

GRACE UNITED CHURCH SPECIAL OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING – ON ZOOM

January 6, 2022

PRESENT: Rev. Warner Bloomfield, Gail Squires, Louise Farrar, Linda McKay, Gwen Chapman, Roger Waldren, Joanne Miron, Joyce Fleet, Burton Jones, Susan Baker, Sandy Murphy, Brian Ricker, Karen Anger.

REGRETS: Sharon Fleguel, Marnie Green.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Louise Farrar at 7:34 pm with 13 members present. Warner opened the meeting with a prayer.

MOTION #59/21	To approve the Agenda for meeting.		
Moved: Joyce Fleet	Seconded: Gwen Chapman	- Carried	

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Recommendation from the Reopening Committee

MOTION:

The Reopening Committee recommends the following:

- 1) *Online worship to continue in the present form until the end of February.*
- 2) *Employees work from home as much as possible; come into the building only when office resources are required.*
- 3) *The church building is to be closed to mid-week groups until the end of February.*
- 4) *AGM to be postponed until March 6, 2022.*
- 5) *The Reopening Committee to meet toward the end of January to review the situation.*

Note: Church service will be filmed from the church at the present time.

MOTION #60/21	To approve Recommendations from the Reopening Committee		
Moved: Brian Ricker	Seconded: Joyce Fleet	- Carried	

2. Presentation of Proposed Budget for 2022

- a) Communications Committee budget. The explanation for large increase in this budget included the transfer of some items from other committees and new responsibilities. It was pointed out that grant money is included in the income section of statement not expenses and the fact that budgets are guidelines only. Budget line titled Training expense for \$200 was left out. This was for small miscellaneous expenses. These items should still be approved before purchase.
- b) PAR services charges are only 50 cents and if e - transfers were adopted then church members may be paying for the service.
- c) Budget amounts for some utilities went down due to work done by property committee to make heating/lighting more efficient which should lower costs.
- d) Should cost of property assessment be in budget? Property Committee reported that this is not an immediate cost and no decisions have been made at this time to move in that direction. Increasing budget line for insurance would be sufficient at this time.