**Executive**

**Antler River Watershed Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

**Minutes**

**January 13, 2024 12:23 PM**

**In Attendance:** Cheryl Bolton (President), Jane Van Patter (Past President), Richard Auckland, Karlene Brown-Palmer, Doug Cameron (Treasurer), Richard Dalton, Louise Hall, Sandra Stock

The meeting was convened by President Cheryl Bolton.

Each Proposal (as amended and sent by Sue Duliban, Executive Assistant, at 11:49 a.m. via email) was briefly reviewed and discussed and the outcomes were as follows:

Proposal 1: Ministry Sharing Agreement

**MOTION**: Louise Hall / Jane Van Patter

The Antler River Watershed Regional Council (ARWRC) Executive agrees to:

1. Approve and adopt the updated Ministry Sharing Agreement to run from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2029
2. Direct the Staff Support Committee to provide an updated draft Mandate, that includes a plan for the evaluation of staff sharing at least 6 months prior to this agreement, to the February meeting of each regional council Executive.

**CARRIED.**

Proposal 2: Governance Handbook

**MOTION:** Louise Hall / Rick Dalton

The ARWRC Executives agrees to change the Governance Handbook to the following:

*President*

During the two-year term as President, the home community of faith of a President who is in a pastoral relationship will receive an honorarium in the amount of $1,200 per year to assist with coverage for any absences of the President. Any President not in a pastoral relationship will be invited to designate to the UCC ministry of their choice a donation of 1,200 per year.

At the conclusion of the term, the former President, once no longer serving in that capacity, will receive an honorarium of $2,000.

Past President: Section to be omitted.

*Treasurer*

The Treasurer will have travel expenses associated with this role reimbursed. Each December, the Treasurer will be invited to name a United Church ministry to receive a donation of $1,000.00 in recognition of the Treasurer’s service.

All other sections of the Governance Handbook concerning Officers to remain the same.

**CARRIED.**

Proposal 3: Executive Financial Support Restorative Care Leave

**MOTION:** Richard Auckland / Jane Van Patter

That the ARWRC Executive agrees to the following:

1. To provide financial support for a community of faith whose ministry personnel goes on restorative care leave before a pastoral relationship can be fully formed, within the first 6 months after the start date or for the months after the date a pastoral relationship was to end (no more than 6 months) by providing 100% of the costs of 15% top-up and employer expenses for congregations.
2. Authorize the Minister, Pastoral Relations, to offer this support when these situations arise;
3. Confirm payment of this support once details of expenses incurred by the pastoral charge are presented to the Executive for authorization of the amount of payment to be covered from the unrestricted reserve.

**CARRIED.**

Proposal 4: Celebrating and Commemorating UCC 100th Anniversary

**MOTION:** Doug Cameron / Karlene Brown-Palmer

The ARWRC Executive will

1. Decide if this will be regional council by regional council or involve some joint celebrations;
2. Commit time on the agenda to brainstorm ideas and refine them with a view to communicating with congregations after Easter 2024. **CARRIED.**

Proposal 5: Hosting GC46

**MOTION:** Louise Hall / Jane Van Patter

That the ARWRC Executive will hold to hear the decision from Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Executive as to whether they would be prepared to host. **CARRIED.**

Proposal 6: ARW Executive Financial Matters

**MOTION:** Louise Hall / Rick Dalton

That the ARWRC Executive agrees to

1. Remove Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa:
2. As one of the individuals who can authorize expenses; and
3. As a member of the investment team

Effective March 1, 2024 and communicate the same to the General Council Office and to investment advisor, BMO;

1. Name Mark Laird as one of the individuals who can authorize expenses effective March 1, 2024 and communicate the same to the General Council Office;

(Authorization requires any two of Mark Laird, Susan Duliban, Krista Ford, and Doug Cameron)

1. Name Mark Laird as a member of the investment team, effective March 1, 2024 and communicate the same to investment advisor, BMO;

(Investment Team: Mark Laird, Doug Cameron, Lynne Dunlop, Gene Lawrence)

1. Remind the investment team to minute their meetings and to submit the minutes to the Executive for information.

**CARRIED.**

Adaptive Learning and renaming the Human Resources Commission (realizing the repercussions if not done in conjunction with WOW nor HF) to be discussed at our February meeting.

Adjourned at 1:04 p.m.