

**Hope Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday, March 16, 2024**

Present: Bill Fehr, Shirley Forwell, John Musgreave, Jan Nilsson, Gerry Owen, Pastor Terry Richardson, Audrey Strauss, Randi Turner

Excused: Peter Clark, Doug Roszmann

1. Opening Prayer
2. Review of Agenda. John asked to report on the Reconciliation Workshop under New Business.
3. Election of Council. (There were 2 members of council absent from this meeting)  
**Move we postpone the election of council until the meeting in April/s/c.**
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting. To 10. New Business: add John Musgreave in the list of names who have volunteered leadership roles in the Reconciliation workshop held March 8 and 9, at Brechin United Church.  
**Move to adopt the minutes of January 20, 2024/s/c.**
5. Pastor's Report. Pastor noted that the report covered 2 months.  
**Motion to receive the report/s/c.**
6. Governance. Discussed changes to the schedule; will approve them at the next meeting.
7. Correspondence. There was no correspondence.
8. Old Business.
  - a. Reconciliation Update. John gave a brief summary of the workshop held at Brechin United Church March 8 and 9, 2024. Attendance on Friday, Mar 8 was 90 and Saturday, Mar 9 was 75. There was an estimated surplus of \$3,000 of which \$1,000 will be distributed to Hul'q'umin'um language classes and \$1,500 to support the next Reconciliation event, a documentary, "Winds of Change: Truth, Art & Reconciliation" to be shown at Malaspina Theatre, Wednesday, May 8, at 8 pm. The planning committee consists of representatives from Hope, Brechin United, Holy Trinity Catholic Church and United Way.
  - b. Reconciliation Committee. Council discussed the idea of creating a committee devoted to reconciliation.  
**Move that we amend our policy to allow the creation of adding a committee named Ministry Through Reconciliation and appoint a member to liaise the committee/s/c.**
9. Committee Reports
  - a. Continual Learning: Shirley Forwell. There was no report.
  - b. Fellowship/membership: Bill Fehr. Emailed and attached.
  - c. Financial Stewardship: Jan Nilsson. There was no report.
  - d. Property: Doug Roszmann. Emailed and attached.
  - e. Witness and Mission: Audrey Strauss. The committee would like to accept a proposal of an awareness/fundraiser event following a Sunday service in the Spring. The aim is to bring an Afghani family to Nanaimo.

- f. Worship: Peter Clark. Emailed and attached. Pastor discussed amending the version of the acknowledgement that we currently have. He asked that council consider the amendment as printed in the zoom service document: We express our appreciation for being able to meet on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation. May we always look for ways to confront past injustices and support Snuneymuxw governance and jurisdiction, and that we discuss it at our next meeting.

**Move to receive the reports/s/c.**

10. Treasurer's Report: Gerry Owen. Emailed and attached.

**Move to adopt the report/s/c.**

11. New Business

- a. Discussion on making our church a welcoming place. Was not discussed.
- b. Discussion on a renewed Vision and Mission process. Was not discussed.
- c. Seeking insurance quote from Ecclesiastical. Jan will contact them for a quote so we can compare it to our current insurance provider.

12. Next Meeting Dates

**Executive: Friday, April 12, 2024 @ 10:30 am**

**Council: Saturday, April 20, 2024 @ 9 am**

13. Closing Prayer

14. Adjournment @ 10:23 am

**Action:**

1. **All council members to reflect on their role on council. Members to consider taking the role of chair or vice chair.**
2. **Randi to amend the Governance Schedule as discussed at the meeting and forward to council members.**
3. **All council members to consider the proposed updated version of the acknowledgement statement for discussion at our next meeting.**
4. **Jan to contact Ecclesiastical for an insurance quote.**