

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

Present: Rev. Anna, Shelby Everitt, Joanne Dennill, Pat Heslop, David Bowe, Jodi Gilmore, Rita Francis and Carol Warner

Absent: Phil Newton.

Call to Order – Shelby called the meeting to order at 7:10p.m.

Shelby lit the Christ Candle and said the opening prayer.

Susan Johnsen – Chair of M & P Committee joined us and gave her report. The Committee now comprises of: Susan Johnson – Chair, Cathy Martin, Maggie Wallace and Sandra VanOstrand was nominated.

(1) Susan reported on staff evaluations, Kerry’s holiday schedule and Amy’s contract hours.

Carol moved a Motion to appoint Sandra VanOstrand to the M & P Committee. Seconded by Rita. **Carried.**

Carol moved a Motion to accept the Minutes of February 13, 2007 meeting with the change of the wording “Covenanting Service” for Alex Bois to read “A Celebration of Ministry”. Seconded by David. **Carried.**

Pat reported on the UCC meeting re: the accrediting of all the Seniors Homes in Canada of which the United Church is affiliated.

Correspondence:

Shelby read a letter from First United Church Mission Gifts /campaign. The letter will be given to the Ministry Group.

Listening to the Ownership:

Shelby read from Psalm 19: 7 – 9 and we reflected on it.

We also received Passages of Scripture from “Journeys of Spirituality and Discovery” for each month, which we will use to reflect on at our meetings.

Council discussed how best to listen to and communicate with the congregation. After much discussion we decided to ask one member of each

group, committee and team to come to Council and bring us up-to-date on their activities and visions.

Jodi moved a Motion to invite a member of each team, group and committee to share their activities with Council. Rev. Anna will draft a schedule and bring it to our next meeting. Seconded by Rita. **Carried.**

Monitoring

Rev. Anna reported that Finance did not meet in February, so the attached Finance Monitoring was received for information only.

Council will have a report from Gilmore Gardens Seniors Centre after the Board meets in March. This item was moved to our April meeting.

Policy /writing and Monitoring

Jodi moved a Motion to accept the changes to Policies 230 (Monitoring Schedule – minor changes), 340 (Budgeting – budget to be presented to council at its February meeting from now on), 430 (quorum for Council is now 7 rather than 8) and 480 (Council's own policy monitoring schedule – minor changes) and the re-numbering of the appendixes. Seconded by Rita. **Carried.**

Council reviewed its own Policy #410.

Council received a letter from Maureen Kwan of South Arm United Church requesting the use of our building for Integrative Energy Healing Program. It is a free and hands-free program. We agreed in principle as long as there are no insurance issues. Pat moved a Motion to approve this use of our building. Seconded by David. **Carried.**

Carol moved a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30p.m.

Shelby said the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Warner
Secretary

