Stuart excused himself with our thanks.

Carol moved a Motion to approve the Agenda with the exclusion of "Vendor Relations". Seconded by Ivor. **Carried.**

Shelby moved a Motion to accept the Minutes of the January meeting. Seconded by Bill. **Carried.**

Rev. Anna reported on behalf of the Nominations Committee, and she was very happy to state that the official nominees are:

Joanne Dennill  
David Bowe  
Phil Newton

Ivor Moved a Motion to accept Shelby Everitt as Chair of Council. Seconded by Rita. **Carried.**

Shelby moved a Motion to accept Joanne Dennill, David Bowe and Phil Newton as Council's official nominees. Seconded by Nenita. **Carried.**

Listening to the Ownership:

Esther read from Isaiah 52: 6 and we reflected on it.

Monitoring and Accountability:

Rev. Anna reported year end Internal Monitoring Report – all in compliance (report attached).

There will be a Finance Workshop to discuss the Budget on Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Council discussed the Financial Report at length. Shelby moved a Motion to accept it. Seconded by Nenita. **Carried.**

Rev. Anna reported on the 2006 Ministry Policies and the accomplishments on ends, and she reviewed her report to the Annual General Meeting. Bill moved a Motion to accept her report. Seconded by Ivor. **Carried.**

Council discussed the draft agenda for the Annual General Meeting and it was agreed upon.

Pat Heslop and Bud Rosenberg will be attending the meeting at Gilmore Gardens re: Seniors Facilitate Standards.

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by all at 9:40p.m.

Rev. Anna said the closing prayer thanking the members leaving Council, the new members joining, for the Finance Workshop and the Annual General Meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Warner  
Secretary