

MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

Date: January 16, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm

IN ATTENDANCE

Role	Name	Present	Absent
Chair	Rebecca Aiken	X zoom	
Vice-Chair	Maie Kellerman	X	
Secretary	Tori Bardell	X	
Treasurer	Kim Boyes	X	
Minister	Christopher New	X	
Congregational Care	Berni Hardin	X zoom	
Finance/Stewardship	Bill Hibbard	X	
Ministry & Personnel	Esther Oaks	X	
Outreach	Marg Hetherington	X zoom	
Property Maintenance	Jo Nicholas Sandra Hildebrand	X X	
SSUC Saskatoon	Trisha Little	X zoom	
Spiritual Gatherings	Marilyn Blackall		X
Affirm	Janet Campbell	X zoom	
Trustees			
Guests			

CALL TO ORDER – 6:33PM

MISSION FOCUS MOMENT

Rebecca shared a moment – meet & greet on Sunday, new members discussed importance of community and connection, enjoyed service – positive and refreshing experience!

Saskatoon (Trisha) – living skies and northern spirits gathering, discussed celebrations of ~~2023-~~ 2024 National Affirming PIE Day (Public, Intentional, Explicit)... moving into 25 years! Implementation team is creating an actual position for affirming: Pie in the public square (?) is the theme. She noted that it's appropriate that SSUC's Implementation team is creating an actual position for affirming;

Bill came across a list of 25 names from families who have joined over the years – very good to see that!

Light candle at 6:35

Recognize we gather with spirit of togetherness and connection – this flame is a reminder of those who have entrusted us with this responsibility.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

One change – 9C Outreach does not have to happen tonight
Move to adopt, Bernie, Trisha 2nd – all in favour, none opposed
Adopted 6:43 pm

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Distributed a couple of times via email. Note – change date to November of 2024, not 2023.
Joe moved approval, Bill 2nd – all in favour, none opposed
Adopted 6:45pm

WELCOME SECRETARY

Welcome Tori Bardell as Board Secretary.

Discuss new employees as we move forward. May wait until after AGM, perhaps schedule something in March or April; parked for now.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Emberwood update:

- *reviewed presentation
- *reviewed ledger

Zoe & Allison

- Back country solo trip
- Ran a lodge eco therapy program
- Ran solstice program, candlelit labyrinth walk
- Pop-up event (quarterly)
- Full Moon event
- New Year's Resolution gathering
- ... upcoming darning project, and much more!

Theory of Change

Commented [A1]: I'm not sure what this section refers to...new employees or new board members? No memory of this.

Optional offering through United Church of Canada – hones in on the direction of SSUC ... program logic model shared.

Bill – is trying to put together a budget, noted difficulty with the deficit.

Can we increase fees to offset costs?

- Always struggle with keeping this balance.

Emberwood's money runs through our account, not an income expense statement because it functions as is a fund.

How can we connect more with Emberwood? Noted there are 2 separate entities that require more integration. There is value in getting to know people. Journey is started and will continue ...

1. Share Emberwood's mission statement
2. Share SSUC values
3. More opportunities for gathering, take up Emberwood's invitations to participate

Fees, costs, location, and logistics may play a role in participation at events.

2. Establishment of Building Use/Rental ad-hoc committee:

**had been parked from earlier agenda due to time constraints*

Members to look at areas to review as needed – rate letters, communications, processes, user qualifications alignment, etc. ...

Established a fee for long term rentals; who is the target for renting the space, how serious are we about being landlords? Do we need an ad-hoc committee?

Bill – we should have a meeting to grapple with this idea, but not this meeting.

Maie - strongly recommend setting up a committee of 3-4 volunteers, including both Chris and Aynsley, a property maintenance person, and willing volunteer(s).

*Jo will organize this meeting.

3. Jeffery Straker fundraiser – Maie

Mary MacFarlane suggested this concert as a fundraiser - for the refugee fund.

- Suggest September 2024
- Suggest this event not be SSUC concert, but go to local community (*not always going after same pockets*)
- Fee would be half the revenue
- \$20-\$25 per ticket, maybe more
- Suggest Wednesday or Thursday – after Labour Day, before Thanksgiving

4. Reports / Updates

a) SSUC Saskatoon Report

Trisha – December was busy with ICM; 85 people at inner city event; hampers and toys for little ones.

The potluck on 17th was wonderful.

Affirming – moving forward, meeting this Sunday.

- b) M&P Esther Ministry and Personnel Committee
 - Shortlisted and interviewing 2 positions
 - Lesley Mitchell will liaise with Marketing/Digital Content Coordinator
 - Committee of Orientation from the Northern Spirit Region needed.
 - Referred to Terms of Reference but requires additional guidance.

- c) Affirm change from Team ministry to Solo ministry – Chris would like to speak to the whole M&P committee; this should take place at AGM. Adam Hall Regional Personnel Ministry will welcome an invitation to attend.

- d) What do committees do with their reports?
 - Hard copies in binder in office. Any confidential material should not be included in filed minutes.

- e) Create process to include in orientation.

- f) Finances/Treasurer's Report
 - Kim – after November statements we were negative \$34,000, but only negative \$7,000 by year end now – amazing!
 - Trustees recent removal of investments from particular Canoe Financial funds that were deemed is not compatible with SSUC's ethical investment policy.
 - Special Events Fund is currently negative – Ivan Coyote & T-Shirts expenses.

- g) PMT – awaiting good weather to set date for windows

- h) Confirm cost of repair for elevator doors, in case of not passing inspection.

5. Nominating committee for vacant positions

Tabled for now. Chris and Maie will meet re: nominating committee

6. AGM

- AGM date – set for Sunday, March 10, 2024 following Sunday gathering service
 - AGM Agenda in February should be sent out – yes.
- All AGM annual reports to be submitted by Feb 15 from all committees and groups
Committees to inform Christ church office
- All committees are reminded to confirm with members Who is staying on for another year, who is going?
 - If chairs are leaving, what is succession plan?

7. Next Board Meeting: Feb 13~~20~~, 2024

- Chair and vice chair terms to be discussed.

ADJOURN – 8:39PM