**Executive**

**Horseshoe Falls Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

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

**MINUTES**

**October 23, 2024 4:00 p.m.**

**via Zoom** [**https://united-church.zoom.us/j/85844069795?pwd=Tlb5oaaLmbvIxp1zvhJX7NcfV6PMCk.1**](https://united-church.zoom.us/j/85844069795?pwd=Tlb5oaaLmbvIxp1zvhJX7NcfV6PMCk.1)

**Roster:** Lennox Scarlett (President), Sula Anne Kosacky (President Elect), John Hurst (Treasurer), Wanda Backus-Kelly, Richard Bott, Christina Crawford, James Grunden, Gabrielle Heidinger, Wendy Lowden, Debbie McMillan, Adrianne Robertson, Yvonne Wright

**Staff Support:** Mark Laird, Executive Minister, Max Watkinson, Executive Assistant

**Present:** Lennox Scarlett, John Hurst, Richard Bott, Christina Crawford, James Grunden, Gabrielle Heidinger, Sula Anne Kosacky, Yvonne Wright

**Regrets:** James Grunden

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

**Land Acknowledgement and Worship:**  President Lennox

**Opening Agreements**

Consent Docket

**MOTION:**  **Wendy Lowden / Debbie McMillan**

**That the Consent Docket be accepted.**

**Enabling Actions**

1. That the proposed Agenda be approved as presented.
2. That the minutes of the meeting of September 25, 2024 be approved as distributed.
3. That motions be written and given to the Secretary.

**CARRIED.**

**St Paul Oakville Update**

Harold DeVenne and Candy Allen from St. Paul Oakville shared an update on the sale of the property with the Executive.

**B.**  **Business Arising**

1. Commission Reports
   1. Congregational Support Commission

Adrianne Robertson provided a brief overview of the submitted written report.

* 1. Human Resources Commission

Richard Bott presented a verbal report from the HR Commission, written report to come later.

* 1. Discipleship and Justice Commission

Sula Kosacky gave a summary of the D&J Report via Zoom chat, which was read by President Lennox.

* 1. UCW

A brief update was presented by Wanda Bakus-Kelly.

1. WDHVHF2403

Executive Minister Mark provided an update, still under review, required United Fresh Start modules have been completed.

**New Business**

1. Plan GC45 proposal meeting and review group

Executive Minister Mark suggested that the Executive appoint a planning team to organize proposal meeting as determined in RC meeting. President Lennox, Executive Minister Mark Laird, President Elect Sula Kosacky, Richard Bott and Christina Crawford agreed to participate.

1. Appointment to Commission:

Recommendation from Nominating Committee

**MOTION: Christina Crawford / Sula Kosacky**

**That the HFRC Executive appoint the Donnalee Williams, effective immediately, to the Discipleship and Justice Commission, as recommended by the Nominating Committee.**

**CARRIED.**

1. Student Bursary Request

**MOTION: Yvonne Wright / Debbie McMillan**

**That the HFRC Executive approve the request of $1,000 for a student bursary to be granted from unrestricted reserves to Rob Kennedy.**

Discussion ensued. It was decided that further conversation with the student about next steps in receiving additional support going forward should take place.

**CARRIED.**

1. Intentional Interim Ministry Funding Request-Christina Crawford

**MOTION: Richard Bott / Adrianne Robertson**

**That the HFRC Executive approve the request for $1,550 USD (approx. $1,819.69) to be granted from unrestricted reserves to Christina Crawford.**

Discussion took place, agreeing that a more transparent process for handling grant requests be established.

**CARRIED** *(Christina Crawford officially abstained from this vote.)*

1. Property Fund Discussion: Tues November 5th, 7p.m. (via Zoom)
2. Tri Regional Exec: Friday December 6th (hold all day right now)
3. HFRC New Year’s Social (?)
4. Audited Financial Report

**MOTION: John Hurst / Wendy Lowden**

**That the HFRC Executive approve the audited 2023 Financial Reports.**

**CARRIED.**

1. Debrief Fall Meeting

Next Meeting Date: Wed Nov 27 4pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.