

Executive
Antler River Watershed Regional Council
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Holding and Encouraging Communities of Faith

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 1 p.m. via zoom

Roster: Joyce Payne (President), Karlene Brown-Palmer, Doug Cameron (Treasurer), Richard Dalton, Elizabeth Dunn, Lorna Gardner, Deanna Gibson, Louise Hall, Doreen Hewitson, Brenda MacMain, Kenji Marui, Bill Rothernel, Marie Santos, Diane Skomash, Carey Wagner

Staff Support: Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa, Executive Minister
 Sue Duliban, Executive Assistant

Present: Joyce Payne, Richard Dalton, Elizabeth Dunn, Deanna Gibson, Louise Hall, Doreen Hewitson, Brenda MacMain, Kenji Marui, Bill Rothernel, Marie Santos, Diane Skomash, Carey Wagner

Regrets: Karlene Brown-Palmer, Doug Cameron

Acknowledgement of territory and opening prayer: President Joyce shared a few thoughts from Rev. Cameron Trimble during this time of pandemic and offered a prayer. Executive members were invited to share church and personal updates.

Welcome and Constitution of Meeting (President Joyce): I constitute this meeting in the name of Jesus Christ, the one true head of the Church and by the authority invested in me by the first meeting of the Antler River Watershed Regional Council for whatever business may properly come before it.

Consent Docket

The Executive of Antler River Watershed Regional Council agrees by consensus to **accept** the consent docket as updated.

A. Enabling Actions

1. That the Agenda be adopted as circulated.
2. That the minutes of the April 8, 2020 meeting be approved as distributed.
3. That motions and proposals be written and given to the Secretary.

B. Antler River Watershed Regional Council (7) Omnibus motion – May 13, 2020

MOVED Kenji Marui / Carey Wagner That the Antler River Watershed Regional Council (7) Executive take the following action:

- a. Camp Tanner Inc.
 ...approve the Camp Tanner Inc. 2019-2020 Board of Directors
 Graham Anderson
 Margaret Dykeman
 Sheila Greason
 Noretta Henderson
 Christina Husband
 Thomas Knoops
 Mary Ellen Perrin
 Megan Ross
 Sandra Schurman
 Kate Wintermute
 Ron Wycherley

This is based on the draft Camp Tanner Inc. AGM Minutes of November 27, 2019, the 2019 board member approval form, contact list provided, and receipt of other required documentation per The United Church of Canada incorporated ministries policy.

- b. Kee-Mo-Kee Campsite of The United Church of Canada o/a Camp Kee-Mo-Kee
 ...approve the Camp Kee-Mo-Kee 2019-2020 Board of Directors
 Kaylyn Ardiel
 Cam Brown
 Mary Ann Hodge
 Doug Kinchen
 Ross McDonald
 Leslie Manning
 Grace Merrifield
 Lisa Vizniowski
 Pam Wales

This is based on the draft Camp Kee-Mo-Kee Annual General Meeting minutes of March 5, 2019, the 2019 board member approval form, contact list provided, and receipt of other required documentation per The United Church of Canada incorporated ministries policy. **CARRIED**

C. Corporations: The ARW Executive approves the change to legacy status of Amherstburg Non-profit Senior Housing, as set out in documentation received.

D. To receive the correspondence and address it as it arises in the agenda

1. Oikocredit Investments

Business Arising

1. Fairfield
 Cheryl-Ann will continue to try to get in touch with Fairfield.
2. Proposal #4 – Native People’s Retreat
MOVED Doreen Hewitson / Diane Skomash
 The ARW Executive directs the Executive Minister to:
 Advise the hosts of the Native People’s Retreat that the funds authorized for 2020 (\$2,000 from regional council unrestricted reserve funds) to support the Native People’s Retreat are to be held for use for this event in 2021. **CARRIED**
3. Proposal #5 – Oct. 30, 31 Regional Council Meeting
 The likelihood of having an in-person fall meeting, including accommodations that would need to be made and the high risk demographic of attendees, was discussed.
MOVED Carey Wagner / Deanna Gibson
 The ARW Executive **agrees** to
 - 1) Hold the Fall 2020 meeting online;
 - 2) Cancel the space reserved for the meeting;
 - 3) Direct the President, Executive Minister and Executive Assistant to present a plan at the June meeting of the Executive that includes a potential date for a celebration of ministry service provided provincial and public health guidelines permit. **CARRIED**

Executive/commissions meetings

MOVED Brenda MacMain / Doreen Hewitson
 In light of the pandemic, and being unable to comply with the in person requirements of the ARW Governance Handbook, the ARW Executive strongly urges all regional council bodies to meet by telephone conference or any other technological means that allow the participants to interact in real time (other than in person), until further notice. **CARRIED**

4. Extension of terms of commissions/executive/thank you's & expressions of interest/voting
The ARW Executive **agrees** by consensus that terms of office for executive/commission members be extended until the regional council can meet and vote on any new representatives.
5. Commission reports
 - a. Covenant (Marie Santos): The commission extended access to restricted funds for payroll purposes to June; have had discussions about UCC bridging loans and government loans.
 - b. Human Resources (Doreen Hewitson): The commission has approved profiles for five churches, three renewal appointments, one new appointment. Changes continue regardless of the pandemic.
 - c. Mission & Discipleship (Carey Wagner): Cheryl-Ann provided an update regarding the Downtown Windsor Mission. Carey noted the commission will be sending each of the three community ministries in ARW \$1,000 to try to help them out during this time. One of the commission members will be part of the brainstorming team re: camps. He asked about putting the minutes on website. Staff members Pretima Kukadia-Kinting and Ruthanna Mack have had a conversation about getting the minutes posted, Cheryl-Ann noted.
6. Financial update
Cheryl-Ann noted that everyone (communities of faith) made April payroll. Regional council update: it looks like Mission & Service funds for 2021 will be reduced by 17% (in the budget this represents 1 regional staff or 1.5 regional staff if shared). Currently down 1.5 staff and presidents and treasurers will need to discuss at length and think about the ability to fill that complement again.

New Business

1. Oikocredit Investments
Cheryl-Ann noted that two investments were inherited, from Oxford Presbytery and London Conference, and clarification on what to do with the dividend income is required.
MOVED Richard Dalton / Diane Skomash
That Oikocredit be instructed to automatically re-invest Antler River Watershed Regional Council's investment dividends. **CARRIED**
2. Proposal #1 – Incorporated Ministries
MOVED Deanna Gibson / William Rothernel
The ARW Executive agrees that
 - 1) the authorized borrowing limit for incorporated ministries be set at \$100,000.; and
 - 2) any application for a United Church of Canada Pandemic Response Bridging loan from an incorporated ministry will be:
 - a) Reviewed by the Covenant Commission for completeness so that it meets the same standards as applications by a congregation; and
 - b) Referred to the Executive for decision-making in light of the Executive's responsibility for oversight of corporations. **CARRIED**
3. Proposal #2 – Supporting Change
MOVED William Rothernel / Deanna Gibson
The ARW Executive authorizes the Executive Minister to spend up to \$3,000.USD from the regional council meetings budget line to secure an online session, preferably in partnership with Horseshoe Falls Regional Council and Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council, to equip leaders to discern the learnings from this period and to use them for renewal and transformation in their local setting. Facilitator to be determined by the President and Executive Minister.
CARRIED

4. Proposal #3 – Support for Global Appeal

MOVED Louise Hall / Carey Wagner

The ARW Executive authorizes the Executive Minister to:

- a) Forward \$2,500 at this time to the United Church of Canada COVID-19 Global Relief from the staff budget line; and
- b) Share the story of this donation in the Facebook group and next newsletter. **CARRIED**

Joyce closed the meeting by sharing a poem “This is Timeless”.

Next Executive Meeting: June 10, 2020 1 pm via zoom