

W-K RESOURCES AND RENEWAL COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

December 06, 2021 7:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ron Olson [C], Bob Hahn [T], Ted Leitch, Marg Henderson, Rob Reid, Neil Eadie, Cathie Banks, Topher Beck [LC], Dave Cooper, Donna Fraleigh

ABSENT: Chris Mortlock

WELCOME: Ron Olson. Committee members agreed that Zoom meetings would be appropriate at least for the first three months of 2022.

A representative from the London Fire Department visited our building to offer guidance in advance of our developing a Fire Emergency Plan. His visit was not an inspection. He did clarify that there is no COVID protocol that supplants fire bylaws. Fire doors are to be kept closed particularly when the building is unoccupied.

MINUTES of the LAST MEETING: Approved on a motion by Donna, seconded by Topher

GENERAL: “Fresh Air Policy” This has been developed and ‘circulated’ by the Re-Opening Committee.

People attending live meetings are advised to dress warmly as windows may be open to increase ventilation. An option for committees is to have Zoom meetings.

Regarding R&R Membership: a few new members would be helpful. Ron has made some specific recommendations to the Nominations Committee

FINANCE: Treasurer Bob Hahn circulated a very preliminary draft of the 2022 budget. At this stage in the budget process the Committee agreed that details would be kept confidential. It is highly unlikely churches will receive financial assistance from governments going forward. That coupled with some other factors will likely result in a significant increase to our growing deficit. Discussion centred around how this budget deficit might be minimized.

The committee agreed that there would be value in having a ‘round table’ discussion to include the Chairs of LC, BoT, R&R, the Treasurer and two other

R&R members, specifically to discuss possible options regarding the 2022 budget. Bob Hahn offered to send out a note to potential participants.

PROPERTY USE:

“We have to decide if W-K is to be a place of worship that rents out space **or** a rental facility that [reserves] an hour a week for worship”- Marg Henderson. The comment accurately summarizes Marg’s years of involvement in this aspect of W-K property use. Property rental is fraught with myriad details that if not carefully considered might well make the exercise questionable at best. As well the UCC has stated ‘guidelines’ on considerations for renting church spaces. **Other committees/entities at W-K who might be considering facility rentals need to prevail upon Property Use members for the experience/ guidance they can provide.**

A few groups have started meeting in the building during the past few weeks. The Scouts group has decided not to return; as well as the Wednesday night NA group. An AA group that had previously inquired about using our building will be contacted to see if they are still interested.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE and CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT:

Interior:

Painting of the main floor hall and entry area has been started and is expected to be completed by Dec. 13 (it was). Thanks to Bob Benninger and volunteers from R&R, who have assisted in completing this project.

Possible options for installation of a Water Bottle Station were discussed. No action taken yet.

Exterior:

Craig Rideout , roofing expert, visited WK and, along with Rob Reid and Dave Cooper, went up on the roof to inspect especially the area where the gym abuts to the section immediately north of it. This was to gain a better idea of what possibly caused major flooding in the Social Hall area after a torrential rain storm in the early Fall. Craig submitted a detailed report with observations, recommendations and photos. A letter of appreciation has been sent to Craig. Next steps : Have a contractor look at the situation in the Spring. Craig made one recommendation for consideration.

Reducing Energy Consumption: Dave will undertake a project of checking/setting thermostats throughout the building to achieve more accurate and modest heating costs. Some thermostats are quite old and may need to be replaced.

Possible changes to the light fixtures in the parlour are at a standstill due to the lack of units available to ABC Electric.

CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Ron presented a “Minute for Resources and Renewal” update to the congregation on Sunday, Nov. 21.

BUSINESS ARISING:

None

NEXT MEETING: Monday January 03, 2022 at 7:00 pm by Zoom.