

VEGREVILLE UNITED CHURCH
Minutes of Church Council Meeting
February 14, 2024 at 2:00 pm, Auditorium

Present: Pastor Paul Allard, Georgina Baron, Holly Cependa, Heather Short, Bill Rowe, Pat Buehler, Ellen Johnstone, Diane Ksiondzyna, and Irene Sabados

Meeting was called to order by Georgina Baron at 2:08 pm - Quorum Present.

Devotion: Holly read from “Our Daily Bread” devotional titled “Loving Our Enemies”

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

Approval of Minutes for January 10, 2024: Pat Buehler/Heather Short made a motion to approve the minutes, with one correction to the wording under the heading “Regional Business/News - Georgina to talk to Brent to remind him that the vote on the Remit must be in by March 31st.” **CARRIED.**

New Correspondence: Irene read a letter from Velma Sample’s daughter letting everyone know that Velma really appreciates the visits she receives from the Church members.

Old Business/Business arising:

- **Fundraisers** - Holly commented that the Pancake Supper on February 13th went really well. Everything went smoothly and very well organized. There were 60-70 people that attended the supper and total donations brought in was \$1,000. Pat is coordinating the Purdy’s fundraiser with the deadline for orders being March 6th. Orders are already coming in. On March 12th we will be baking different kinds of pies for our pie sale on March 13th.
- **Church Family Pictorial Directory** - A proof of the photo directory was received by email and Irene brought it to the meeting for everyone to see. There are a few changes that need to be made to the names. Corrections will be noted and mailed back to IPC Canada. They will be sending us 24 colour directories, one for each family that had their picture included, and one copy to stay in the Church.

Committee Reports:

- **Treasurer’s Report** - Cash Flow sheet for January was distributed to everyone. Irene went through some of the items listed. Under Income: General Fund donations were lower than normal. Funeral Fee was for Lawrence Wowk’s funeral service. Memorial donations were in memory of Lorna Hoggins. We received our GST Rebate \$339.03. Under Expenses: Pulpit Supply \$247 was for Rev. Laureta Blondin. Kids Klub and Day Camp expenses were all donated supplies. Our power/gas bill was higher this last month (\$947.27). Under Repairs and Maintenance our snow removal was \$100. Under Janitorial Supplies we bought garbage bags \$44.46. Photocopier expense, \$406.44 for printing and copies made. Honorarium for Pastor Paul Allard was \$60 and mileage \$141.90.

January Cash Flow Sheet:

Previous Balance:	\$ 9,753.80
Total Inflows:	+ 4,143.94
Total Outflows:	- 5,045.36
Current Balance:	\$8,852.38

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General Account	8,852.38
Memorial	1,109.43
Capital	0.91
Common Share (Profit Share)	541.11
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	\$10,503.83

- **Finance** - Discussion from our Finance Committee Meeting, we got the bill for the lights and the ceiling fans in the Sanctuary (\$1,097.25). We were quoted \$960 plus GST for replacing the fans (replacing the flood lights only cost \$85 plus GST). Irene stated that the piano tuner will be here on February 28 to tune the Sanctuary and Auditorium pianos before the Wendy Brook Music Festival and that we would not have to pay for this as it will be covered by the Festival Committee. Assistance Funds to be discussed under New Business.
- **Worship** - Ellen reported that the Stage Right storage room was cleaned with Pat's help. The banners for the Sanctuary were moved into the Choir Room. Living Last Supper items and banners for the Auditorium were moved to Stage Right storage room. There are 100 real candles set in plastic cups and 18 flameless candles being stored in the Choir Room. The gowns in the Choir Room that we will not be keeping will be given to a place in Edmonton (Irene to look into this once things slow down in the office). On March 1st the World Day of Prayer will be held here at the Church from 7 - 9:00 pm. Holly will be running the sound system for this day. Members from the Anglican Church will be needing to get into the Church by 4:00 pm to set up. Rev. Laureta called Ellen with a date of May 26th that we will be getting visitors from the Anglican Church of Canada and United Church of Canada. Our Council will be getting together with St. Mary's Anglican Church Vestry sometime in March. Georgina to call Caylee Bailey for months where we are not able to get Rev. Laureta to do communion for us as she may get called to do services in Vermilion, Wainwright, etc. There will be no communion on Palm Sunday at the Anglican Church. Communion service will be held Easter Sunday at our Church.
- **Christian Education** - Holly reported on our Day Camp held February 8th and 9th. We had a few less children than our previous Day Camp. First day we had ten children and second day we had eight children. Everyone enjoyed the Camp and had lots of fun. The children made roses out of lollipops and made inspirational cards to hand out. One of the Day Camp children helped with our Pancake Supper yesterday.
- **Property & Maintenance** - Bill reported that our parking lot got cleared in January and February, lots of snow built up. New ceiling fans were installed in the Sanctuary and new flood lights were installed (300W to 26W) so this will save on power. Vantage Builders sent us a bill for the exterior lights. Bill to call them as one light still is not working properly.
- **Fellowship** - Pat and Heather will be going out to do some visiting in Mundare (Velma Sample and Gloria Balla). Also, thinking of going to see Janet Duckett.

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- **Ministry & Personnel** - Shirley Rattray has taken over Val Rowe's position and will be supervising our janitor, Melissa. Holly stated that there is some training available from the United Church of Canada for Ministry and Personnel and all of them will be looking at taking this soon.
- **Regional Business/News** - The Northern Spirit Regional Annual Meeting will be over Zoom this year on May 3rd and 9th. Georgina will be attending. The vote on the Remit was passed at our Annual Meeting and just waiting for Salem to have their Annual Meeting before we submit our yes or no vote from RSV Pastoral Charge.
- **Ministerial Meeting** - Waiting to hear about the next scheduled meeting.
- **Motion to accept reports** – **Heather Short/Pat Buehler** made a motion to accept reports as presented. **CARRIED.**

New Business:

- **Food Bank, Assistance Funds** - It was discussed at our Finance meeting that we buy 2 gift cards for \$50 to have available for people who call for assistance. A gift voucher that stated that it couldn't be used for cigarettes would be a better choice to hand out. Irene to check into this at Co-op.
- **Peep Hole for Front Door (or Video Doorbell)** - Discussed what would be the best solution for our front door for security when Irene is working alone. It was decided that a peep hole would be quick to install and not very expensive. Wolf Buehler to install for us.
- **At Arm's Length** - Irene checked into whether Bill and Val can both be Trustees at the same time. Correspondence regarding charitable organization rules states that we must have more than 50% of Directors, Trustees, or like officials dealing with each other at arm's length.
- **Baptism** - **Pat Buehler/Heather Short** made a motion to approve a baptism to be held on March 31st for Hays Lesyk (8 months old), Mother Cassidy Schneider, and Father Quinten Lesyk. Rev. Laureta Blondin agreed to do the baptism at the Church on Easter Sunday. **CARRIED.**

Devotions next meeting: Property & Maintenance

Closing Prayer: Pastor Paul Allard

Next Meeting: March 13th at 2:00 pm

Adjournment: 3:10 pm

Georgina Baron, Chairperson

Irene Sabados, Secretary