

Mission and Discipleship Commission
Horseshoe Falls Regional Council
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Connecting, Supporting, Transforming
September 14, 2021
2-4pm
via Zoom

MINUTES

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

Staff Support: Diane Matheson-Jimenez, Minister, Social Justice
Kathy Douglas, Minister, Faith Formation
Dave Jagger, Philanthropy and Stewardship Officer
Thérèse Samuel, Minister Right Relations and Social Justice
Ruthanna Mack, Administrative Assistant, Finance (Leave of Absence)
Michele Petick, acting Administrative Assistant R789

Present: Diane Viney (acting Chair), Geof Thompson, Michelle Hogman, Irene Ty, Colleen Cavanaugh, Ryk Brown, Phyllis Buchner, Diane Matheson-Jimenez, Kathy Douglas, Thérèse Samuel, Michele Petick

Regrets: Karen Orlandi, Sula Anne Kosacky

Welcome and Introductions: Diane Viney

Acknowledging the Land: Diane Matheson-Jimenez Acknowledged the Land that we live and work on.

Opening Worship: Kathy Douglas

Opening Motions:

Approval of the agenda:

MOTION: By Geof Thompson/Irene Ty approve the agenda as discussed

CARRIED

Approval of the meeting minutes of 2021-04-13:

DEFERRED to next meeting

A.

Right Relations Events

Thérèse Samuel discussed in detail the upcoming Right Relations events scheduled for the region.

MOTION:

Geoff Thompsons/Colleen Cavanaugh accept the proposal and funds for the Fall Right Relations programs of \$700 as outlined by Thérèse Samuel for the events by the HFRC Mission and Discipleship commission for these Right Relation events:

- Working Together for Right Relations
- Engaging the TRC Calls to Action (4 sessions)
- Together in Song

CARRIED

B.

Earth Day Event 2022

Diane Matheson-Jimenez introduced an in-person event in Welland, ON and Zoom event for Earth Day 2022. It is called “Dancing through the Darkness with an Evolutionary Faith”. It will be honouring the climate emergency. An example of an activity will be a finger labyrinth for online, walk a labyrinth in person to create movement. Looking for \$1500 financial support, split between the three regions of \$200 each region. Carol Kilby is a retired United Church Minister from Toronto, an author and speaker. She has written the book *Evolutionary Dancer: Out, In, and On the Fringe of the Church* and will be a key resource person for this event.

MOTION: By Michelle Hogman/Geof Thompson that the HFRC Mission and Discipleship Commission support financially contribute \$200 to the Earth Day 2022 Event as outlined by Diane Matheson-Jimenez with participation of resource person Carol Kilby.

CARRIED

C.

Grant Request Applications

Grand River Spiritual and Educational Resource Center - \$15,200

- Book drive sales support their mission

APPROVED

St. John's Georgetown and Glen Williams \$4,120 increased to \$5,000

- Food for Life program serving roughly 20 families a week, and a coat drive
- This will cover out of pocket expenses, lunch bags, supplies, etc.
- Potential for greater support.

APPROVED

Brock Chaplaincy - \$14,000

- Gave back some of the money for chaplain that they didn't use re: COVID, roughly \$7,000 was used to pay for a chaplain.
- Ecumenical support.

APPROVED

McMaster Chaplaincy - \$5,000

- Some faculty were donating.
- Potential for greater support.

APPROVED

Skylight Festival - \$4,500

- Requesting across the three regions R789 \$4,500 each region.
- Numbers were low this year due to COVID.
- "Beer and Hymns" was very successful.
- Diversifying to young adult programs.
- Soft support to Five Oaks.
- Good partners.

APPROVED

Five Oaks Centre - \$10,000

- Unanimous agreement for support.

APPROVED

Wesley Urban Ministries - \$60,000

- Great grant proposals need is real.
- Very few funding sources.
- City and Provincial funding walk away from religious support.

APPROVED

MOTION:

By Geof Thompson/Ryk Brown move that the designated grant amounts be allocated as discussed.

CARRIED

MOTION:

By Ryk Brown/Geof Thompson move that we advertise Horseshoe Falls XXX number of dollars available for granting and invite new applications under the three active priorities, children/youth, chaplaincy and social justice by December 1st, 2021

CARRIED

Business Arising

None arising

New Business

No new business

Staff Report

None

Next scheduled time together:

Third Tuesday of the month - October 19th 2-4pm

MOTION: By Michelle Hogman/Irene Ty that we adjourn.

CARRIED

Diane Viney closed in prayer.

ADJOURNMENT