**Mission and Discipleship Commission**

**Horseshoe Falls Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

*Supports, Connects, Empowers Communities of Faith*

***APPROVED MINUTES***

***February 15, 2022 at 2pm VIA Zoom***

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

**Staff Support:** Diane Matheson-Jimenez - Minister, Social Justice, Kathy Douglas - Minister, Faith Formation, Thérèse Samuel – Minister for Right Relations and Social Justice, Dave Jagger - Stewardship and Gifts Officer, Michele Petick - Administration, Ruthanna Mack-Administration

**Present:** Diane Viney (Chair), Colleen Cavanaugh, Michelle Hogman, Geof Thompson, Sula Anne Kosacky, Phyllis Buchner, Thérèse Samuel, Kathy Douglas, Diane Matheson-Jimenez, Michele Petick

**Regrets:** Irene Ty

**Absent:** Ryk Brown, Karen Orlandi

**Agenda**

1. **Acknowledgement of the Land/Territory – Kathy Douglas**
2. **Opening Prayer/Worship - Diane Viney**
3. **Establishing/Reminder of Equity Monitor and Pastoral Presence for our meeting(s) – Kathy Douglas**

1. **Approval of Agenda for February 15, 2022**

MOTION by Geof / Colleen that the Mission and Discipleship Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council…

MOTION CARRIED

1. **Approval of Minutes from January 18, 2022**

MOTION by Michelle / Phyllis that the Mission and Discipleship Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve these minutes.

CARRIED

1. **Approval of Notes from Supplementary Grants Meeting February 8, 2022**

MOTION by Colleen / Michelle that the Mission and Discipleship Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the notes from the Supplementary Grants Meeting.

CARRIED

MOTION: Michelle Hogman / Geof Thompson recommend that the Horseshoe Falls Mission and Discipleship Commission disburse the balance of the supplemental grant monies as outlined in the notes of the Mission Support Supplementary Grant meeting of February 8th, 2022.

CARRIED

1. **Business Arising:**

* Daycare at East Plains United Church Tour - Ryk Brown (Diane Viney will follow up with Ryk for commission video tour of the daycare centre).
* Supplementary Grant - Email Vote Result - Michele Petick reports the commission is in favour of the motion and carried – Diane Viney will notify grant recipients, Kathy Douglas and Diane Matheson-Jimenez will assist.
* “Call To Action” (response to Bill C-4 Propaganda) PIE Day Resource - Diane MJ
* Small group met and had a rich discussion about the correspondence forwarded by Karen Orlandi.
* Decided to create responses for our community to share resources for worship held on the Sunday before PIE Day.
* Prayers and resources have been received from Shining Waters RC via Jeffrey Dale, Faith Formation.
* Diane MJ and Michele Petick will put curated resources on the regional websites.
* Please share this message of LOVE far and wide.

1. **Funds Updates from the end of the last meeting:**

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| ***Fund:*** | **$ Set Aside**   **(Event/mtg details TBA)** | **$ final Approval** | **$ Remaining** |
| **2022 Events Fund**   **($10,000 available for 2022)** |  | $2,100 | $7,900 |
| **2022 Meeting Fund**   **($ ???  Available for 2022)** |  |  | ?????? |

1. **New Business:**

* UNJPPI (**U**nited **N**etwork for **J**ustice and **P**eace In **P**alestine and **I**srael) letter from Valerie Pitt to Mission & Discipleship request for $1000 for May event - Diane Viney

- An event to be held in London, Ontario.

- Help with costs to cover speakers.

- They did the Taste of Palestine event.

- Lots of ecumenical work being done in Horseshoe Falls.

- This event will focus around the rights of children in Palestine.

- The commission does have budget for event funds.

MOTION: Geof / Phyllis that the Mission and Discipleship Commission approve the allocation of $1000 from the Events Budget to UNJPPI event to be held in London, Ontario in May of 2022.

CARRIED

* There is a need for a rep from this commission to join a planning meeting for MS Grant and Grant awareness in our region. A commitment of at least 2 - 1 hour meetings.

– Dave Jagger and Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa are willing to help

– Commitment is to come to two one-hour meetings

* + Geof Thompson volunteered to attend the meetings
  + Colleen Cavanaugh volunteered to attend the meetings on behalf of the resource centre. Kathy Douglas will be in touch with Geof and Colleen with more details.

1. **Reports:**

* **Kathy**
* Involved with the Love of Creation and Kairos for climate justice.
* There is much “climate grief” among people.
* If you know of people who are climate justice enthusiasts please forward contacts to Kathy for a gathering around climate issues.
* Ministry of Music, note that Ron Klusmeier came to all the events. None of the participants want an honorarium.
* Camps are gearing up, all are anticipating that they are functioning this summer in some capacity. No staff training for the past two years. The cost of food has increased significantly and they need to increase their budgets for food and maintenance.
* This April will showcase a special “CAMPS” eNewsletter for the regions.
* Lonely by Emily White, learning to deal with solitude. An event for ministry personnel. Leadership will be Robin McGauley and facilitated by Kathy Douglas. Geared to faith formation around personnel and the implications of loneliness. Reflections and education piece sessions planned. Cost would be $3,000 + HST can be spread over three regions. Four sessions for ten people. Offering 10 hours of spiritual direction. Send further requests of information to Kathy.
* **Diane MJ**
* Social Justice Network of Regional Councils SJNORC (does not have an HF member). They are planning on bringing folks together from across Canada before the upcoming election. Will be a justice-oriented event online. To start the process of networking. Critical time to get folks together that want to be involved in this work. Relying on the commission to promote as details emerge.
* Update on the Carol Kilby event. Earth Day is a Friday this year. It will be an exclusively virtual event. Carol will host some teaching and conversation with a workshop. The sessions should be recorded and available for communities to use in their own Earth Day events. Please promote when the resources are available.
* Tri-Regional Affirming Network. Consulting with and education to commissions and executives of the region. An event will be held to hear about the Affirming Ministry as a Region and to be engaged more broadly. The planning team will meet tomorrow to begin that process. More details to come.
* **Thérèse**
* Food Justice Network gathering April 21st at 7pm plans being put in place to gather people together for people with a passion for food justice. Soup kitchens, food banks, local and global. What work is being done and to foster a network where people can gather to talk about this justice issue. Geof recommends connecting with the Grimsby Benevolent fund (GBF Community Services) which is not a church affiliated organization but is a well-supported community project.
* Together in Prayer: Medicine Ties end of February 24 people registered. Truth before Reconciliation event in March has 60 people registered. Looking for a representative from the commission. If you would like to represent the commission come early about 20 minutes and 30 minutes post event. Contact Thérèse if you are interested in volunteering to attend this event.
* Acknowledging the Territory - Matthew Stevens putting together a PowerPoint presentation, that congregations can work through at their own pace.
* Selam Debs - Racial Justice course, coming out in the spring. Would be good for those who have already done the racial justice training through United in Learning and looking for deeper work in this area. $300 for a 12-week 6 module course. If interested consult Thérèse. Companion sessions planned for the fall.
* Ruthanna/Michele
* None
* **Phyllis Buckner – UCW**

- July 2022 60th Year Celebration of the UCW - Continuing In Hope. Four worship services available can be shared locally at any time.

- Women of Change for Zambia, $74,500 has been raised so far.

- Friday March 4th World Day of Prayer will have women from Wales, England and Northern Ireland on the planning team, “For I know the plans I have for you”.

1. **Fund Expenses or Adjustments made at this meeting:**

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| **2022 Events Expenses or Adjustments**   **Program:** | **$ Set Aside** | **$ Approved** |
| UNJPPI Event to be held in London, Ontario |  | $1,000 |
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| **2022 Meeting Expenses or Adjustments:** | **$ Set Aside** | **$ Approved** |
| N/A |  |  |

1. **Next Meetings:** March 15th, 2pm
2. **Closing – Michelle Hogman**
3. **Adjournment**