**Congregational Support Commission**

**Horseshoe Falls Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

***Supports, Connects, Empowers Communities of Faith***

***APPROVED Minutes***

**February 23, 2023**

**9am**

***Via Zoom***

**Roster:** (8) Adrianne Robertson, Jane Wyllie, Mary Anderson, Steven Lowden, Judy Chartrand, Shawn Bausch, Jane Capstick, Ross Gowan

**Staff Support:** Rev. Lynne Allin, Minister, Congregational Support and Mission

Michele Petick, Website Management & Administrative Support

Ruthanna Mack, Administrative Assistant, Mission and Finance (on leave)

**Present**: Lynne Allin, Adrianne Robertson, Jane Capstick, Ross Gowan, Mary Anderson, Steven Lowdan, Judith Chartrand, Shawn Bausch,

**Regrets:**

**Absent:**  Jane Wyllie

**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 this meeting of the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council for whatever business may properly come before it. The bounds of the meeting will be the Zoom call.*

The meeting was constituted and opened by: Adrianne Robertson

**Acknowledging the Land:** Adrianne Robertson

**Opening Worship:**

**Opening Motions:**

Approval of Agenda:

**MOTION** byJane Capstick/Ross Gowan that the agenda be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

**Community of Faith Profiles for Creation of a Ministry Personnel Position:**

**Case United Church**

UCC Loan  
$1M renovation  
Budget: Presbytery fees – Assessment?  
Can they afford this for 3 years?   
2023 projections are challenging

MOTION by Jane Capstick/Shawn Bausch That the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the request from Case United Church to full-time (40 hours) category F.

CARRIED

**Other Business:**

* Covenanting Service with Grace UC – Shawn
* Tracking new congregations and arranging for covenanting services:  
  Need volunteer for this:
* Annual Report Tracking -
* Share Greg’s video [https://youtu.be/UNl80iE7Ws0](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2FUNl80iE7Ws0&data=05%7C01%7CLAllin%40united-church.ca%7C8b9ecde00d9443edd3b808dafaf01212%7Ccf18b5a826784011931215f0f7157574%7C0%7C0%7C638098206396530265%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=QQxWiYOG9WnhGD6g8OMBnSDuYbvuGizcPSTGapYC4rY%3D&reserved=0)
* Freelton/Strabane Offer 1,225,000 closing May 20th

**Executive Report:** Adrianne showed Greg’s video at Exec  
 discussion here as to whether we could use Greg’s video  
Lynne will talk to Greg about it

**Staff Reports:**

* Pastoral Charge Supervisor Payment Policy:   
  Lynne and John working on a training video  
  We need to approve the payment policy.
* Deficit Dilemma: 188 attended, fatigue noted
* Pro-active Work with Micol
* Non-United church ministry personnel being hired by HF congregations  
  not insured through UCC, dangerous option

**Next Meeting:**  March 14, 10am

Territorial Acknowledgement:

Worship by: Adrianne

Saturday, April 29 10-3pm Bethel Stone, Paris  
 Big picture ideas, lunch provided

**Affirm Initiatives**

**Section A** Encourage communities of faith to make use of available resources, including the Affirm Network, to discuss issues of inclusion and diversity

**Section B** Encourage conversations with ecumenical and interfaith groups and community partners, especially with our full-communion partners regarding best practices

**Section E** Encourage communities of faith to engage in conversations about making safer spaces within the church and community for people of any sexual orientation or gender identity.

**Sample Motion:**

MOTION by NAME / NAME That the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council … .