

**GILMORE PARKUNITED CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2007**

Present: Rev. Anna Christie, Shelby Everitt, David Bowe, Rita Francis, Joanne Dennill, Pat Heslop, Phil Newton and Carol Warner.

Absent: Jodi Gilmore.

Call to Order - Shelby called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

David lit the Christ Candle and said the opening prayer.

Routine Business:

Carol moved a Motion to accept the agenda with additions:  
Policy Monitoring: Review of Policy #460 "Chairperson's Role" and  
Hosting Presbytery. Duly seconded and **Carried**.

Discussion on the list of groups to see Council monthly was re-scheduled for our October meeting. Seconded by Rita. **Carried**.

Carol moved a Motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting of June 12, 2007. Seconded by Pat. **Carried**.

Listening to the Ownership:

David read from Acts 17: 22 – 28. We discussed how Paul spoke to the pagans in Greece in a "meet people where they are" style. We noted that God is always present with us as in "in him we live and move and have our being".

Student Minister follow-up

Esther Trasolini sent Council a print-out of the instructions for Sessions (Councils) as to how to follow-up once a student has been declared a candidate. We noted that we have not been duly following up on our two candidates, Brenda Miller and Alex Bois and we must pay more attention to this. Shelby will contact Brenda Miller and ask her to attend a Council meeting and let us know how she's doing. We noted that Alex's covenanting with presbytery will be held next Tuesday, September 18 at 7 pm at Ladner. Council members signed up to attend.

It was moved by Pat Heslop that Council ask Finance Team to consider allocating funds in the budget for a bursary for Candidates for Ordered Ministry. (As noted in the United Church's handbook for the discernment process). Copy attached. Seconded by Phil.

**Carried.**

Revision of Membership Policy – Appendix IV (The Historical Roll):

We discussed changing our policy regarding revision of the roll. Rev. Anna presented a list of 65 members who have not attended over the past year. Council's desire is to send them a pastoral letter asking how we may help them in their spiritual journey, and include a self-addressed-stamped-envelope and reply survey to see if they wish to continue association with our church. We noted that some have moved away, and some are students away at college. A different sort of letter will be sent to each of them. Rev. Anna will draft three sample letters and draft new policy and bring to the October Council meeting for discussion and approval.

Policy Review:

Policy #460 "Chairperson's Role" was reviewed. Council/Council chair is in compliance with its own policy and no changes are needed at this time.

Revised copies of Policy #230 "Minister and Other Monitoring Schedule" and Policy # 450 "Members Code of Conduct" were handed out to update our Governance Document.

Gilmore Park United Church will be hosts to Presbytery on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007 when they hold their regular dinner and meeting.

Members from various Teams and Groups in the Church are being asked to inform Presbytery of their Ministries during dinner – for 1-2 minutes each. Gilmore Gardens will cater. **Council members will host, serve the meal and do dishes.**

Carol moved a Motion to adjourn at 8:45p.m. David said the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Warner, Secretary