

EXECUTIVE

MINUTES of Meeting held September 15, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.
via video teleconference.

PRESENT: Jingle Ayupan, Pat Edmonds, Allan Holditch, Kirsty Hunter, Isaac Kamta, David Leyton-Brown, Steven Loweth, Betty Lou McNabb, Allyce Mutungi, Moon Ja Park, Dong-Chun Seo, Jessica Stevenson, Daniel Reed

Staff: Peter Hartmans (Executive Minister), Jody Maltby (Staff Lead), Rachael Howes (Administrative Support), Janet MacDonald (Finance Administrator) Susie Henderson (Equity and Innovation), Jeffrey Dale, (Justice and Youth)

REGRETS: Lynn Mooney

GATHERING, OPENING PRAYER

David Leyton-Brown opened the meeting at 1:02 p.m. He gave an acknowledgement of the land, and acknowledged our commitment to being a safe place for all people to gather and participate in our Region.

Pat Edmonds led a brief worship focussing on 2 Samuel: 6

The members checked in.

AGENDA

Amend the agenda to add a break half way through.

MOTION by Jingle Ayupan / Jessica Stevenson that the agenda for this meeting be approved as amended.

MOTION

CARRIED

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MOTION by Jingle Ayupan / Pat Edmonds that the Minutes of the meeting of the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive held June 10, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

Commission Minutes

The Executive received the Minutes of the Pastoral Relations Commission from January to June 2021 for information.

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Email votes:

The Executive made the following decisions by email:

- West Ellesmere – Trustees removed Christine Smaller as Trustee of West Ellesmere United Church, 37 Marchington Circle, Scarborough, Ontario, with thanks for her service.

Grants Committee Recommendations to the Executive

MOTION by Steven Loweth / Allan Holditch that on the recommendation of the Grants Review Committee the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council extend the grant of \$50,000 to the Tamil Mission from the Toronto Southeast Presbytery Major Capital Fund by one year to include 2022.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Kirsty Hunter / Betty Lou McNabb that on the recommendation of the Grants Review Committee the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council approve a grant of \$18,000 from the Presbyteries of Toronto Conference Corporation to Birchcliff Bluffs United Church for the work of Toby's Place and Dorothy's Place.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Daniel Reed / Moon Ja Park that on recommendation of the Grants Review and Mission Support Committees the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council move forward in conversation with Toronto United Church Council (TUCC) to expand the terms of the St. Enoch's fund to include the greater Toronto area within Shining Waters Regional Council.

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CARRIED

MOTION by Allan Holditch / Pat Edmonds that on recommendation of the Grants Review and Mission Support Committees the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council move forward in the conversation with Presbyteries of Toronto Conference Corporation (PTCC) on amalgamating the regional fund, the New Ministries Development and Leadership Fund and the Urban Forest Fund with terms that support the intended use of these funds and that the amalgamated fund be available to ministries in the entire region.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Betty Lou McNabb / Isaac Kamta that on recommendation of the Grants Review and Mission Support Committees the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council the Grants Review Committee and the Mission Support Committee be merged as the Grants and Mission Support Committee.

MOTION

CARRIED

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Update on the current granting process.

The Grants Review and Mission Support Committees have had good conversations out of the priorities conversation that was held in the Spring. They have updated the application form and granting process and invitations for applications have gone out.

Nominations Committee recommendation to Executive:

MOTION by Betty Lou McNabb / Pat Edmonds that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council elect Jeannette Schieck and Lawrence Nyarko as General Council Commissioners on recommendation of the Nominations Committee.

MOTION

CARRIED

Update on the current Nominations process

The Committee is contacting members whose terms are ending in 2021 to see if any would like to serve a second term. There are several vacancies in committees and commissions. There will be a town hall meeting on October 13th to give information for anyone interested in serving.

Communities of Faith Commission recommendation to Executive

Jody Maltby outlined the recommendation of the Commission regarding the use of funds given to the region under the policy regarding Sale of Property by an Existing Community of Faith and funds declared surplus property in an amalgamation. As the material had not been circulated to the Executive prior to this meeting, the matter was deferred to the October meeting.

2022-2026 draft budget projection – Update

Janet MacDonald reviewed the latest budget projection with the Executive. There was an opportunity for questions and discussion. Another draft will come to the October Executive meeting.

Janet MacDonald left the meeting.

Proposal Received for Action by Shining Waters Regional Council Executive, *Elimination of the General Council & Regional Council Salary Differential*, submitted by Bri-anne Swan

The General Secretary is aware of this proposal and has requested that the Shining Waters Executive consider this proposal and have it then go directly to the General Council Executive in order that they can deal with it as soon as possible.

MOTION by Peter Hartmans / Betty Lou McNabb that the meeting move in camera.

MOTION

CARRIED

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MOTION by Peter Hartmans / Moon Ja Park that Jody Maltby remain in the in-camera meeting.

MOTION

CARRIED

Allyce Mutungi left the meeting.

The meeting moved out of camera.

MOTION by Allan Holditch / Kirsty Hunter that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council refer the proposal *Elimination of the General Council & Regional Council Salary Differential*, to the Shining Waters Regional Council meeting in November.

MOTION

DEFEATED

Peter Hartmans abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

MOTION by Betty Lou McNabb / Moon Ja Park that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council support the proposal *Elimination of the General Council & Regional Council Salary Differential*, and forward it to General Council with concurrence.

MOTION

CARRIED

Peter Hartmans abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

Proposals Received for Information to date (for action at Fall Regional Council Meeting)

Proposals received to date were circulated for information to the Executive prior to the meeting. The region is holding Town Hall meetings on October 6 and November 3 for discussions of the proposals coming to the November Regional Council meeting.

MOTION by Kirsty Hunter / Allan Holditch that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council not support the *Justice and Peace for Palestine and Israel* proposal because of its inflammatory language and that it not be forwarded to General Council.

MOTION

CARRIED

There was one vote against the motion and one abstention.

Fall Regional meeting Update: *Time for Every Purpose*

Jody Maltby provided a brief update. The meeting will mostly focus on proposals, budget and nominations; the Social and Ecological Justice Commission will lead the worship; there will be a

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time of In Memoriam, and the installation of the new President. Material is being uploaded to website as it is prepared.

Equity Proposal – *Susie Henderson*

Susie reported that she has been thinking about where equity fits in the regional structure and her suggestion is to re-imagine how we do that equity work. Does the work rightfully sit within the commissions? We don't need another committee to add another layer, but need accountability and connection with the equity pieces. She is suggesting that we disband the Equity Committee in favour of creating a role in each commission of an equity lead with a staff person to oversee and bring the equity leads together on a regular basis.

This matter will come back to the Executive for a decision.

Susie Henderson left the meeting.

Student Works Update – *Jeffrey Dale*

Shining Waters and Canadian Shield regions had 15 summer students this year between the ages of 16 and 28. Jeffrey shared how the students working with Shining Waters engaged with the region. Their work will be shared on the Shining Waters website.

Covid-19 update – *Peter Hartmans*

Peter reported that the website information on Covid has not changed lately on the advice of our lawyer. It has been busy since the last week of August with questions around Covid and vaccinations. It is a complicated matter.

MOTION Kirsty Hunter / Moon Ja Park that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council write a pastoral letter to the communities of faith encouraging ministry personnel, church personnel, congregation members, and the wider community to continue to get vaccinated in order to fulfill our mission to love thy neighbour as ourselves.

MOTION

CARRIED

Closing: the meeting closed at 4:20 p.m. and Peter Hartmans offered a closing prayer.

Next Meeting: to be determined by Doodle poll