

MINUTES

- Call To Order** Pursuant to the authority of the November 14-15, 2014 meeting of the Fraser Presbytery Full Court in the BC Conference of the United Church of Canada was declared open to conduct the business properly before it, by Iva Hancock, Chairperson at 7:10 pm. A quorum was declared present.
- Present** Iva Hancock, Louise Cummings, Linda Moore, Gini Herdson, Arlene Kropp, Rod MacKinnon, Mollie Williams, Linda Turner, Dell Sutton, Daniel Bogert-O'Brien, Cari Copeman-Haynes, Gabrielle McLarty, Brenda Thomas, Carl Beach, Will Sparks, Kathleen Hearty, Scott Swanson, Jean Macdonald, Bruce McAndless-Davis, Peggy Jensen, Marg Needles, Sandy Hildebrandt, Sheila Flavelle, Michael Collison, Mary Huntington, Myrna McGregor, Cherie Dobson, Bill Booth, Gail Sigvaldason, Scott Reynolds, Scott Turnbrook, Karen Verveda, Judy Chang, Lynda Christensen, Maureen Anderson, Brian Harding, Dianne Astle, Murray Gordon, Heather Anderson, Doug Astle
- Regrets** Kerry Child, Marc Coulombe
Guests Judy MacKinnon (Roots & Wings), Jamie Nelson
- Opening Hymns and Candle Lighting** Opening hymns and prayer were provided by Will Sparks.
- Agenda** **M/S Scott Swanson/Brenda Thomas that** the Agenda be accepted as amended. **CARRIED**
- Minutes** **M/S Cari Copeman-Haynes/Heather Anderson that** the minutes of the Full Court meeting of November 14-15, 2014 be approved. **CARRIED**
M/S Brian Harding/Bruce McAndless-Davis that the minutes of the Executive meeting of December 9, 2014 be received. **CARRIED**
- Business Arising** None
- Correspondence** 1. **Admission/Readmission**
Names presented for Admission to the Order of Ministry in The United Church of Canada: 2015, as noted in memo received from Ministry Personnel Programs and Resources, dated November 28, 2014, were read to the court:
Marlene Britton-Walfall
Daivd M. Crawford
- Scripture Reading** Acts 6 1-6
We broke into small groups and discussed "What does the text say to you (to the church)"
- Vision for Mission** 1. **Joys & Concerns**
a. **Men's Ministry**
Scott Swanson provided an overview of a new ministry for men and advised all present that he first took his proposal to Presbytery Executive and they are in support of the project. He will be applying for grants to get things started and asked that Presbytery "take him on" with this innovative new ministry.
b. Trinity Memorial Spiritual Care Team
Bill Booth introduced Trinity Memorial's new **Spiritual Nurture Centre** that will be referred to as a SPA (Spiritual Pathway to Awakening). They have a ProVision grant to get started and will be starting with 3 programs that will be offered in parallel with the current church.

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- c. First UC, White Rock – Louise Cummings reported they had two hundred (200) people attend a recent event on “Meet Your Muslim Neighbours” and that a number of people signed up for a follow up.
- d. Jean Macdonald reminded everyone about the presentation by **Dr. Jeff Halper**, the Jewish-American founder of the Israeli Committee Against Home Demolitions (ICAHN) which will take place at Northwood UC on Tuesday Feb. 10 at 7:30 pm.
- e. **Naramata Centre**
Murray Gordon reported, on behalf of BC Conference, that Naramata Centre is now closed. BC Conference has set up a Question and Answer page on their website to answer many questions. As information is received it will be posted on BC Conference website on an ongoing basis. In the meantime, prayers for management, staff, centre’s board and the Village of Naramata are requested.
- f. Tribute Concert for **Pete Seeger** – February 7 – Northwood UC
Proceeds from this event will go to Orchestra of Recycled Instruments (Paraguay).
- g. **Marcus Borg**
Will Sparks passed on the news that Marcus Borg passed away on January 21, 2015 and asked that we hold his family in our prayers.
- h. Bethany-Newton UC
Linda Turner reported that **Lois Wilson**, former moderator of the United Church, President of the World Council of Churches, and Senator, is coming to Vancouver and to Bethany-Newton UC for the UCW BC Conference AGM. She will be here from April 28-30.
- i. First UC, White Rock
Bruce McAndless-Davis advised their church has a need for a **Godly Play leader**. They are looking to hire someone for Sunday mornings. They would appreciate prayerful and practical support.

Vision for Mission**1. Discernment for Commissioners for General Council**

Scott Reynolds and Kathy Davies provided an introduction into the discernment process for Commissioners for General Council. Kathy introduced Daniel Bogert-O'Brien and Jean Macdonald who described their experiences when they attended General Council.

Kathy then introduced two questions:

- What qualities are we looking for?

and

- How Do You Discern?

and then asked Presbyters to break into small groups to discuss the topic. A flip chart was used to record comments from the group. These notes will be typed up and given to Presbyters.

Finance**1. Finance Report to December 31, 2014 – circulated with Agenda**

M/S Gini Herdson/Brenda Thomas that the Finance Report to December 31, 2014 be received.

Discussion on report - Gini Herdson answer questions related to the report and advised there will be no surplus.

The **Question** was then called on the motion and it was

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Gini Herdson asked if churches had used their Film License during the past year as the renewal is due. It was decided we will renew that license.

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Naramata Centre – Cont'd.

2. Naramata Centre

M/S Peggy Jensen/Linda Turner that leave the donation at Naramata for their closure process.

Several Presbyters spoke to the motion. Following discussion, a show of hands was requested and it was determine the majority of those present want the donation to be returned to Fraser Presbytery.

The **Question** was then called on the motion and it was

DEFEATED

3. 2015 Budget – distributed with Agenda

Gini Herdson presented the Budget prepared by three members of Presbytery Executive and offered to answer questions.

M/S Gini Herdson/Bill Booth that the 2015 Budget be approved.

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As our meetings normally adjourn at 9:00 pm, Iva Hancock asked the court to approve a short extension.

M/S Bill Booth/Judy Goudie that we extend our meeting for ten (10) minutes.

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New Business

1. Mt. Lehman UC – Caregiver and Family Support

Michael Collison introduced Mary Huntington from Mt. Lehman UC who described a care giver and family support project being undertaken by Mt. Lehman. Mary asked for the support of Presbytery as they apply for grants to fund this new initiative.

Iva Hancock advised that the information will be taken to the next Presbytery Executive meeting.

2. Host Church for March 6-7 Full Court Meeting

Iva Hancock advised the court that we are having difficulty in finding a venue for our next Full Court meeting March 6/7. Three churches have been approached and are not available. Louise Cummings and Cari Copeman-Haynes will check their church calendars and advise Iva if their church is available.

Other Business

None

News Around Presbytery

An opportunity to share what's happening in your Church Community

1. De-covenanting Service for Dianne Astle will be held February 1, 10:30 am, at Carman UC. Iva Hancock will represent Presbytery at that service.

Louise Cummings acknowledged the work Dianne has done over the years.

2. Covenanting Service for Juanita Lowe will be held February 1, 10:30 am, at Bethany-Newton UC. Linda Moore will represent Presbytery at that service.

Next Meeting

Executive – February 17, 2015

Full Court, March 6-7, 2015, location TBS

Gathering at March 6, 5:00 pm – Dinner at 6:00 pm

Closing Prayer

Will Sparks provided our closing prayer

Adjourn

M/S Brenda Thomas/Gail Sigvaldason that the meeting Adjourn.

(9:20 pm)