**Discipleship and Justice (Mission and Discipleship) Commission**

**Horseshoe Falls Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

*Supports, Connects, Empowers Communities of Faith*

**2024 Mission Support Grant Meeting**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

***2023/11/28 at 2:30 pm***   
***via Zoom***

**Roster:** Sula Kosacky (Chair), Ryk Brown, Lahring Tribe, Jake Girton, Joe Hopkins, Diane Viney, Mervyn Russell, Michelle Hogman, Irene Ty, Karen Orlandi, Geof Thompson.

**Staff Support:** Kathy Douglas -- Minister, Faith Formation  
 Thérèse Samuel – Minister for Right Relations and Social Justice  
 John Egger - Minister, Social Justice  
 Brenna Baker – Community of Faith Stewardship Support  
 Elizabeth Marshall – Administration

**Present**: ~~Sula Kosacky (Chair)~~, Diane Viney (Acting Chair), Ryk Brown, Lahring Tribe, Jake Girton,Joe Hopkins, Mervyn Russell, ~~Michelle Hogman,~~ Irene Ty, ~~Karen Orlandi~~, ~~Geof Thompson~~.

Kathy Douglas, Thérèse Samuel, John Egger, Brenna Baker, Elizabeth Marshall

**Recused:** The following members declared conflict of interest in the 2024 Mission Support Grant process, and were not present at this meeting:

* Sula Kosacky
* Karen Orlandi
* Geof Thompson

**Agenda**

1. **Acknowledgement of the Land/Territory -** Thérèse
2. **Opening Prayer/Worship;** Lahring
3. **Establishing/reminder of Equity Monitor and Pastoral Presence for our meeting(s):**We all serve in this capacity.
4. **Approval of Agenda for November 28, 2023**

MOTION by *Irene Ty* / *Lahring Tribe* that the Discipleship and Justice Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the agenda as circulated/amended.

MOTION CARRIED

1. **MS Grants:**
   1. **Review of grant applications, discussion and discernment of grant allocations.**

The priorities established for Horseshoe Falls are children & youth, chaplaincy, social justice, and inter-congregational relationships. The Commission will be discussing which of these projects fit best within these priorities. Funds cannot be used for capital projects. Grants need to be dispersed by the end of the year.

Additionally, an organization by the name of “AbbyCo” has promised a $12,000 to Horseshoe Falls Regional Council for the D&J Commission to grant. It was suggested to make decisions on the amount which is currently available ($140,000). Once this piece is complete, then the Commission can look at where money was not granted, and consider where more can be given.

AbbyCo does want to be notified about where the grant money is going, and specifically the projects it will be supporting. Applicants should not be notified about this funding until the money has been received to be dispersed.

The total requested amount is $217,200. There is a total of $140,000 available, leaving a difference of $77,200 (without the additional $12,000 from AbbyCo).

The commission discussed each of the requests and the corresponding application individually. Applications for projects that fit the priorities of the region were assigned a label of support being substantially, or partially. The applications that the commission felt were not within the Regional Council’s priorities were chosen not to receive support. There was a lengthy discussion with mixed voices to come up with an initial list of granting amounts.

There were six (6) applications that stood out to support as much as possible. At 80% of the requested amount for those six (6) applications it would add up to $120,000, leaving only $20,000 to divide. With two projects not receiving support, there would be $35,000 in requested funds remaining. Those projects were allocated 50% of their request, adding up to $150,310 ($15,310 over the $140,000 amount of funds available). The list was reviewed individually to trim and make adjustments to the amounts allocated. There was $16,000 remaining to divide, which provided funds to some of the smaller requests.

After seeing a balance of $140,000 of allocated funds, there were a handful of projects that the Commission saw a lot of potential, granting the additional $12,000 from AbbyCo to the two Ecumenical Chaplaincy programs (Brock & McMaster University) and the three projects from Silver Spire UC (GLI Community Forum, Queer Kid Bible Camp, and the Shower Program).

Krista Ford read aloud the spreadsheet to confirm the funds allocated, listed here.

* 1. **List/chart of grant allocations:**

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| **Organization** | **Program/ Purpose** | **Amount Requested** | **Amount Allocated  to be granted** | **Abby Co Funds** |
| Brock University Ecumenical Chaplaincy | General operations | $11,000 | $10,000 | An additional $1,000 from granted through Abby Co. |
| Cave Springs Camp Inc | Fulltime Program Developer (off-summer) | $40,000 | $32,000 |  |
| Delta United Church | Edith’s Pantry- Food and Personal items | $1,000 | $500 |  |
| Delta United Church | Sunday School Program- Coordinator salary | $2,500 | $2,000 |  |
| Faith United Church | Gore Park Community Outreach | $10,000 | $8,000 |  |
| Five Oaks Centre | Intercultural Program Model: staff time, support for program space and  bursaries, administration time and the development of core curriculum | $10,000 | $5,000 |  |
| Grand River Spiritual and Educational Resources | General Operations | $15,000 | $0 |  |
| McMaster Campus | McMaster Ecumenical Chaplaincy | $6,000 | $5,000 | An additional $1,000 from granted through Abby Co. |
| Silver Spire UC | Guaranteed Liveable Income (GLI) Community Forum | $5,000 | $2,500 | An additional amount of $10,000 from Abby Co will be granted to Silver Spire UC to disperse as they see fit among the three projects. |
| Silver Spire UC | Queer Kid Bible Camp- Week-long camp for 24 kids | $10,000 | $7,000 |
| Silver Spire UC | Shower program | $10,700 | $6,000 |
| St. John’s UC of Georgestown & Glen Williams | Ev’s Kitchen – general operations | $1,000 | $0 |  |
| St. John’s UC of Georgestown & Glen Williams | Food For Life- general operations | $5,000 | $0 |  |
| Trinity United Church | The Hub- Youth Programming in HFRC | $40,000 | $32,000 |  |
| Wesley Urban Ministries | Special Care Unit-Harm Reduction Housing, operational costs | $50,000 | $30,000 |  |
| Total: |  | $217,200.00 | $140,000 |  |

* 1. November 28, 2023 - MOTION Moved by *Ryk Brown/Irene Ty* that the Discipleship and Justice Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the above listed allocations for 2024 Mission Support Grants.  
       
     MOTION: CARRIED
  2. November 28, 2023 - MOTION Moved by *Ryk Brown/Joe Hopkins* that the Discipleship and Justice Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the above listed allocations from the $12,000 AbbyCo grant.  
       
     MOTION: CARRIED

1. **Closing Words –** Joe closed the meeting in prayer.
2. **Adjournment**

**HF D&J Priorities**

**Children & Youth**

**Chaplaincy**

**Social Justice**

**Inter-Congregational Relationships**

**Items tabled for Future Meetings**

* Minutes of October 31, 2023