

VEGREVILLE UNITED CHURCH
Minutes of Church Council Meeting
April 10, 2024 at 2:00 pm, Auditorium

Present: Pastor Paul Allard, Georgina Baron, Holly Cependa, Heather Short, Bill Rowe, Pat Buehler, Ellen Johnstone, Shirley Rattray, Rev. Laureta Blondin, and Irene Sabados

Meeting was called to order by Georgina Baron at 2:00 pm - Quorum Present.

Devotion: Pat read from “Our Daily Bread” devotional titled “Eyes To See”

Approval/Additions to Agenda: Pat Buehler/Bill Rowe made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. **CARRIED.**

Approval of Minutes for March 13, 2024: Holly Cependa/Ellen Johnstone made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. **CARRIED.**

New Correspondence: Email regarding UCC Credits on Insurance Policy - Irene read the email from HUB International regarding our long-awaited credits on our insurance policy. We received \$1,249.00 on April 1, 2024 that was deposited automatically into our Vegreville United Church General Account. **Email regarding donation of three watercolor paintings (Bertha Clements)** - Irene read the email from Betty Gourlay, granddaughter of Bertha Clements. Bertha was involved in our Church for 60 years as organist and choir leader. Photos of the watercolor paintings were passed around to everyone so that we can decide if we would like any of them. Council members decided to take all three paintings and also a request for Betty to write up a little history of her grandmother’s involvement at the Church and family history. Irene to email Betty back with this information.

Old Business/Business arising:

- **Fundraisers** - Holly commented that everything is organized for our Ham Supper on April 17th. Heather and Pat are both here that day to help out. Our Spring Tea and Bake Sale is on May 4th. It was discussed whether we should have a Star Wars theme (May the 4th be with you!)? Our Community wide garage sale is on Saturday, June 15th (last year was June 17th), it was discussed that this would be a good day to have our Community BBQ & Book Sale and have both burgers and hot dogs for sale. Discussion took place on having another Hot Dog Sale at the Co-op and everyone agreed this is a good fundraiser. Holly to call the Co-op and make arrangements to set a date for this sale. Discussion in regards to having a Vegreville United Church Banner put up for our sale - Georgina offered to donate a banner (Mark to make one up for us with the following details: 8' x 2' banner, white with black lettering, upper case either Ariel or Verdana font to read VEGREVILLE UNITED CHURCH and small lettering for our website to read www.vegrevilleunitedchurch.com, with grommets so we can hang it up, and with two crosses.
- **Emergency Baptism** - Rev. Laureta let us know that the grandmother called to cancel the emergency baptism for her grandson, although she was not happy with this decision that the family made.

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Committee Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report** - Cash Flow sheet for March was distributed to everyone. Irene went through some of the items listed. Donation from Charitable Organization was from United Way \$119.74. Fundraising funds \$1630.78 were from Purdy's Chocolate sales and Pie Sales. Pulpit Supply \$741 was for three services in March for Rev. Laureta. Worship expenses were for communion wafers \$119.96. Under Assistance Fund, we bought gift cards to have on hand in the safe, in case someone calls in need of food. Administration Costs \$168.75 were for a roll of stamps and letter/legal paper. Licenses was for Church Website fees and Donation Program annual fees. Kids Klub and Day Camp Expenses were donated back to the Church. Photocopier expenses was for a quarterly lease payment \$508.80. Under Repairs and Maintenance (Check Freezer \$95; Flood Lights \$691.60; Snow Removal \$235; Bortnick Electric, Manlift & Labour \$1,045; Donated Cost of Snow Removal in Parking Lot \$160). Honorarium was for organist to come from out of town \$50, Pastor Paul for Annual & Church Council & RSV Meeting \$105, and gift card \$100 for our Annual Reviewer of our Church books.

March Cash Flow Sheet:	Previous Balance:	\$ 6,324.15
	Total Inflows:	+ 5,187.72
	Total Outflows:	- 9,422.49
	Current Balance:	\$ 2,089.38

General Account	2,089.38
Memorial	1,109.43
Capital	0.91
Common Share (Profit Share)	541.11
	<u>\$3,740.83</u>

- **Finance** - Quick meeting was held before our Church Council meeting just to go over the Cash Flow Sheet.
- **Worship** -Ellen discussed our Easter Worship services. Rev. Laureta brought some special communion bread for Easter. Ellen took all the glass communion cups and chalice home to wash/shine up. It has all been brought back clean and ready for May 26th Special Service. Pat and Ellen put up the new banners for Easter, thank you to Ellen for making them.
- **Christian Education** - Holly reported on Kid's Klub, there are two regulars that come every week and then sometimes there are four children. Day Camp went really well on March 26, 27, & 28th. The "not your usual egg hunt" went over really well with 32 children taking part. Everyone left knowing the Easter Story and we even made the front page of the News Advertiser. Next Day Camp is scheduled for May 3rd. It is over at 3:00 pm then we will decorate right after that for the Spring Tea.
- **Property & Maintenance** - Everything is going really well, just doing regular maintenance in the building.
- **Fellowship** - Heather and Pat had good visits with Phyllis Warburton, George Sample, and Pat Stewart. Tomorrow they will be going to visit at Heritage House. Thank you to Pat and Heather for doing our home visits. Rev. Laureta offered to give communion to those who would like it; call the office to arrange.

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- **Ministry & Personnel** - Holly reported that everything is running smooth. No concerns.
- **Regional Business/News & Ministerial Meeting** - Email from Northern Spirit was sent out to Council regarding the Remit Vote that was passed. More information on the Remit to come. No Ministerial Meeting held. Rev. Laureta met the new Hospital Chaplain “Darren”. Darren will be moving to either Sherwood Park or Vegreville and will be working 1.5 days in Vegreville and 1.5 days in Mundare. There are funds available for the homeless in Vegreville but it needs to go through the clergy in town; Rev. Laureta to talk to Theresa Bernardo at FCSS to see if the funds can go to the Vegreville Food Bank.
- **Motion to accept reports – Holly Cependa/Heather Short** made a motion to accept reports as presented. **CARRIED.**

New Business:

- **National Volunteer Week** - Discussed the Volunteer Appreciation Lunch on Tuesday, April 16th from 11 am to 2 pm. Irene to email FCSS to get the invitation poster and let them know our estimated volunteer hours.
- **Christina Nawrot, Wedding** - Elizabeth Nawrot gave us the information for her daughter’s wedding on August 24, 2024. Christina Margaret Elizabeth Rose Nawrot will be marrying Derek Edward Kronemeyer and the ceremony will be taking place in their backyard here in Vegreville, officiated by Reverend Carolyn Woodall, and they would like it registered in the church wedding register book here at the Church. **Holly Cependa/Heather Short** made the motion that this wedding be registered in our church wedding register book. **CARRIED.**
- **Pastor Paul Allard** - Pastor Paul asked how the meeting went in Vermilion on March 21st. Irene distributed the notes that were taken at the meeting that Georgina and Pat attended. Discussion took place that it was an interesting meeting with about 27 people in attendance. They plan on holding another gathering. There will only be one more Church Council meeting that Pastor Paul will attend and then he will talk to Rev. Adam Hall about getting us a new Pastoral Charge Supervisor.

Devotions next meeting: Ministry & Personnel

Closing Prayer: Pastor Paul Allard

Next Meeting: May 8th at 2:00 pm

Adjournment: 3:17 pm

Georgina Baron, Chairperson

Irene Sabados, Secretary