**Executive**

**Horseshoe Falls Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

**Minutes June 15, 2023, 12:45 PM (Regional Council Office and via zoom)**

**Roster:** Lennox Scarlett (President), Robert Lawson (Past President), John Hurst (Treasurer), Christina Crawford, Judith Gilliland, Marilyn Johnston, Sula Anne Kosacky, Deborah Laforet, Wendy Lowden, Adrianne Robertson, Pat Tooley, Yvonne Wright, James Grunden

**Regrets:** Pat Tooley

* President Lennox Constituted the Meeting and opened with prayer
* Adrianne Robertson was appointed Minute Secretary for the meeting
* President Lennox invited everyone to introduce themselves and welcomed two new members to the Executive: Christina Crawford and James Grunden
* President Lennox then invited the executive to reflect upon the review which was received in the morning session and upon the suggested priorities as outlined in the report:

Leadership, Communication, Justice/Discipleship & Relationship building.

Some discussion ensued about ideas that were already being generated around gathering everyone in the region for a ‘time of fellowship’ in 2024. Another suggestion was the formation of clusters to help build relationship in localized areas. What about having 4 meetings a year? 2 for business (Sept/May) and 2 for relationship building/worship/learning (Nov/March)

*Some on the executive raised concerns that they needed time to digest the information received from Jenny and Bill that morning and they were not prepared to move to finding ‘solutions’ or ‘actions plans’ at this meeting. Have further discussion at another meeting.*

* Adrianne raised a point of order that we were not following the proposed agenda and we had certain matters of business that needed to be discussed. It became evident that many on the executive did not have the agenda and were not aware of the items in dropbox. The decision was made to move forward with a couple of the time sensitive items and deal with the rest of the business at the regular monthly meeting date of the executive on **Wednesday June 28th at 4pm via ZOOM**
* **To the Question of ‘how do we share the report with the region:**

The executive agreed with the format suggested by Executive Minister Cheryl Ann, at the conclusion of the morning session:

President Lennox to write a letter and include the executive summary which will be sent to those who participated in the questionnaire stage of the review within the next couple of weeks. The full report will be shared with commissions, then executive summary to be more widely shared with the region (newsletter); Fall meeting will provide the region with a ‘map forward’ of how we (the executive/commissions) hope to ‘put into action’ the recommendations and priorities set out in the report.

**MOTION John Hurst/Yvonne Wright:** That the consent docket be approved as circulated and read. **CARRIED**

**MOTION Wendy Lowden/Yvonne Wrights**

That the executive of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council authorize the President, Treasurer and Executive Minister to work with the General Council on clarification of title to the three parcels comprising Teetersville Cemetery and the transfer of same to Norfolk County **CARRIED**

**The meeting adjourned with agreement that unfinished business, including the following, will be added to the Agenda for the June 28th meeting:**

1. Take action on Volunteer Recruitment Proposal to put a Recruitment Team in place (if there is not one) so they can assist with fall orientation and develop a process to recruit lay representatives from congregations. Will Executives work together to develop a mandate for this Committee? If so, please appoint people to do that.
2. Set the date and time of Executive meetings to accommodate new members within the current practice of:

2nd week of month: ARW (currently 2nd Wednesday, 10 AM)

3rd week of month: WOW (currently 3rd Wednesday, 9 AM)

4th week of month: HF (currently 4th Wednesday, 4 PM)

No August meeting

1. Set date, time and location for fall orientation

Recommended agenda for the day: 9 AM: Executive meeting

10 AM: Orientation

Noon: lunch

12:45 PM: Commission meetings (*Is this an opportunity for some Commissions to meet together?*)

1. Anticipate having the draft business trust agreement with Kindred Works soon and need to approve it and approve transfer of properties into it. Possible date for meeting during first week of July. (could this be ready for the June 28th meeting???
2. Proposal 1: Trustees
3. For all three Regional Councils in Fall Meeting Together:

Cycle of meetings: do we need monthly Executive meetings or could we move to bimonthly?

Shared Ministry Agreement: staff and office space