

**TRANSCONA MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
VIDEO-CONFERENCE COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 17, 2021**

- 1) A meeting was held by ZOOM video-conference on Wednesday, March 17, 2021. The Chair Audrey Lumsden called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

PRESENT: Audrey Lumsden, Carol Fletcher, Shelley Schau, Bob Kirkhope, Alan Gershuny, Michelle Lamoureux, Laura Fraser-Schau, Cindy Ostapyk, Ken Wilkie, Don Heinrichs, Alma Jennings, Susan Copeland

VISITORS: Stephen McKendry-Smith, Karen Ilchena

REGRETS: Jeff Cook

OPENING PRAYER: Audrey Lumsden followed by the Lord's Prayer.

- 2) **SPEAKING AND VOTING PRIVILEGES:**

MOTION: Moved by Ken Wilkie/Michelle Lamoureux, "That all members and adherents in attendance have speaking and voting privileges at this meeting." **CARRIED.**

- 3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Deferred.

- 4) **ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

Roof Replacement and Insulation Upgrade - printed document. Stephen McKendry-Smith reviewed the proposal from the Building and Property Team regarding the replacement of the shingles and an upgrade to the insulation on the sanctuary roof. The shingles need to be replaced before the end of 2022. The cost to replace the shingles would be about \$25,000. While the roof is being reshingled they would like to upgrade the insulation. We currently have two inches of rock wool insulation with an insulation value of R-7. The current code is R-29 with many new constructions having a rating of R-40.

Of the options provided, the Building and Property Team were recommending that the roof be reshingled during the summer of 2022. They would also improve the insulation by adding insulation to the rafter chambers and adding foam board to the surface of the roof. This would increase the R-value to R-37 and would cost a total of about \$131,250 with shingles included. A Faithful Footprints grant from the United Church would contribute \$20,000, Efficiency Manitoba would provide a rebate of about \$8,500 and the GST rebate would provide about \$3,000. Heating costs for the sanctuary would be reduced by about 25%. We would only require one furnace for the sanctuary and the air conditioning unit on the second furnace could be used for Suthwyn Hall.

The Team would also like to eliminate the valley in the roof between the CE Building and the sanctuary by extending the CE flat roof to the peak of the choir room roof. This valley creates an ice dam problem which then causes water damage to the exterior of the

building and affects the area where the electrical comes in. The cost to fix this has not been determined.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Building and Property Team should contact some contractors to determine what is needed to fix the problem with the valley and get an estimate of the magnitude of the cost and bring to Council. We can then decide on the best insulation plan. If funds are required to get an assessment, Council or Executive can be contacted.

Stephen McKendry-Smith was thanked for all his work and left the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Appointments to Ministry and Personnel Committee -

MOTION: Moved by Cindy Ostapyk/Ken Wilkie, “**That Vivien Laurie and Sheilah Ross-Campbell be appointed to the Ministry and Personnel Committee.**” **CARRIED.**

Laura Fraser-Schau and Shelley Schau left the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Music Program – Music Director’s Hours: Karen Ilchena advised that the hours required by Crystal Schau to provide music for our on-line services during the pandemic are greater than the 20 hours per month currently paid and Ministry and Personnel are requesting that an additional 10 hours be provided. Extra work is required to contact people to participate and to prepare and post the videos. She noted that there is extra funds in the budget due to the resignation of the other music director and that the extra hours do not always have to be used.

MOTION: Moved by Cindy Ostapyk/Alan Gershuny, “**That the music director’s hourly allotment be increased up to 10 additional hours until the additional music director vacancy is filled.**” **CARRIED.**

Audrey Lumsden advised that she had sent thank-you letters to the families of Janet Berry and Harold Hughes for the bequests. Letters had also been sent by the church office.

- 5) **MOTION TO ADJOURN:** by Ken Wilkie/Karen Ilchena at 8:15 pm.
- 6) **CLOSING PRAYER:** Rev. Carol Fletcher.

Chairperson (Audrey Lumsden)

Secretary (Susan Copeland)