



August 30 meeting of abbeycouncil

In attendance: Matt Humphrey, Josh Ruberg, Phil Mills, Lucy O'Brien, Joy Hunter, Nick Hunter, Jen Strohschein

The council met from 11:00am to 2:00pm and discussed the following:

ROLES OF COUNCIL

Council has spent the last months getting to know each other. It is time to now focus on creating some clarity with the roles and work of our Council so we can begin to function.

Discussed roles of Council:

- Facilitator to call and organize meetings: Matt
 - Note taking: Jen
 - Ministry and personnel for support and accountability: not yet assigned
- Michelle Slater is a resource to help us with governance.

We will work on establishing staff job descriptions, especially Matt's. He needs clear structure, setting of priorities including role of coordination with the region and building project.

Together with job description, consider alternate persons to support different pastoral roles, and mentorship into these roles.

We also need to facilitate Matt taking time off, including an upcoming Sabbatical - this means building cohesion and momentum that can absorb his absence.

Also need to make a decision about bringing on a music ministry person.

Lucy is helping Matt and Rob with social media.

We all need to complete Safe Church training.

Discussed a day of training for supporting the street adjacent folks in the neighbourhood.

Working group to focus on staffing considerations and particularly Matt's job description: Joy, Nick, Jen and Matt will meet Sept. 5.

Council to meet September, October, November to start to function as Council and prepare for AGM. Will include treasurer (Lynn Mills) to review budget.

Rob Shearer is needing to focus more on regional considerations, so will be less available to AbbeyChurch. One role that needs to be filled is that of liaison with the North Park Neighbourhood Association. Matt has been asked to be on their board, but does not have capacity. Lucy is interested, but needs to consider her time commitments and availability. North Park did not get the grant for hampers this year. AbbeyChurch will help financially as able, in part through Canada Helps funding, support of fundraisers.

FALL CHANGES IN WORSHIP STRUCTURE

September weekly services as usual. Starting October 5 through the beginning of Advent, will start alternating services with house church meetings. Will provide printed cards with dates as part of communication. House church meetings October 5, 19, November 2, 16.

Discussed possible hosts in different areas: at church, in Fernwood, Oak Bay, Brentwood Bay, and youth confirmation meetings at Matt's house (Meagan to lead these). Created a list of current active participants at AbbeyChurch, and making the house church meetings accessible to everyone. Discussed the possibility of creating name tags for everyone.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Council September 20 (focus on staffing), October 25 (focus on budget), November 15 (discuss new addition of council members).