**Executive**

**Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

**Minutes Sept 19 2024**

**Zoom**

**Roster:** Rebekah Duncan (President Elect), Dawn Blanchard (Recording Secretary), Andrea Allan, Ann Harbridge, Andrew Hyde, Beth Kerr, Cathy Larmond, Heather Leffler, Terry Smith 

**Staff Support:** Mark Laird, Executive Minister**,** Max WatkinsonExecutive Assistant

**Regrets:**  Jennifer Irving (President), Brent Caslick (Treasurer)

**Welcome/Constitute Meeting/Acknowledging the Land:**

President Elect Rebekah opened the meeting by lighting a candle constituting the meeting.

**Opening Worship**

*Check In*  - round table – highlight of our summers, favourite smell

*Land Acknowledgement* - For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We acknowledge that collectively we are situated on the diverse traditional lands of the Petun, Anishinabewaki, Huron-Wendat peoples. Mississauga's of the New Credit, Attawondron, Anishinaabe, Haudenesaune, the Anishinabek Nation, the people of the three fires known as the Odawa, Ojibway and Potawatomi First Nations, the Chippewas of Saugeen, the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, Attawandaron, and Anishinabeg.

We acknowledge the enduring presence of First Nation, Métis and Inuit people on this land and are committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect.

**Opening Agreements**

Consent Docket    - MOTION approved by consensus.

Waterloo Wayside Community Services of The United Church of Canada

 ...based on the guidance received from General Council Staff, pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve Articles of Incorporation dated July 5, 2024 of the Category 1 incorporated ministry known as Waterloo Wayside Community Services of The United Church of Canada

*Further to the June 18th Regional Council Executive motion the Certificate of Incorporation has been received and the IM board continues to work on its by-laws.*

**Business Arising**

Commission Reports

HR report as per Sharepoint - as per report

Human Resources  - name change to Pastoral Relations requested

Request to WOW RC Executive for name change of Human Resources > to Tri-Regional Executive meeting in December

Discipleship and Justice  - as per report

Congregational Support – as per report

**New Business**

Finance update-re property policy task group – Ann, Terry, Brent & Mark – Summer 2023 motion was passed that all interest was to go back into the operating account. Updates were not made to the Governance Handbook. Property Fund – we have a fund available. Bring to Fall Regional Council Meeting for decision making. PTTC Fund.

Motions are for clarification -

On recommendation from our auditors to have a clear dollar amounts available each year, the executive moved from percentages of funds to 15% of this year's fund.

Motion Direct Executive Assistant to update Governance Handbook for the terms of reference for the Ministry with Youth and Young Adults Fund under available funds to “Maximum of $65,000 to be granted annually”,

and

Direct Executive Assistant to update Governance Handbook for the terms of reference for the Rural Ministry Leadership Fund under available funds to “Maximum of $9,000 to be granted annually, $3,000 of which is reserved for LLWL initiatives”,

and

Direct Executive Assistant to update Governance Handbook for the terms of reference for the Congregation Education and Training Fund under available funds to “Maximum of $7,000 to be granted annually”.

Motion – Andrew H Second Terry carried

Category H Commissioners

We suggest 2 or 3 names and GC will choose from the list for diversity.

Proposal for Bridge loan & grant, Clergy Fund

Next Meeting Oct 16/24 9:30 am

Of note: Please use [clarmond@tcc.on.ca](mailto:clarmond@tcc.on.ca) for Cathy Larmond. Thank you!