**Minutes**

**Jubilee Council Meeting**

**March 13, 2023**

Present: Kevin Collins (Chair), Rev Norm Seli (Minister), Rev Bri-anne Swan (Minister), Kathy Coats (Finance), Cheryl Colford (Pastoral Care), Fran Crabe (UCW), Brian Kalanda (Property), Pat Lansche (Fundraising Advisory), Pam Lock (Regional Representative / Outreach), Jeanette May (M&P), Barb Measures (Worship), Gary Norris (Treasurer / Trustees), Judy Olson (Secretary), Barbara Rutherford (Facilities)

Regrets: Rick Frise (Trustees)

**Call to Order**

Kevin Collins

* Called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:05 pm

**Prayer**

* Rev Bri-anne

**Agenda Review**

* Added Property Report from Brian Kalanda
* Added Pastoral Care Report from Cheryl Colford

**Approval of Minutes of February 13, 2023 Council Meeting**

*Moved by Jeanette May and seconded by Brian Kalanda that the minutes of the February 13, 2023 Council Meeting be approved.*

*Carried*

**Business Arising from February 13, 2023 Minutes**

**ACTION:** Gary Norris will ask Diane Clare to conduct an analysis of Jubilee givings and report to Council in May 2023.

Jubilee Photo Directory

**ACTION:** Kevin will contact the photo directory company to obtain further details on updating Jubilee’s photo directory and bring it to a future Council meeting.

Legacy Gifts Policy

Rev Norm is having difficulty identifying a family contact of Muriel Hopkins to thank them for the legacy gift to Jubilee.

**ACTION:** Rev Norm will continue to search for a family contact of Muriel Hopkins in order to thank them for the legacy gift to Jubilee.

The Finance Committee is working on developing the Legacy Gift policies and will bring them to a future Council meeting.

**ACTION:** The Finance Committee will draft the recommended Legacy Gift Policies and bring them to a future Council meeting for approval.

**Ministers’ Reports**

Rev Norm Seli and Rev Bri-anne Swan

* Virtual numbers are slightly below Christmas numbers at 160 per week
* In-person numbers are gently increasing to 60-80
* 90 attended the pancake dinner on Shrove Tuesday. The event was simple and the spirit palpable.
* Planning an Earth Day service on April 16. The Green Team is considering projects and involvement in the Earth Day service
* Pastoral care needs are increasing for those attending Resistance Church, which is a sign of community building
* Outreach is being re-imagined to determine what should fall under its mandate. An initial meeting of interested folks is scheduled for March 21
* Youth Group has begun a monthly Bible Study and will also spend social time together

**Refugee Update**

Rev Bri-anne Swan

* Refugee Committee membership includes: Sarah Miller (Chair), Linda Hutson, Claude Hould, Kevin Collins, Val Winters, Toni Capozzi and Rev Bri-anne Swan
  + They are looking for more members

The Al Dahoul Family

* Simon (father), Nour (mother), Jad (3) and Ryan (1)
* Syrian family, but living precariously in the United Arab Emirates
* Paperwork to support this family was submitted to the Canadian Government in December 2022 and now waiting, which could take several years
* Maintaining communication with the Al Dahouls in Syria, and family in Toronto
  + Fundraising is being planned to raise the rest of the required funds, such as a Dinner/Concert/Auction on June 9, 2023 and a Muskoka event
  + Feeling reasonably confident that the additional $35,000 can be raised this year

The Amiryar Family

* Jubilee was approached by Shogoufeh Ramin, a neighbour of Jubilee, to help sponsor her Afghan family who is in hiding from the Taliban in Pakistan
  + - The family consists of: Zobaida (mother) and Mohammed Asmile (father), both former teachers. Mohammed Asmile worked in a ministry related to women’s affairs in the former government.
  + Fahima (sister), women’s rights activist, built a school for women who were not able to access education, and is currently being hunted by the Taliban
  + MuhammadShohaib (brother) and Masooda (sister-in-law), owned a construction company, worked with Canadians and Americans before Taliban takeover, and also being hunted
  + Ghezal (boy 14), Ghasa (boy 12), Taeb (boy 9) and Kosar (girl, 5)
* Because of Jubilee’s commitment to the Al Dahouls, Rev Bri-anne knew that Jubilee couldn’t take on another case without assistance
* Rev Bri-anne approached Jubilee’s and Metropolitan United Church’s (MUC) Refugee Committees for interest in partnering with this sponsorship and both were interested
* MUC’s Board has agreed to move forward in partnership with Jubilee with the full understanding that Jubilee cannot offer fundraising assistance until our financial obligations for the Al Dahouls have been met.
* AURA is aware of the plan, which would involve the following:
* MUC would take on the fundraising so the paperwork can be submitted as quickly as possible. Jubilee could join in the fundraising once the Al Dahoul funds are raised
* Three linked sponsorships: Parents/Adult Sister/Brother, Sister-in-Law, children
* Shogoufeh and her husband are permanent residents and own their own home, so can be named as partners in the sponsorship and will offer housing for the parents and sister
* Total cost for the three linked sponsorships would be approximately $120,000
* Jubilee is looking for a third congregation to join the partnership and hopes to have it finalized within the next couple of months
* Shogoufeh has other family and friends in Canada who are willing to contribute financially
* MUC’S Refugee Committee includes a military veteran who has access to at least two different refugee funds that support Afghan refugees, particularly those who assisted Canadian and American Forces.
* It was suggested that Jubilee consider an Anglican partner for this sponsorship. Rev Norm is already part of an existing Anglican project and will discuss possibilities with Rev Bri-anne.

*Moved by Rev Bri-anne Swan and seconded by Pam Lock that Jubilee United Church enter into a partnership with Metropolitan United Church to sponsor the Amiryar family to Canada.*

*Carried*

**Treasurer’s Report**

Gary Norris

* Received monies from Muriel Hopkins Estate of $103,520.
* Rev Norm advised that another legacy gift has been received, which will be forwarded to Kathy Coats on the Finance Committee
* The Treasurer’s Report will only be placed on the Council agenda quarterly in April, June, September and November.
* For the intervening months, the Treasurer will upload the monthly financial reports to the Jubilee Council Google drive, and any questions can be addressed to him directly

**Finance Committee**

Kathy Coats

* Kathy introduced herself as the new Co-Chair of Finance Committee and she will be attending Council meetings
* Christine Petrie, Co-Chair of Finance Committee, would like to develop a presentation for the congregation on legacy planning
* There have been several meetings with Jubilee’s investment advisor

**Fundraising Advisory Committee**

Pat Lansche

* Pat was introduced as the new Chair of the Fundraising Advisory Committee
* The Committee has determined that allevents require the same preparation and planning, so they would like to change the mandate and name of their committee to cover all events, not just fundraising events
* Pat will keep Council apprised of upcoming events and fundraisers.

*Moved by Pat Lansche and seconded by Gary Norris that the Fundraising Advisory Committee expand its mandate to support all events.*

*Carried*

*Moved by Pat Lansche and seconded by Gary Norris that this expansion of mandate be identified by officially changing the name to the Fundraising and Events Support Committee*.

*Carried*

**New Business**

**Feedback on AGM**

* The meeting was well organized
* Slide show for the Budget developed by Rev Bri-anne was very well received
* Year in Review was well done by Rev Bri-anne.
* Lunch was great, but it was suggested that some sandwiches be made with whole wheat bread
* Following the lunch, most of the attendees were members of Council or Jubilee Committees

**Facilities**

Brian Kalanda

* Doors have arrived in Canada but the company is now installing the glass in the doors
* Installation of LED lighting in the Sanctuary is 80% complete. More LED work will be done in the auditorium

**Pastoral Care**

Cheryl Colford

* Cheryl was welcomed as the new Chair of Pastoral Care
* Cheryl is proposing an event to celebrate Earth Day on April 22, from 2 - 5 pm, which will include a movie, “Gnomio and Juliette”, snacks and an activity of painting garden gnomes
  + Cheryl will present the proposal to the Fundraising and Events Support Committee
* Pam Lock stated that funds would be available for this from the Outreach Program and Rev Norm advised that there is a Pastoral Care budget as well

**Welcome to New Council Member**

* Barbara Rutherford was welcomed as the new interim chair of the Facilities Committee

**Closing Prayer**

Rev Norm

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.