

Mission and Discipleship Commission
Horseshoe Falls Regional Council
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Connecting, Supporting, Transforming

February 9, 2021

Approved Minutes

1pm-3pm

Roster: Diane Viney, Geof Thompson, Michelle Hogman, Irene Ty, Colleen Cavanaugh, Karen Orlandi (Acting Chair), Sula Anne Kosacky, Ryk Brown.

Staff Support: Diane Matheson-Jimenez (Minister, Social Justice)

Kathy Douglas (Minister, Faith Formation)

Dave Jagger (Philanthropy and Stewardship Officer)

Ruthanna Mack (Admin Support)

Present: Karen Orlandi (Acting Chair), Sula Anne Kosacky, Geof Thompson, Colleen Cavanaugh, Michelle Hogman, Ryk Brown, Irene Ty, Kathy Douglas, Ruthanna Mack

Guests:

Regrets: Diane Matheson-Jimenez, Phyllis Buchner

Welcome and Constitute Meeting: Karen Orlandi welcomed everyone and constituted the meeting.

Acknowledging the Land: Karen Orlandi

Opening Worship: Sula Anne Kosacky

Opening Motions:

Approval of the agenda

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Review of Motion from the Jan 12, 2021 HF M&D meeting:

MOTION: Michelle Hogman/Geof Thompson that the HF Mission and Discipleship Commission allocate \$1000 (from the M&D Events Budget) to each program staff for their discretionary use to add flexibility to their work. Reports from each staff member to follow with details regarding how the funds are used.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION: Geof Thompson/Michelle Hogman that the minutes of the January 12, 2021 HF M&D commission be approved with the above amendment.

MOTION

CARRIED

Business Arising

1. Incorrect item found in 11-17-2020 minutes: HF Executive will receive and approve Individual Learning Grant applications.

There are actually 4 separate Grants for HF:

- A) Professional Development Grants: approved by HFRC Exec
- B) Event Sponsorship Grants: approved by HFRC Exec
- C) Student Bursaries: approved by HFRC Exec
- D) Individual Learning grants: approved by Sue and Ruthanna

1. Surplus Mission Support Grant money for HF M&D: from the minutes of Jan 12, 2021
It was mistakenly reported that:
Westdale United Church is returning \$9,261 of unused Mission Support Grant money that was allotted to them in 2019 for 2020. They were unable to use the funds. This money will be added to the surplus funds available to HF M&D for distribution in 2021.
Correction: The money received from Westdale UC cannot be added to the HF M&S current allotment of Mission Support Grants. Current Mission Support grant money surplus is \$42,944.00
2. Mission Support Application from Brock University Ecumenical Chaplaincy:
 - a. Receipt of cheque for \$6500 from Brock for unused monies from 2020
 - b. Receipt of Mission Support Grant application from Brock University Ecumenical Chaplaincy: Requesting \$13,000.00

MOTION: Ryk Brown/Sula Anne Kosacky that the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Mission and Discipleship Commission authorize the destruction of the \$6,500 cheque received from BUEC and issue them a 2021 Mission Support Grant of \$6,500.00 Totalling \$13,000.00 grant money for 2021.

MOTION

CARRIED

Brock University Ecumenical Chaplaincy was duly reminded that applications are due by the due date on the application.

3. Sula Anne Kosacky is interested in becoming the second United Church Rep on the Brock University Ecumenical Chaplaincy Board. Ruthanna to follow up with the BUEC Board.

MOTION: Michelle Hogman/Colleen Cavanaugh that the HF M&D commission recommends Sula Anne Kosacky be appointed to the Brock University Ecumenical Chaplaincy Board.

MOTION

CARRIED

4. Other Grants available: There are lots of grants available for churches for initiatives that may fall under the auspices of Mission & Discipleship. Is there an interest in publicizing these?

After a discussion it was suggested that Grant Resources already on the HFRC website be highlighted in on of the HF M&D Commission's dedicated newsletters.

New Business

1. 1492 Land Back Lane: How shall we engage as Region?
 - a. For reference and review [About 1492 LBL | 1492 Land Back Lane](#)
After a discussion of this matter, the following follow-up items for Commissioners were decided on.
 - a) Google 1492 Land Back: [About 1492 LBL | 1492 Land Back Lane](#)
 - b) Kathy and Diane MJ to forward more information to the Commission over the next month.
 - c) add this item to the agenda for our next meeting
2. Resignation of Geof Thompson from Cave Springs Camp Board as Regional Council Rep. Thanks and gratitude to Geof. Search for a new representative.
Tabled to the next meeting

Update from HF Executive:

MOTION by John Hurst/ Robert Lawson

Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Commission appointments

1. Approve the appointment of Sula Anne Kosacky and Ryk Brown to the HFRC Mission & Discipleship Commission effective immediately, as recommended by the HFRC Mission & Discipleship Commission. **CARRIED.**

Staff Reports:

Kathy Douglas, Minister for Faith Formation:

- A Taste of Palestine- almost at capacity for this event. Hope there is ongoing interest generated
- DMJ and I meeting with 3 chairs of M&D Commissions are meeting this Friday to cover mapping of upcoming events (Spring regional meetings for instance) and timelines....in an effort to prevent over load for staff or participants.
- Senator Murray Sinclair is key note speaker for an all three regions event. Date: Friday, May 28th, 2021. Time yet to be determined. Commissioners were encouraged to do some home work on Murray Sinclair before the May 28th date.
- DMJ, Thérèse Samuel and I will be helping to create educational events, resources, and experiences to make sure people are ready to learn and take in all he has to offer us.
- DMJ, with my support is working on gathering Climate Action folk from across three regions together to work on unfolding **Love of Creation Resource**. More to come from that

Other Items:

- a) Opioid Issue and
- b) Homelessness (Out of the Cold) needs. Not sure where these will go...but on radar.
- c) Monica Coleman event on Anti racism to be decided
- d) 1492 Landback work
- e) Communication work

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 16th, 2021 at 1pm via zoom

Worship by: Irene Ty