Present: Deborah Laforet (Chair), Jean Bethune, Margaret Blewett, Christina Paradela, Ted Smith, Kate Young, Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa (Executive Minister), Sue Duliban (Executive Assistant),

Regrets: Rhonda Johns, Sybil Wilson

**Opening Worship, Check-in, Acknowledgement of Territory**

**Minutes of Meeting of April 24, 2019**

Accepted as written.

**Minutes of Meeting of December 14, 2018**

Accepted as written.

**Minutes of Meeting of November 20, 2018**

Accepted as written.

Deborah Laforet provided an update on populating commissions. Members of the Transition Commission met on May 8, reviewed the expressions of interest and populated the executive and commissions based. Kate Young emailed those who were named.

A transition/orientation meeting will be held on June 19th at Ryerson Camp. A save the date email will be sent out to the new executive and commissions.

**Business Carried Forward**

1. Mission & Service supplementary grant applications

**MOVED: Robert Lawson, SECONDED: Kate Young**

**That the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the following additional one-time Mission and Service grants for 2019: *See Appendix to Minutes attached.*  CARRIED**

**Correspondence**

1. TUCC letter – To be forwarded to Covenant Commission members

**Congregational Life Cycle and Property (Covenant Commission)**

1. First Grantham Living Faith profile

**That Horseshoe Falls Regional Council affirm the First Grantham United Church living faith profile. AFFIRMED**

1. Elcho

Cheryl-Ann noted that correspondence has been received from the lawyers representing the last two members of Elcho United Church. Appraisal of the property is $55,000.00. However there is no survey of the property and that has to be completed before a land transfer. It is estimated a property survey will cost $3,000.00. In terms of next steps, three trustees need to be appointed and empowered to take the necessary steps to begin the process of listing the property for sale and bring back to the Covenant Commission.

**MOVED: Margaret Blewett, SECONDED: Jean Bethune**

**That the Elcho United Church congregation be disbanded effective immediately.**

**CARRIED**

**MOVED: Kate Young, SECONDED: Robert Lawson**

**That Margaret Blewett be appointed as a trustee for Elcho United Church and that two others be named, to handle the transaction. CARRIED**

3) Pastoral charge supervisors

Port Rowan – Ted Smith is currently serving as pastoral charge liaison and Phyllis Buchner has been serving in the capacity of pastoral charge supervisor. Ted will speak to Phyllis to clarify, to have her continue.

Westminster, St. Catharines – Cheryl-Ann will contact Heather Weaver-Orosz to ask if she will serve as pastoral charge supervisor.

**Pastoral Relations (Human Resources Commission)**

1. Approving calls/appointment

Port Dover/Woodhouse Pastoral Charge

**MOVED: Ted Smith, SECONDED: Robert Lawson**

**That Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the fulltime appointment of Kathryn Vance to Port Dover/Woodhouse pastoral charge, effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, with clarification that as a retired minister she is ineligible for active members group benefits or short and long term disability coverage. CARRIED**

Grace United Church, St. Catharines

**MOVED: Kate Young, SECONDED: Margaret Blewett**

**That Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the renewal of appointment of Maureen Ellison, fulltime, effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 to Grace United Church; subject to confirmation that the congregation is enrolled in the ADP payroll system. CARRIED**

West Plains United Church, Burlington

**MOVED Kate Young, SECONDED: Jean Bethune**

**That Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the fulltime appointment of Philip Gardner to West Plains United Church, effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021. CARRIED**

Lowville United Church, Burlington

**MOVED: Kate Young, SECONDED: Margaret Blewett**

**That Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the part-time call of Kelly Thomson to Lowville United Church effective June 1, 2019. In light of the upcoming start date, the call is conditional upon immediate enrolment in the ADP payroll system and the confirmation offer signed by the congregation and minister. CARRIED**

1. Request for a change in pastoral relations: Christine Hossack

**MOVED: Kate Young, SECONDED: Ted Smith**

**That Horseshoe Falls Regional Council alter the terms of the call for Christine Hossack at Old Windham United Church, from fulltime to halftime effective June 1, 2019, with the compensation package to be adjusted accordingly.**

**Further, that Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve a change in pastoral relations for Rev. Christine Hossack effective August 19, 2019, with the repayment of any moving costs as required. CARRIED**

Horseshoe Falls Regional Council commends the Old Windham United Church congregation to the care of the Minister, Congregational Support and Mission and the Executive Minister. Ted prayed for all.

1. Appointment of liaisons

**MOVED: Ted Smith, SECONDED: Margaret Blewett**

**That Horseshoe Falls Regional Council appoint Paul Miller as pastoral charge liaison for Vineland United Church.**  **CARRIED**

1. St Stephen’s Tansley

Interim ministry was confirmed at the May 8, 2019 meeting of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council.

Request from St. Stephen and Tansley United Churches to utilize endowment fund monies to provide severance.

**MOVED: Kate Young, SECONDED: Jean Bethune**

**That Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the use of funds from the endowment funds of St. Stephen United Church and Tansley United Church to provide a severance package of $10,000 for each of their ministers, as well the employer costs associated with providing a severance package.   CARRIED**

**Commission Planning**

1) Sample Covenant

It was agreed to take the document to the annual meeting for discussion. It was suggested that it would be helpful to have the self assessment piece come to the meeting.

Affirmed

**Other Business**

**MOVED: Kate Young, SECONDED: Jean Bethune**

**That the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the provisional call of Scott Beckett, candidate for ordination, to Trinity United Church, Oakville, effective June 10, 2019 according to the terms recorded on the call form.**

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| **Appendix to Minutes of May 14, 2019** |  |
| **Horseshoe Falls Regional Council: Mission & Service Supplementary Grant Applications - May 2019** |  |
| **Applicant & Project** | **Grant approved** |
| Cave Springs Camp: Cave Springs Integration Program | 5,000.00 |
| Barton-Stone UC, Hamilton - Rainbow Mentors | 2,500.00 |
| Burford UC - Bridging Generations in Small Community | 1,950.00 |
| Central UC Welland: Drop-in | 2,450.00 |
| Fairview UC – Brantford supplementary lunch program for Graham Bell School | 3,039.00 |
| Five Oaks: Roots of Change: Social Justice, Vocation, Leadership and Faith Formation for Youth | 5,000.00 |
| Leadership Development Camp - EQUIP | 2,100.00 |
| McMaster Campus Ministries: Soup and Selah | 4,290.00 |
| Nations Uniting - Indigenous Art Therapy | 5,000.00 |
| Norval UC, Georgetown: Summer camp | 500.00 |
| Per-sisters in Ministry | 4,000.00 |
| Southminster UC, Niagara Falls - Community lunch | 5,000.00 |
| St Paul’s Milton, The Annex | 3,000.00 |
| St. Andrew’s Brantford: Children’s Closet Food Bank | 3,000.00 |
| Sydenham UC - Seasons Bell Lane | 485.00 |
| Trinity Beamsville: Speaker series | 3,950.00 |
| Trinity Thorold: Dec. 2019 Community Supper | 1,000.00 |
| Wellington Square UC - The Hub Inter-Youth Group Project | 5,000.00 |
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