

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

DATE: Feb 19, 2023

LOCATION: Zoom

		Present	Absent
Chair	Joanne Van Beek	x	
Vice-Chair	Rebecca Aiken	x	
Secretary	Meredith Krayenhoff	x	
Treasurer	Kim Boyes	x	
Ministry Team	Christopher New	x	
Transition team**	Joyce Madsen	x	
Congregational Care	Berni Hardin	x	
Finance/Stewardship	Bill Hibbard	x	
Ministry & Personnel	Jacob Kellerman	x	
Outreach	Marg Hetherington	x	
Property Maintenance	Andrew Redeker	x	
SSUC Saskatoon	Trisha Little	x	
Spiritual Gatherings	Marilyn Blackall	x	
Affirm	Janet Campbell	x	

1.0 Call to Order

Joanne Van Beek called to order at 7:08 pm. We welcomed new member Marilyn Blackall to the board. She is the new member and chair of the Spiritual Gatherings Committee.

2.0 Opening - Chris New

Chris told a story about new members finding us through a google search for a church friendly to LGBTQ+, and how this related to our vision and mission. We reflected on this as a board, to connect with why we do the work we do.

3.0 Adoption of Agenda as revised for Feb 19, 2023 (Appendix A)

MOTION: to accept the agenda as revised.

Moved: Kim Boyes

Seconded: Bill Hibbard

Carried

4.0 Adoption of Minutes of January 19, 2023 (Appendix B).

MOTION: That the minutes of January 19, 2023 be adopted as recorded.

Moved: Bill Hibbard

Seconded: Trisha Little

Carried

5.0 Matters Arising from Minutes of January 19, 2023

6.0 Nomination Team Update - Chris New

Chris gave a Nomination team update. There is a tentative vice chair: Heather Gates, but not confirmed yet. Property maintenance committee has potential co chairs, also not confirmed. M&P committee: Jacob and Dale have been doing the majority of the work; several others are looking to join. Berni is working on inviting members to the congregational care committee, which is short staffed. Trustees are being replaced by the AGM. Affirm team needs more members, and is next to be addressed.

7.0 Treasurer's report and financial statement – Kim Boyes (Appendix C, D & E)

2022 numbers have been finalized, to be reported on at AGM. Deficit of \$16,500. Things have been improving (rentals, fundraising), since opening up from the pandemic. \$16-17,000 in our refugee fund to support those coming in March.

MOTION: to accept the treasurer's report and financial statement.

Moved: Bill Hibbard

Seconded: Rebecca Aiken

Carried

8.0 Emberwood Request - Joanne/Chris (Appendix F)

Requesting the use of program rooms 1 and 2: 1 being a space that they would use but would still be available for other programs, and 2 being a dedicated Emberwood office space.

MOTION: To approve Emberwood's request to utilize program rooms 1 and 2 as per details in written request.

Moved: Marilyn Blackall

Seconded: Kim Boyes

Carried

9.0 Refugee News and Updates - Marg Hetherington

A Syrian family is arriving in Edmonton on March 2. They left Syria, were refugees in Turkey for 2 years, recently escaped the earthquake, from which their home was destroyed. The brother's family was sponsored several years ago. \$31,108 is required for this sponsorship, and we now have \$17,000. The rest will need to be from fundraising or special designation. Seeking a welcoming and support committee, goods gathered, and an apartment is being sought out. Report accepted as presented.

10.0 Request to designate Rev. Gordon Oaks as an Honorary Associate Minister of SSUC - Chris New

As Gordon Oaks is no longer working in a ministry role, he no longer has the ability to officiate weddings. He asks to have honorary associate minister status with SSUC for 2023 so he has the ability to perform marriage ceremonies as needed in Alberta.

MOTION: That the SSUC board appoint Gordon Oaks as an Honorary Associate Minister with SSUC for 2023.

Moved: Bill Hibbard

Seconded: Janet Campbell

Carried

11.0 Cheque Signing Authority - Bill Hibbard

MOTION: The Southminster-Steinhauer (SSUC) board authorizes Board chair Rebecca Aikken-Bailey, Treasurer Kim Boyes, Chair of Finance Committee William Hibbard, and past Chair Joanne Van Beek to be signing authorities with Servus Credit Union, while removing Charles Bidwell. This is to be effective as of March 5th, 2023.

Moved: Kim Boyes

Seconded: Bill Hibbard

Carried

12.0 SSUC Transition Team Update - Joyce Madsen

The members of the transition team are grateful for the flexibility the board and congregation has provided during the transition. The members are very engaged in the process, to listen and discern the needs of the SSUC for the future. They feel they need as much flexibility as possible

for this process. Feedback is rolling in. Once we know where we need to go, we can determine the costs of same.

The team feels that the staffing budget should not be reduced for 2023, as they feel this will undermine their confidence that they have the resources to fulfill any dreams identified.

The transition team is requesting a budget of \$6000 for a \$5000 consulting fee for Katharine Weinmann, and \$1000 to cover the costs of lunches and supplies as they host events.

MOTION: That we add \$6000 to board expenses to cover the consulting fee and cost of supplies as requested by the transition team.

Moved: Bill Hibbard

Seconded: Kim Boyes

Carried

13.0 Budget 2023 Draft Discussion - Bill Hibbard/Kim Boyes (Appendix G)

Numbers have been changed in the refugee budget and board expenses to account for recent changes and requirements. Interest on investments is a potential source of extra funding for refugee support. SSUC Saskatoon numbers were adapted. No decision was made regarding the budget. Bill will get more details organized and the conversation will continue via email, with a final meeting likely being called to agree on a unified budget before the AGM.

14.0 March 5, 2023 AGM Preparation - Joanne Van Beek

We need to appoint a parliamentarian and a guardian; Joanne will approach members of the congregation to fill these roles. Chris, along with Joanne and Rebecca will help with establishing an agenda, and Chris will put together a tech team for the online portion of the meeting. Food: we have several dozen muffins, and the rest will be provided by a potluck. Janet will put something in the bulletin about the potluck plan.

15.0 Status report from SSUC Saskatoon - Trisha.

Funds for boilermaker are being sent. Chop and chat: SSUC Saskatoon will serve a meal to the inner city on the second Wednesday of every month. Verbal report accepted as shared.

16.0 Next Meeting: to be determined, through a Doodle poll. Meredith to send this poll out.

Adjournment: 9:23 p.m. by Joanne Van Beek

_____ Chair, Joanne Van Beek

_____ Secretary, Meredith Krayenhoff