

Executive
Horseshoe Falls Regional Council
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Supports, Connects, Empowers Communities of Faith

November 5, 2019 – via zoom

Roster: Kate Young (President), John Hurst (Treasurer), Deborah Laforet (Past Chair), Margaret Blewett, Robert Lawson, Lorna MacQueen, Lena Medeiros, Adrienne Robertson, Nancy Risto, Thea Sheridan-Jonah, Pat Tooley, Garry Van Bruchem, Diane Viney

Staff Support: Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa
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Present: Kate Young (President), John Hurst (Treasurer), Deborah Laforet (Past Chair), Margaret Blewett, Robert Lawson, Lorna MacQueen, Adrienne Robertson, Nancy Risto, Pat Tooley, Garry Van Bruchem, Lena Medeiros

Regrets: Lorna MacQueen, Thea Sheridan-Jonah, Diane Viney

Welcome and Constitute Meeting: I constitute this meeting in the name of Jesus Christ, the one true head of the Church and by the authority invested in me by the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council for whatever business may properly come before it. The bounds of the meeting will be the zoom call.

Kate opened the meeting with prayer.

Budget 2020

John Hurst, Treasurer, spoke to the budget. He noted that the budget for the upcoming year is showing a minor surplus; meaning that the regional council is living within the income we have been provided and our expenses and programmes are less than that overall. He noted that previously we (presbyteries) determined what ministry we wanted to do and set the assessment to meet that. Now our assessment is set for us and our budget is about living within it.

John indicated he was fairly happy with the budget and did not see anything that was essential to change at this point.

Cheryl-Ann queried note #8; suggesting the allocation of website development costs should be in startup costs and transition meeting costs should be in executive. John agreed. Cheryl-Ann to pass on change to Bob Savaria, Manager Financial Reporting and Budgeting.

Cheryl-Ann queried notes #4 and 9. She indicated it was more of a presentation question regarding the detail to be shown in grants awarded. It was determined that for the sake of consistency, detailed itemizing of the grants given would not be included. However, Cheryl-Ann will prepare a separate page for John outlining what is included in the lines and notes #4 and 9 will be removed.

Cheryl-Ann queried the Glenco grant item, which was noted but no money was indicated.

John explained that the grant that goes from Glenco to a congregation is really not part of the regional council numbers, not revenue or expenses.

Note #12 Erie Presbytery grants shows the payout of grants, and Cheryl-Ann wondered why the grants would be in, because the money is not shown as coming in.

John clarified that, as in the case of Glenco grants, the money came from Erie Presbytery and went to directly to a congregation; it was really not part of the regional council numbers. He noted that whenever there is a grant paid directly to a congregation then that should not be part of regional council numbers.

Cheryl-Ann noted this will be flagged in the statements with Bob to finalize. She added that the regional council is on track for our expectations in a year when we weren't sure how everything would go.

Clarification was provided in response to a query regarding the substantial difference on the line graph (Comparison of Expenses), specifically the regional operations/budgeted expenses comparison and the higher amount, difference between actual and budgeted numbers.

Clarification was provided: Regional operation expenses for 2020 include \$35,000 set aside for educational fund and for honoraria that was just budgeted.

The archive fee has not yet been paid; \$20,000 will be paid this quarter.

Also -\$10,000 in legal fees that have not had to be used and \$10,000 in professional fees that haven't been used. Staff costs - \$11,000 still to be paid out.

It was noted that the numbers are as at October 31, 2019 and there are more expenses that will need to be paid by the end of December.

For presentation, it was suggested that a list of some of these items be made. There will also be greater detail provided in the Nov. 9th meeting workbook, which will be circulated to all registrants prior to the meeting.

MOTION by John Hurst / Margaret Blewett

That the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Executive endorse the 2020 Budget as presented, to go to the November 9, 2019 meeting of the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council.

MOTION CARRIED

Cheryl-Ann raised that Five Oaks should also be invited to become a community of faith, should the executive wish to do so.

MOTION by Garry Van Bruchem / Deborah Laforet

That the Executive of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council invite Five Oaks Education and Retreat Centre to become a Community of Faith in Horseshoe Falls Regional Council, provided they will enter into a regional covenant. **MOTION CARRIED**

The question was asked will those the regional council is inviting to become communities of faith have to pay the assessment? (Cave Springs Camp, Ryerson Camp, the Brock University Chaplaincy, McMaster University Chaplaincy, Five Oaks Education and Retreat Centre). While fairly confident that they will not have to pay the assessment, Cheryl-Ann will confirm that that is the case. The regional council would be able to make them corresponding members, if the assessment is indeed required to be paid.

Meeting adjourned.