Horseshoe Falls Regional Council

Of The United Church of Canada

Executive Meeting

November 22, 2023 @ 4:00 PM via Zoom

Present: Lennox Scarlett (President), John Hurst (Treasurer), Christina Crawford, James Grunden, Marilyn Johnston, Deborah Laforat, Yvonne Wright, Debbie McMillan, Jane Capstick (CSC),

Staff: Mark Laird, Acting Executive Minister

Regrets: Adrianne Robertson, Sula Anne Kosacky, Sue Duliban, Executive Assistant

**Constitute Meeting:** President Lennox:I constitute this meeting in the name of Jesus Christ, the one true head of the Church and by the authority vested in me by Horseshoe Falls Regional Council for whatever business may properly come before it. The bounds of this meeting will be the Zoom call.

**Land Acknowledgment:**

President Lennox offered a land acknowledgment for the group reflecting on work to be done by the settler church. He then offered prayers.

**Opening Agreements**

Consent Docket:

Any of the following matters that require discussion can be lifted from the consent docket and voted upon separately:

1. **Enabling Actions**
2. That the proposed Agenda be approved as presented.
3. That the minutes of the October 25, 2023 meeting be approved as distributed.
4. That motions be written and given to the Secretary.

**B.  Correspondence Received**

1. Approval of a Learning Fund Grant Application to attend “Re Generate” course, in the amount of $300.00 submitted by Michael Shewburg.

## **MOTION:** Yvonne Wright / Deborah Laforat

## That the Consent Docket for the HFRC Executive meeting of May 24, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**Business Arising**

1. Commission Reports
   1. Congregational Support Commission: no report at this time
   2. Human Resources Commission: no report at this time
   3. Discipleship and Justice Commission: no report at this time
   4. UCW
2. -Marilyn Johnston shared that the Event for Human Trafficking took place on Saturday. Unfortunately there was a lower turnout then was expected.
3. Brock University Ecumenical Chaplaincy directors

Jess Swance student minister at Delta United Church has expressed interest in serving in this role, awaiting more information to move forward.

1. Volunteer Recruitment Team Mandate: Draft. The draft mandate was shared and given to people to look over, with the intention of discussing its implementation at January, 24th 2024 meeting.
2. Sharing notes from fall meeting Regional Council Evaluation breakout room discussions: how, to whom.

Given for information, to look over and Executive will wait till January to decide how to respond and who to send it too.

1. Spring 2024 Planning team member

Yvonne Wright agreed to be a part of the Spring Planning team with President Lennox.

1. Discussion for Spring Day of Fellowship: President Lennox shared the list of people who are a part of the planning team:

Sula-Ann Kosacky, Gabrielle Heidinger, Tessica Hackshaw, Norma Conkwright, Wandy Burkitt, Ted Smith, Irene Ty, Hewitt Holmes (up until last month) but will serve when needed, Michael Shewburg (will serve when needed), Shelley Lefler, Lennox Scarlett, Dianne Viney, Kathy Douglas.

Confirmed Toronto Mass Choir will perform. Planning team expectations of over 500 people. There was some discussion that the planning team might have to temper their expectations of what might actually be possible. Alexa Gilmore has been approached as a theme speaker. Suggestions of making the promotional video more accessible to people. New video will be made after more details confirmed this weekend. President Lennox asked the Executive to promote this in their other groups and congregations. A budget will be presented to the Executive for them to approve at a later date. A suggestion of charging a small registration fee would be helpful to have people have more buy-in to the event. It was also suggested that the committee think about the food budget.

**New Business**

1. Learning Fund Grant approvals: updated motion

Background: The HFRC Executive in 2020 agreed that straightforward Learning Fund Grant applications (those for Individual Learning Grants, and Event Sponsorship Grants) be processed by staff. Applications for Professional Development Grants and Student Bursaries (ie Interim Ministry, LLWL) will be forwarded to and reviewed by the Horseshoe Falls RC Executive.

**Motion:**  Deborah Laforet/Debbie McMillan

That the regional council Administrative Assistant Finance and Executive Assistant, administer and approve grant applications for regular learning grants to a maximum of $500.00.

**Carried.**

**Upcoming Meeting**

Tri-Regional Executive meeting: Saturday December 2, 9 am – 12:30 pm, via zoom (no Friday evening meeting). Option for HF Executive to meet on own from 1 pm – 2:30 pm, if needed. Notetaker, if needed:

No other December meeting.

Next regular meeting: January 24, 2024, 4 pm, via zoom

**Adjournment.**