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

**Horseshoe Falls Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

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**Draft minutes**

***2024/11/21 via Zoom***

**Roster:** Sula Anne Kosacky , Mervyn Russell, Joe Hopkins, Jake Girton, Geof Thompson. Lahring Tribe, Irene Ty, Phyllis, Parker Neale, Jess Swance, Donalee Williams

**Staff Support:** Kathy Douglas - Minister, Faith Formation

Thérèse Samuel - Minister, Right Relations and Social Justice

John Egger - Minister, Social Justice

Krista Ford – Finance Administration

Greg Smith-Young

Brenna Baker

**Present:** Geof Thompson, Donalee Williams, Jake Girton, Jess Swance, Joe Hopkins, Krista Ford, John Egger

**Agenda**

Joe Hopkins will serve as chair for this meeting as the main focus is regarding the M&S grant application for Cave Springs which Sula has a conflict of interest for.

1. **Acknowledgement of the Land/Territory -** Joe Hopkins
2. **Opening Prayer/Worship –** Joe Hopkins opened with prayer
3. **Establishing/reminder of Equity Monitor and Pastoral Presence for our meeting(s) –** Jess Swance offered to serve in this role
4. **Approval of the Agenda for Nov 21st 2024 meeting**

**MOTION** by Jake Girton / Donalee Williams that the Discipleship and Justice Commission of Horseshoe Falls approve the agenda for Nov 21st 2024 as circulated.MOTION **CARRIED**

1. **Correspondence – see letter from Cave Springs**The letter was read aloud so that all Commission members were aware of the request from Cave Springs to amend their application for the M&S grant application. The change in the application is around the purpose of the funding, the original application was for a Community Engagement Director, the new position will be called Executive Director.  
   The commission discussed the letter, and Geof provided some background on Cave Springs to further help.  
    **MOTION** by Geof Thompson / Jake Girton that the Discipleship and Justice commission of Horseshoe Falls agreed to accept the revised application from Cave Springs an grant them the $32,000 as originally decided upon.  
   MOTION **CARRIED**
2. **Next Meetings:** Nov 28th 2024 at 6 pm via zoom
3. **Equity monitor report –** Jess felt everything went well everyone was given a chance to speak and discuss the matter equally.
4. **Closing Words**It was expressed that some commission members are having challenges with Sharepoint still and that sending an email with the agenda that includes the zoom link would be helpful till this is sorted out.
5. **Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 6:38**

**Items tabled for Future Meetings**

**HF D&J Priorities**

**Children & Youth**

**Chaplaincy**

**Social Justice**