

Fraser Presbytery Executive Meeting
May 12, 2015 at 11:00 am, at United Churches of Langley

MINUTES

- Call To Order** Pursuant to the authority of the March 6-7 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** Lynda Christensen, Doug Astle, Iva Hancock, Linda Moore, Brian Harding
Regrets Lori Megley-Best, Jean Macdonald, Gabrielle McLarty, Murray Gordon
Guests Marc Coulombe, Kathy Davies
- Prayer** Doug Astle provided our opening prayer
- Agenda** **M/S Doug Astle/Lynda Christensen that** the Agenda be accepted as circulated. **CARRIED**
- Minutes** **M/S Brian Harding/Linda Moore** that the minutes of the Executive meeting April 14, 2015 be approved. **CARRIED**
M/S Lynda Christensen/Brian Harding that minutes of the Full Court meeting April 28, 2015 be received. **CARRIED**
- New Business**
- Leadership Forum** April 30th – report from Kathy Davies
Kathy will write it up and send. Now not based on authority (Pastoral Relations) regarding calls to ministry. How are we making that shift to body of accompaniment?
Min staff? 1 staff for every 44 pastoral charges.
Marc – Effective Leadership – is this the right door? It was about the disruption due to movement from Presb. to Conf. and now questions asked collectively – ‘what is that going to look like’. I’m still available to help.
 - Sale of Jubilee UC (Langley) site – Kathy Davies**
Kathy advised that the United Churches of Langley congregation will be meeting to discuss their property located at 80th Ave. and 208th Street, Langley, BC. Their ADAPT (Attest, Discernment and Planning Team) have been looking at options and Kathy believes they are leaning towards selling that property. If it is decided to sell the property they would like guidance on how they discern together for effective stewardship of the sale monies and what are the requirements of Presbytery.
Marc Coulombe suggested that the full court should be asked what they would like to know about any proposed project. When this is done, applications are more likely to be approved. Their main questions will probably be how will the assets be used and how long will they last? Also, what will capital and interest be used for.
The use of funds from the sale should be used to further the mission of the United Church.
Kathy advised they will be meeting to decide on June 16th and will be prepared to bring it to our Full Court meeting on the 23rd June. Kathy will provide Linda Moore with written report in time to be circulated with Agenda for the 23rd June meeting.
Brian Harding provided Kathy with a copy of the document “Provisional Criteria for Approval of the Use of Assets Acquired through the sale of property or through bequests or large donations”. Linda Moore will email a copy of the document “Fraser Presbytery Procedures Regarding the Sale of Church Buildings or Property” to Kathy.
- (Kathy Davies left the meeting 11:35 am)
- Business Arising**
- ProVision** – motion of Full Court April 28 “that we review the Criteria for the ProVision Fund, by June 1st annually, for immediate implementation”.

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Business Arising – Cont'd.

Iva Hancock advised that Joan McMurtry was unable to attend our meeting today and it was decided we will bring this subject back to our next Executive Meeting and then to the Full Court. Iva will invite Joan to our Executive meeting and will suggest to her that we want minimum amount lowered and would like to discuss it.

2. **Spiritual Care Network Retreat** April 20-22

Marc Coulombe advised that he attended the event and that Lori Megley-Best and Gabrielle McLarty also attended. Idea was for participants to report to Executive and talk about spiritual care and how to make it grow and build more awareness.

3. **Conference Minister** - attendance at meetings

Iva Hancock explained that this subject arose at a Full Court meeting where the court requested the presence of our Conference Minister at full court meetings after listening to Doug Astle present a very long written report from Marc Coulombe.

Marc Coulombe advised that he attends as many Presbytery meetings as possible but has to attend where there is the greatest need and several lower mainland Presbyteries hold their meetings on the same evening. Marc suggested, if there are items being brought to full court that require his personal attendance, we should let him know in advance. Marc stressed that he wants to serve the best he possibly can.

(Marc Coulombe left the meeting at 12:26 pm)

4. **Clarification of Presbytery Delegates**

Brian Harding is currently a Presbytery Laity rep for Agassiz UC and will soon be taking on the role of Presbytery Treasurer. The question is – is this a conflict?

Marc Coulombe will find out and let us know

5. **Nominations** Report – no change

6. **Full Court Meeting/BBQ**, June 23 - Will be held at Colebrook UC

Finance

1. Motion to appoint Brian Harding as Treasurer, as nominated

M/S Linda Moore/Doug Astle that Brian Harding be appointed as Treasurer of Fraser Presbytery. **CARRIED**

(Brian abstained from the vote)

M/S Linda Moore/Doug Astle that Brian Harding be authorized to spend \$149.99 plus taxes to purchase bookkeeping software (Quick Books Pro) for use of Fraser Presbytery. **CARRIED.**

Brian Harding will check with Gini Herdson to see if she would like to continue to be a signing authority for Presbytery. If not he will bring forward another name.

Correspondence

1. **Visit from BC Conference Executive**

BC Conference Executive would like to visit Fraser Presbytery meeting during their March 10-12 meeting. It was agreed that this would be a great experience for us. Iva Hancock will write to them and ask if they can fit our schedule and if they would need billeting.

Pastoral Relations

Marc Coulombe reported:

Carman – Currently interviewing

Hope - Will be appointing a ¼ minister to start September 1 and Jill Last will act as congregations designated minister. Between now and September 1 they will use pulpit supply.

Cloverdale – Appointment in progress

Rosedale – Currently interviewing

Sunnyside M & P training – 29 people attended

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Pastoral Relations – Cont'd. Aldergrove – No new information available on their project. Marc Coulombe suggested we need to decide how long this should continue.

New Business

1. **Full Court at Conference**

Linda Moore reported that we've had enough responses to have a quorum for our Full Court meeting 12 noon on May 29 at BC Conference.

2. **Proposal from UCW BC Conference**

M/S Doug Astle/Lynda Christensen that Fraser Presbytery transmit, with concurrence, the Proposal of Presbyterian United Church Women. **CARRIED**

YAYA

1. Report from Gabrielle McLarty

Iva Hancock read a report from Gabrielle McLarty outlining her activities/hours.

Other Business

1. Meeting Schedule for 2015-2016

The following meeting dates were established and will be circulated with the next Full Court Agenda:

2015

September 8.....Executive
September 22.....Full Court
October 13Executive
November 10.....Executive Conference Call
November 13-14.....Full Court
December 8.....Executive

2016

January 12 Executive
January 26.....Full Court
February 9.....Executive
March 8Executive
March 11-12Full Court
April 12Executive
April 26Full Court
May 10Executive
May 24Full Court
June 7Executive
June 21.....Full court

Other Business

1. **Aldergrove UC**

Brian Harding contacted and asked for more information regarding their project.

Next Meeting

Full Court at BC Conference
Executive Meeting – June 18, 10:00 am
Full Court & BBQ – June 23, at Colebrook UC

Closing Prayer

Doug Astle provided our closing prayer.

Adjourn

(1:20 pm)