

Minutes
Lakeview United Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 17, 2020 (online Zoom)

Lakeview United Church Vision Statement

Seeking Spiritual Renewal and Growth in a Caring, Affirming Community

Opening Statement

Bob Gibennus opened the meeting by acknowledging that we meet on traditional territories of First People to this region.

Call to Order

At 7:06pm Bob Gibennus called the meeting to order. Quorum is reached.

Attendees

Bob Gibennus, Chairperson	Jope Langejans, Minister
Daryl Sedor, Affirming Ministry, Chinook Region Co-representative	
Carolyn Bosch, Secretary	Beckie Scroggins, Ministry & Personnel
Paige Martin, Treasurer	Lorna Flack, Fellowship & Caring
Janet Layton, Rejuvenation Task Force	Robbie Temple, Guest

Opening Devotional – Jope

Jope lit a candle and offered a prayer to start the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

Approved by consensus after adding a motion regarding approval of rental rates to new business.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes from the May 20, 2020 Council meeting were adopted by consensus.

Correspondence

Kurt Perkins has submitted a letter of resignation as Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee. We acknowledge and accept Kurt Perkins resignation with regrets and thanks.

In retrospect, we acknowledge and accept, with regrets and thanks, Lesley Sedor's resignation as Chair of the Reaching Out Committee.

Review of Action Items

- ✓ Committee annual reports submitted to Arda by May 30.
- ✓ Jope spoke with Arda regarding her assuming a role as Communication Coordinator. She agreed that, in addition to her other duties it is sensible for her to act as collector and distributor of information. Arda prepared a preliminary draft a description for the role of Communication Coordinator. submit to Council for review at the June meeting.

2 new action items emerged from further discussion regarding Arda's role as communication coordinator:

ACTION ITEM: Beckie Scroggins will add Communication Coordinator to the position of Office Administrator.

ACTION ITEM: Bob Gibennus will invite Shelly Logan-Gordanier to help him and Arda write a Communication Protocol. It is suggested that the document provide general guidelines and that some direction for support or back-up be provided for times that the Office Administrator is absent from

the work place. It is also requested that recommendations be provided of how to report to Council and through whom reports are made.

Committee Reports

Treasurer, Paige Martin

Attachment #26

Motion: Paige Martin moved that the LUC Council banking signatories at First Calgary, including chequing account and GIC , be changed as of July 1, 2020 in line with new officers/directors (subject to approval at AGM on June 28) to:

Remove: Outgoing Secretary – Carolyn Bosch

Remove: Outgoing Treasurer – Paige Martin

Add: Council Chair – Bob Gibennus

Add: Treasurer – Robbie Temple

Retain: Trustee Liaison – Nancy Gillean

Seconded by Daryl Sedor. CARRIED

Finance & Facilities, NO CHAIR

No Report

The basement flooded again this spring. Roger and Beckie Scroggins mopped and vacuumed the basement.

Reaching Out, NO CHAIR

No Report

Faith Formation & Worship, NO CHAIR

No Report

Fellowship & Caring, Lorna Flack

No Report

Ministry & Personnel, Beckie Scroggins

Attachment #27

Beckie met with Jope and Janet regarding the grant application to hire a summer student. If the grant is approved a request will be made to hire a student for the time period of August 4 to October 9.

ACTION ITEM: Beckie, Janet and Jope will write a job description for the position of summer student.

Arda will work shorter hours for the summer. She will be in the office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Affirming Ministry, Daryl Sedor

No Report

The second virtual church service for Affirming Connections is scheduled for the first Sunday in September.

Rejuvenation Task Force, Janet Layton

Attachment #28

There was some discussion regarding the proposal to host a free sale. There is concern about the spread of Covid-19 if items are dropped off and sorted or handled by volunteers. There are also concerns about hosting inside the building during the pandemic. Paige suggested that to avoid excess contact and to encourage social distancing people could be invited to bring their items to the church parking lot. They could show items from the trunk of their car or set up a table in alternating parking stalls. Any items that aren't given away or sold will be removed by the owner. No items will be left behind for handling by volunteers.

Chinook Winds Region, Daryl Sedor

No Report

Thousands of letters submitted to the City of Calgary in favour of banning conversion therapy made history in North America.

Motion: Beckie Scroggins moved the all reports be accepted as presented. Seconded by Paige Martin. CARRIED

Ministers Report, Jope Langejans

Attachment #29

Jope asked for input regarding his proposal to host a safe outdoor Sunday services commencing on July 5. 180 masks have been ordered from the government. Bulletins will be handed out by people wearing masks and gloves. A sound system will be set up by the front doors and participants will be invited to bring their own chairs to set on the lawn at least 2m from others. Some ushers, appropriately masked, may be needed to ensure proper distancing. There will be access to the washrooms through the upper hall and they will be thoroughly cleaned before and after each service. People will be asked to place their contribution in a plate that is not passed around. It is recommended that the plate be stored for 2 days before being handled by counters/volunteers. Some participants may choose to remain in their vehicle. It is suggested that nearby neighbours be forewarned about the use of outdoor audio along with an invitation to join the service. At this time 100 people can participate in an outdoor service.

Old Business

Governance – improvements to current structure:

According to the UCC Manual any change to bylaws or governance structure must be approved by the Region and LUC Congregation. Bob proposes that LUC try a new structure for a period of time before committing to new bylaws to see if a proposed structure is practical and working. He spoke with Joel Den Haan who agrees such a proposal is possible as long as Chinook Winds Region is consulted and kept aware of temporary changes taking place.

Currently our bylaws require that 6 mandated seats (Chair, Secretary, Minister, M&P Chair, Treasurer, Regional Rep) and 4 operated committee chairs sit on LUC Council (Finance & Facilities, Reaching Out, Fellowship & Caring, Faith Formation & Worship). Suggest that we reduce 4 chairs to 2 seats on Council. Some people think we should keep all 4 committees and try to fill the vacant roles. Some suggest that 4 committees remain active but report to 2 Council Liaisons. Others think that it's been a number of years since all committees had an active Chair and therefore the numbers of committees should be reduced.

Some thoughts were shared about a new structure:

- minister is ex-officio member of all committees, but should not also assume the role of reporting to council for those committees
- the shortage of volunteers suggest that there are too many committees
- why are people not committing to act as chair? -too many meetings? - too much responsibility?
- rethink what we CAN do, do what's necessary, start there, then add to commitments
- slimmer model, people within the committees can take turns coming to meetings
- work with people in existing committees, talk about what's being done, ask what works and ask for their recommendations fro how to organize themselves
- create an avenue for LUC Administration to report to Council
- consider renaming of committees and chairs to ministries
- people serving need to know that someone is aware of their activity and feel supported for the work they accomplish
- change happens at the rate of relationships therefore we should look at what connections we make with people and use relationships to encourage participation

Council approved by consensus to meet 6 times in the next year. September, November, January, February, April and June on the third Wednesday of the month. If other meetings are required they can be called and for a particular issue they could be conducted via Zoom.

A standing committee will meet to further discuss governance and structure of Council. Bob and Jope will be members of this committee and Jope suggests they invite Joel Den Haan to be the third

member of the committee. They hope to bring recommendations to Council by September or November.

Annual General Meeting - will be held by zoom on Sunday, June 28 at 11:00am. Don Linton and Silas Kovats will manage the online meeting by monitoring a 'waiting room' that allows people to join the meeting. They will count the number of participants and explain the rules of attending an online meeting.

New Business

Covid-19 re-launch - Outdoor public worship starting on July 5.

Rentals: Pedalheads start up on Monday, June 22 and will operate according to Provincial guidelines. Other renters will likely return at the beginning of September.

Approval of 2020/2021 rental rates -

Motion: Made by Bob Gibennus to accept the 2020/2021 the Space Use Rental Rates schedule as submitted by Roger Scroggins. Seconded by Daryl Sedor. CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned. Bob closed the meeting with a prayer at 9:00 pm

Upcoming Meetings:

LUC Annual General Meeting – Sunday, June 28 at 11:00 am - Zoom

LUC Council Meeting – Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 pm – Zoom


Bob Gibennus, Chairperson Date


Carolyn Bosch, Secretary Date