

Fraser Presbytery Executive Meeting
June 18, 2015, 10:00 am via Conference

MINUTES

- Call To Order** Pursuant to the authority of the May 29, 2015 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. A quorum was declared present.
- Present**
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| Clergy | Laity |
| Lori Megley-Best | Iva Hancock |
| | Jean Macdonald |
| | Linda Moore |
| | Murray Gordon |
| | Lynda Christensen |
- Regrets**
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| Clergy | Laity |
| Doug Astle | Gini Herdson |
| Karen Verveda | Brian Harding |
- Prayer** Iva Hancock provided our opening prayer.
- Agenda** **MOTION (Murray Gordon/Lori Megley-Best) that the Agenda be accepted as amended. CARRIED**
- Minutes** **MOTION (Linda Moore/Jean Macdonald) that the Minutes of the Full Court meeting held May 29, 2015 be received. CARRIED**
- Business Arising**
- ProVision** – motion brought forward from Full Court meeting April 28, 2015 “that we review the Criteria for the ProVision Fund, by June 1st annually, for immediate implementation”. Also, Executive expressed desire to need to see full ProVision applications and proposals in order to write any letters of support.
It was agreed that Iva Hancock will invite Joan McMurtry to an Executive meeting to discuss the criteria before taking this item to Full Court.
Bring Forward
 - Clarification of Presbytery Delegates**
It was agreed that it is acceptable for Brian Harding to act as both Presbytery Treasurer as well as Laity Representative for Agassiz United Church.
 - Nominations Report**
No further update except Doug Astle has declined participation in the Property Development Team. To be brought to Full Court. **Bring Forward**
 - Full Court Meeting/BBQ, June 23, 2015** – plans are well under way
 - Men’s Ministry**
Provision committee, in response to Scott Swanson’s revised application for funding, approved his request for a twenty-four thousand dollar (\$24,000) grant to research and produce a comprehensive resource package for men’s ministry. Murray Gordon advised he received an email from Scott this morning providing an update and suggestions for improvements to the ProVision Criteria. Iva Hancock will thank Scott for his helpful suggestions and also advise him that Executive will continue to support him if there are other ways we can do so.
 - Invitation to BC Conference**
Iva Hancock advised she has responded to message from Keith Simmons saying we would welcome BC Conference to our Presbytery meeting. She has not as yet heard back from him.
Bring Forward
- Finance**
- Finance Report**
MOTION (Murray Gordon/Lynda Christensen) that the Financial Report to May 31, 2015 be accepted. CARRIED

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Finance – Cont'd.

2. **Reimbursement from Well Spring**

Iva Hancock reported that Fraser Presbytery has received a partial reimbursement of about three hundred dollars (\$300).

Correspondence

1. **Sarah Isaak, Carman United Church – request for funding**

Linda Moore read a letter received from Sarah Isaak, of Carman United Church, requesting financial assistance to attend "Outtatown", one semester, offered by Canadian Mennonite University in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The outline Sarah provided does not include the date, length, or cost of the course which will involve extensive travel, including Africa and France. This made it difficult to evaluate.

Discussion included suggestions of additional sources of funding from e.g. National, Colebrook United Church (grant). Murray Gordon advised that Sarah has been accepted into the course and that Carman United Church has already provided some funding.

MOTION (Jean Macdonald/Lori Megley-Best) that Fraser Presbytery provide five hundred dollars (\$500), from the Presbytery Travel Budget, to Sarah Isaak to support her in the 'Outtatown' educational course. **CARRIED**

2. **United Churches of Langley – Proposal to sell property**

Communication received from United Churches of Langley requesting that Fraser Presbytery to approve the sale of the Willoughby property on 80th Avenue, Langley, BC.

Extensive discussion resulted in Executive agreeing that further time was needed to read and study the large amount of documents provided yesterday. Concerns were raised on the need for a long range stability program. Executive will consult with Will Sparks and Doug Goodwin on how to proceed before approving the sale. This will be brought back to Executive and discussed at a conference call to be arranged by the Chair.

BRING FORWARD

3. **Craig Perry**

Email received from Cari Copeman-Haynes advising that Craig Perry is now a full Candidate.

Pastoral Relations

1. Report from Marc for May 2015

Iva Hancock read an email from Marc Coulombe:

Carman UC – have called Rev. Karen Medland. Karen will be starting at Carman Sept 1. Rod McKinnon's half-time appointment has been extended until Aug 30th.

Sunnyside UC – have appointed a ministry team consisting of Rev. Scott Swanson, ½ time beginning August 1, and Rev. Gordon Verplank, ¼ time, beginning Sept 1. Scott will be providing worship leadership and continuing in the work of interim ministry, while Gordon will be doing pastoral care, Christian Education and occasional preaching.

Rosedale UC – has an appointment in progress.

Aldergrove UC – looking for pulpit supply and considering increase its vacancy from ½ time to ¾ time.

Iva Hancock also added that Bruce McAndless-Davis' appointment has been extended to June 2016.

2. Peggy Jensen

Iva Hancock will attend Peggy's deconvening service July 5th at 9:30 am

3. Mary Duncan

Someone from Presbytery will attend Mary's deconvening service when it is arranged.

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New Business

1. **Change Meeting Schedule**

Email received from Cari Copeman-Haynes asking that Presbytery consider changing conflicting meeting dates with BC Conference as we now have three members of Presbytery who are also members of BC Conference Executive. We discussed the feasibility of changing our March and November meeting dates and it was decided that it will not change our dates.

2. **V4M Core Team**

Lori Megley-Best reported that the Team has developed the Programme for the June 23 Full Court meeting.

The Team is also planning "Down to the River to Pray", once a week during summer. Location will be at the river in Ft. Langley, Derby Reach, to gather for pray, Tuesdays, 7 pm, starting July 7th and finishing Sept 1st - rain or shine. Everyone is invited to attend. Kathy Davies will prepare an invitation and a map will be provided.

YAYA

1. **Report from Gabrielle McLarty**

Iva Hancock read an email report from Gabrielle listing all the work and hours she has done so far. Gabrielle asked where does responsibility lie for the setting up of some type of accountability and support person/group for this ministry rest? Jean Macdonald with contact Gabrielle with regard to accountability and support. Jean Macdonald will also speak with Gini Herdson to set up a pay schedule for Gabrielle and perhaps change the job from a contract position to a format that would better support Gabrielle.

Other Business

1. **Aldergrove UC** – update – see Marc Coulombe's report

2. **Naramata Centre**

Lori Megley-Best report Naramata Centre will hold a meeting 27 June, at Penticton UC, and more information will be available following that meeting.

3. **Trinity Memorial UC – Fire**

Concerns were expressed by all present. The Spiritual Care team will send a card of support to Bill Booth.

4. **Fraser East Cluster**

Murray Gordon reminded everyone that at our April meeting Mary Duncan asked for funding for a facilitator/funding for Fraser East Cluster to help discuss how the five (5) congregations can to work together.

Iva Hancock will speak with Heather Anderson about this.

5. **Restorative Justice Speaker**

Murray Gordon reported that a member of Carman United Has offered to do a presentation on Restorative Justice for Full Court.

Full Court & BBQ, June 23, 2015 @ Colebrook UC

Next Meeting

Closing Prayer

Lori Megley-Best provided our closing prayer.

Adjourn

(11:33 am)