

VEGREVILLE UNITED CHURCH
Minutes of Church Council Meeting
February 15, 2023 at 2:00 pm, Auditorium

Present: Georgina Baron, Rev. Pamela Milton, Holly Cependa, Bill Rowe, Pat Buehler, Dee Henderson, Brenda Tuck, Sidney Milton, Heather Short, and Irene Sabados

Meeting was called to order by Georgina Baron at 2:07 pm - Quorum Present.

Devotion: Irene read the devotion from “Our Daily Bread” devotional - “Exodus 23:2 Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong.”

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

Approval of Minutes for January 18, 2023: Holly Cependa/Pat Buehler approved the minutes as presented. **CARRIED.**

New Correspondence: Holly got some more information on the “Faith & Fun Night” as discussed last meeting. The “Oil Kings” do not provide any transportation or parking so that would be an added expense. The only advantage would be the reduced ticket price for youth groups. Some adults would be needed for supervision and as Holly was not available for February 24th and it is coming up too quickly, it was discussed that we start planning ahead for next year’s event in November. Irene to write a note on the calendar as a reminder.

Old Business/Business arising:

- **Fundraisers** - Pat is coordinating our next Purdy’s Easter Chocolate Fundraiser and catalogues will be ready for pick up. Orders to be in by March 17th with delivery of chocolates to be March 30th. It was discussed that we had a small crowd for our Chili Supper but all who did come out enjoyed the evening. Victoria Paranych was the winner for the best Chili, with Pat being second. Profits from the evening totalled \$260. Our Pancake Supper is coming up on the 21st of February. The next event after that is our St. Patrick’s Day Stew Supper on March 17th.
- **Amalgamation** – The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Two Hills United Church is going ahead, it was approved and signed by Georgina, now it will go to Salem’s Annual Meeting on Feb. 19th for discussion and authorization, then to Two Hills’ Annual Meeting on Feb. 26th. Rev. Scott Reynolds is the Northern Spirit Representative for us for this project. This goes to Northern Spirit Region for final approval and authorization. There will be 3 representatives from each community (Vegreville, Salem, and Two Hills) on the M&P Committee.
- **Snow Clearing Costs** - Sidney was going to suggest another company to do our snow removal. Discussion took place and we will continue with Marshall Elkow as he is doing a good job on all the sidewalks at the Church.
- **Stove/Exhaust Fan** - Thank you to Wolf Buehler for cleaning and repairing our exhaust fan above our stove. Thank you to Bill for extending the steel plate to the left of the stove. Bill called Thostenson Plumbing to repair the stove pilot lights, now they are all working.

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- **Fire Inspection** - Discussion took place on our Fire Inspection and the items that are needed to be looked after. Discussion took place on items that we are needing to purchase so our building meets fire code. A “Class K” Fire Extinguisher is required in the kitchen for grease fires (when cooking on our grill). **Bill Rowe/Ellen Johnstone** made a motion that we purchase a “Class K” Fire Extinguisher from Vegreville Fire & Safety (\$289 plus GST). **CARRIED**. Our Exit sign was taken down from the Sanctuary and moved to the Narthex exit doors, but this still didn’t meet code and now that the sign was taken down it is no longer able to be put back where it was. **Holly Cependa/Sidney Milton** made a motion to purchase two new exit signs (that meet code) to place in the Narthex Exit and Sanctuary Exit (each sign \$63 plus GST). **CARRIED**. Ellen offered to donate the cost of the purchase of the exit signs.

New Business:

- **Old Paper Towel Dispensers/Old Chairs** - There are six old paper towel dispensers in the Janitorial Room and it was discussed that they were not working well so Bill will take them to metal recycle. Discussion took place on the old wooden chairs that are in the Janitor’s Room, Friendship Room, and Kindergarten Room. It was decided that we keep all the chairs in case we have any events outside. Rev. Pamela requested that the old tables with the splinters go back into the Kindergarten Room. Round tables to go back into the Auditorium.
- **Phone Out Lists** - Discussion took place on our phone out lists and that Rev. Pamela will be taking over the calling of Antoinette’s list and Pat’s list. Holly and Georgina will continue with their phone out list. Discussion took place as well that mail-outs are important to those who do not have email.
- **Church Council Committee Member Job Description** - Irene made a copy of everyone’s job description but as it was an old list, it was discussed that everyone look theirs over and see what needs to be changed. We will review this list at our March Church Council Meeting.
- **Stewardship Letter (dated April 2008)** - Irene found an old stewardship letter written by Georgina, from 2008, and it was distributed to everyone. It was discussed that we will send out a letter after our Amalgamation.
- **Day Camp** - Discussion took place on our Day Camp that we started last month. Even though it was a small group, we will continue to run the camp every day that the students have off of school right up until June. For this month’s poster it was decided to change the colors on the poster and noted that the time changed to start at 9:00 am and end at 3:00 pm.

Committee Reports:

- **Treasurer’s Report** - Cash Flow sheet was distributed to everyone. Irene stated that the GST Rebate was actually a total of \$658.15. We had to reimburse CRA an overpayment on our rebate. Repairs and Maintenance was for donation of the cost of snow removal, a shelving unit, and for parking lot snow removal. Fundraising income of \$843.86 was for our Chili Supper Fundraiser and Purdy’s Chocolate Fundraiser. After our PAR collections go through this week our bank balance will be \$2,249.32.0

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January Cash Flow Sheet: Total Inflows:	\$10,500.29
Total Outflows:	<u>13,173.56</u>
	\$-2,673.27

General Account	1,700.81
Memorial	1,109.43
Capital	0.91
Common Share (Profit Share)	<u>601.23</u>
	\$3,412.38

- **Finance** - It was discussed at Finance that Irene refused the \$500 honorarium because of our financial situation. Discussed that we will continue to pay CCLI yearly for our copyright licensing (as we play videos for our Kid's Klub/Day Camp). Discussion took place that now that Bob has moved, he is no longer available to help with collections and that we need more members on the Finance Committee. **Pat Buehler/Holly Cependa** made a motion to add Bill Rowe & Ellen Johnstone to our Finance Committee (both agreed). **CARRIED.**
- **Worship** - Rev. Pamela stated that there will be a baptism on either March 5th or March 12th for Diesel Fenske (Parents - Linda & Todd Fenske). **Sidney Milton/Heather Short** made a motion to accept the baptism of Diesel Fenske at the Vegreville United Church either on March 5th or March 12th. **CARRIED.** Rev. Pamela also stated that there will be a 25th Wedding Anniversary Service at the Church on May 20th for Linda and Todd Fenske. Rev. Pamela reported that the power is not coming through on the pulpit mike. VM Systems is coming to take a look at it. Discussion took place on all the upcoming services (as noted in our Sunday Worship Bulletin). Irene to do up a list of all our Lenten Services and post them on our website. Georgina will be our Worship Leader for Sunday, February 26th. Worship Committee Meeting date was set for March 5th after services. Ellen offered to do Worship Services when others were not available.
- **Christian Education** - Bible Study is going well, In-Person and Zoom - sometimes up to eight people. Next OMG Day Camp is scheduled for March 3rd. Interfaith still on-going via Zoom. Georgina asked if anyone was interested in taking over Sunday School (something to think about for next meeting).
- **Property and Maintenance** - There were some icy sections in the parking lot - Bill got Twin Lakes to come and spread gravel on the parking lot. Other icy sections by the sidewalk were salted.
- **Fellowship** - Committee has not met yet.
- **Ministry & Personnel** - Holly let everyone know that everyone on the committee from last year has stayed on. They will be working on their job descriptions.

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- **Minister's Report** - Rev. Pamela stated that she had 10 pastoral calls this month. Lodge services are going well. On the second Thursday of each month there are two Lodge Services; Century Park at 10:30 am and Vegreville Manor at 1:30 pm. There are two funerals scheduled for February 22nd (Jean Langkow and Marjorie Henderson). Georgina, Rev. Pamela, and Sidney will be going to the Northern Spirit Regional Meeting in Camrose in May. Discussion took place on accommodations - a note that we need to vote at our next RSV meeting, whether we will pay for a hotel room for Rev. Pamela & Sidney. (Georgina will be staying with family.) For information, Rob Bown donated a TV for Bible Study (in the Kindergarten Room). The other TV that we were using will be for Day Camp or other youth programs in the Friendship Room.
- **Regional Business/News** - Emails are being forwarded to council members.
- **Motion to accept reports – Sidney Milton/Bill Rowe** made a motion to accept reports as presented. **CARRIED.**

Devotions next meeting: Finance

Closing Prayer: Rev. Pamela Milton

Next Meeting: March 15, 2023 at 2:00 pm

Adjournment: 3:15 pm

Georgina Baron, Chairperson

Irene Sabados, Secretary