

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
SOUTHMINSTER-STEINHAUER UNITED CHURCH**

DATE: October 20, 2022 LOCATION: In-person and Zoom

		Present	Absent
Chair	Joanne Van Beek	X	
Vice-Chair	Rebecca Aiken	X	
Secretary	Meredith Krayenhoff		X
Treasurer	Kim Boyes	X	
Ministry Team	Nancy Steeves	X	
	Christopher New	X	
Congregational Care	Berni Hardin	X	
Finance/Stewardship	Bill Hibbard	X	
Ministry & Personnel	Lynne Wolford	X	
Outreach	Marg Hetherington	X	
Property Maintenance	Andrew Redeker	Zoom	
SSUC Saskatoon	Trisha Little (temporary secretary)	Zoom	
Spiritual Gatherings	Charles Bidwell		X
Affirm	Janet Campbell		X
Labyrinth Committee	Jo Nicholas	X	

1.0 Call to Order

Joanne Van Beek called to order at 5:05pm

2.0 Opening

Joanne lit a candle for the light that Nancy has been for all of us over the years and in celebration of Nancy's birthday.

3.0 Adoption of Agenda for October 20, 2022 (Appendix A)

MOTION: That the agenda for October 20, 2022 be adopted as revised.

Moved: Bill Hibbard

Seconded: Berni Hardin

Carried

4.0 Adoption of Minutes of September 20, 2022 (Appendix B)

MOTION: That the minutes for September 20, 2022 be adopted as recorded.

Moved: Lynne Wolford

Seconded: Bill Hibbard

Carried

5.0 Matters Arising from Minutes -

5.1 Updated SSUC Board Meeting Schedule (2022-2023) was received for information and distributed to all board members. **(Appendix C)**

6.0 Error noted on minutes of May 17, 2022, Item 7.0

The Treasurer's report was presented by Bill Hibbard and Kim Boyes (not Charles Bidwell) – noted and will be changed in the records.

7.0 Treasurer's reports and financial statements - Kim Boyes / Bill Hibbard (Appendix D & E)

- Kim shared that we seem to be on track. She will approach the Garneau Refugee fund representative to see if those funds can be rolled into our General Refugee Fund.
- Bill shared that we are about \$10,000 short on the income side but costs are lower than projected. Fundraising has been more successful than anticipated (by ~\$6000). We are in a better financial position than we thought we were going to be at this time.
- The Stewardship campaign will take place in November. Rebecca suggested that it would be helpful to have someone speak at the Spiritual Gatherings during the timeframe of the campaign to highlight the work of the SSUC and the information sent in the mail-out.
- Bill asked each committee to begin thinking about their budget requirements for 2023 and to submit them by the January 19, 2023 Board meeting. Bill will contact board members who were not present on Oct 20, 2022 about this request.

MOTION: That the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

Moved: Bill Hibbard

Seconded: Kim Boyes

Carried

During the discussion, Rebecca also suggested that printed versions of the e-messenger be available in the foyer for members to peruse while at the Gathering and return to the basket for others to read if desired. This was the practice before Covid.

8.0 Bequest from Colin Hatcher

The executor for the estate of Colin Hatcher (his daughter) informed Nancy that one quarter of her father's RIFF will be donated to SSUC. Colin was a member of Knox Metropolitan United, but being that church is closed the executor has chosen SSUC. The daughter will be asked if there was some aspect of church life or causes that would have been close to Colin's heart

9.0 Fundraising reports - Chris New and Marg Hetherington (Appendix F)

9.1 Chris referred to the document Fundraising Ideas Session and how that might look for future fundraisers, particularly finding ways to offer events (concert series, carnival, on-line cooking with a chef, etc) that would appeal to the larger community. That being said, being the Cookie Walk leaders have stepped down, it is suggested that there not be a Cookie walk this year.

9.2 Marg, Bill and Joy Hibbard and Marilyn and Duke McPherson are offering to organize a fundraiser on Saturday Dec 3 (usually the Cookie Walk day). It was initially presented as a catered dessert party for 120 – 150 people, adult only evening with conversation, focussed time with music periodically (perhaps a sing-along). Rebecca suggested that, with minor adjustments, the event could include children and Marg will bring that back to the planning team.. It was thought that a donation rather than selling tickets would make it more inclusive. The May/June garage sale is hopefully still a possibility as it is traditionally our largest fundraiser.

10.0 Transition Team – Chris New (Appendix G)

Chris presented the Transition Team Terms of Reference for bringing 8 or 9 folk together to make recommendations to the SSUC board regarding the congregation's desired focus, vision, medium/long-range goals, and the associated staffing needs in 2023 and beyond. Chris and Joanne have developed a list of folks that represent the diversity of SSUC re: age, experience and life situations. They will be inviting folks from this list to be a part of this ad hoc committee.

MOTION: That the SSUC Board strike a Transition Team that will function as an ad hoc committee of the board according to the Transition Team Terms of Reference (attached). The Transition Team will be populated and have their first meeting prior to the November 2022 Board meeting.

Moved: Bill Hibbard

Seconded: Lynn Wolford

Carried

11.0 Labyrinth proposal – Jo Nicholas (Appendix H)

Jo Nicholas reported that the 20 year old labyrinth has limitations that detract from safety/inclusion. They would like permission to purchase a labyrinth from Veriditas which would cost approximately \$7000 including shipping and duties. There is \$9760 in the Labyrinth Fund.

MOTION: That SSUC purchase a new canvas labyrinth according to the attached proposal not to exceed the amount in the labyrinth fund.

Moved: Bill Hibbard

Seconded: Berni Hardin

Carried

12.0 SSUC Saskatoon report – Trisha Little (Appendix I)

- Report by Trisha Little was accepted as presented.

13.0 Committee Updates

13.1 Communications (Information only – Appendix J)

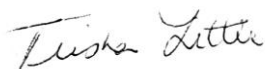
13.2 Outreach and Housing (Appendix K): Marg Hetherington shared the Outreach report highlighting the numerous organizations/projects supported by SSUC. The report was accepted as presented. When asked about the housing projects, Marg was not sure but suggested that Maie Kellerman should be given a space at the board level to give a report on the Right at Home project.

14.0 Insurance: Bill mentioned that for the past couple of years we no longer got insurance through the national church, forcing us to find another insurance carrier. Effective, December 1, 2022, congregations who participate in The General Insurance Plan For The United Church Of Canada (as we do), will be self-insured by The United Church of Canada on identical terms to the coverage now in place through our insurer, Royal and Sun. We will leave this in the hands of the Trustees.

15.0 Next Meeting: November 17, 2022 at 5:00pm

Adjournment: 7:10pm by Joanne Van Beek

_____ Chair, Joanne Van Beek



Secretary, Trisha Little for Meredith