

VEGREVILLE UNITED CHURCH
Minutes of Church Council Meeting
June 12, 2024 at 2:00 pm, Auditorium

Present In-Person: Georgina Baron, Holly Cependa, Bill Rowe, Ellen Johnstone, Heather Short, and Irene Sabados

Present On Zoom: Sharon Lashmar (Pastoral Charge Supervisor)

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

Devotion: Treasurer - Irene read the devotional from “Our Daily Bread” for June 12th “God’s Created Masterpiece”

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

Approval of Minutes for May 8, 2024: **Holly Cependa/Heather Short** made a motion to approve the minutes with the one change under Fundraisers - Hot Dog Sale is August 30th and not August 26th. **CARRIED.**

New Correspondence: Bissell Centre seeking donations “Drop Your Gonch Campaign” Irene read the email for all United Churches in the area to start a donation campaign requesting donations of “new underwear” to be given to the Bissell Centre as this is the most requested item that they are needing. Holly will post this on Facebook and Irene to put an announcement in the bulletin. We will continue collecting until the end of August and then someone will deliver the items to the Bissell Centre.

Old Business/Business arising:

- **Fundraisers** - Holly commented that we are hoping for a good turnout for our Community BBQ and Jumble Sale on June 15th. There are numerous garage sales throughout town (over 75) that are listed on the Town of Vegreville website so there should be lots of people in town that day. Holly, Pat, Ellen, Freeman, Heather, Val, and Irene are available to help out. There is a Hot Dog Fundraiser planned for August 30th at the Co-op (this is the long weekend so it will be busy).
- **Food Bank** - The Food Bank found another place in town, it is beside the Pot-of-Gold.
- **Refugee Sponsorship** - Holly gave an update on our Refugee family. They had their interview and they are waiting for their medical forms that they need to complete before coming to Canada. Our committee is hoping to meet for a potluck lunch soon, if all goes well the Refugee family will be able to attend.
- **Affirming Ministry** - Discussed that we need to have a minister at the Church before we go ahead with all the paperwork that’s involved in becoming an Affirming Ministry. (There are a lot of steps involved.)

Committee Reports:

- **Treasurer’s Report** - Cash Flow sheet for May was distributed to everyone. Irene went through some of the items listed. Fundraising income was for our Tea and Bake Sale \$1,238.50 and BBQ at the Co-op was \$729.20. Rent of facility \$725 was a payment from the Wendy Brook Music Festival Committee for March 7th (\$675) and rental of Friendship Room (\$50). Pulpit Supply was for Rev. Laureta \$247 and our Sound System Tech was \$122.73.
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- **Treasurer’s Report continued** - Under Day Camp Expenses \$19.76 and Fundraising Expenses (\$254.79) all supplies were donated. Power and Gas for last month was \$1185.29. Repairs & Maintenance the cost of stove parts \$298.82 and yard maintenance \$230 was donated and there was a cost to us for the replacement of cross lights and hallway light (\$675). Honorarium was for Pastor Paul (\$60). Janitor Salary was \$199.43.

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| May Cash Flow Sheet: | Previous Balance: | \$ 939.96 |
| | Total Inflows: | + 6,122.59 |
| | Total Outflows: | - 6,419.26 |
| | Current Balance: | \$ 643.29 |

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| General Account | 643.29 |
| Memorial | 1,109.43 |
| Capital | 0.91 |
| Common Share (Profit Share) | 541.11 |
| | \$2,294.74 |

- **Finance** - Recommendations from our Finance meeting: **Ellen Johnstone/Bill Rowe** made a motion to transfer only \$1200 to our RSV account instead of our normal amount of \$2000. **CARRIED.** **Ellen Johnstone/Bill Rowe** made a motion to accept the quote of \$476 plus GST to change out the flood light above the organ as it is not working properly. (Bortnick Electric will need the manlift again to do this - Heather commented that she would like to do some dusting up there while we have the manlift here that day.) **CARRIED.**
- **Worship** - Ellen reported that Rev. Laureta will be here the first Sunday of July for a Communion service and potluck lunch following. Holly has a family reunion on July 21st so she will not be here but she will talk to Reegan to see if he is still willing to do the sound for us that day. Ellen will talk to Laureta about the rest of the summer plans. Brenda Tuck will be covering music for this Sunday for Ellen. As it is National Indigenous History Month as well as Pride Month, Val will include a prayer for Indigenous on June 16th and Holly will include information for Pride Month on June 23rd.
- **Christian Education** - Holly reported that the last day of Kid’s Klub there were no children show up so they got a few things ready for Day Camp which is scheduled for July 23rd, 24th, & 25th and then on August 20th, 21st, & 22nd. Holly will do some advertising on Facebook for Whitney Lake Bible Camp as they are looking for camp leaders. Irene to get a contact number and find out which leaders they are needing. We have baked spaghetti in the freezer that we can donate for one of their meals. Also, maybe deliver some cookies for the week that Max from our Day Camp will be there.
- **Property & Maintenance** - The flood light was already discussed under Finance. Harvey is doing a good job with keeping up with the grass cutting. New pilot light tubes were installed so that all pilot lights are working now; with parts donated and no charge for the labour. (Irene will put a poster beside the stove to remind everyone to be careful.)

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- **Fellowship** - Heather and Garth went over to visit Rod & Joyce Stewart and got some rhubarb which will be used for a Rhubarb Crisp Fundraiser. Pat went to a few places as well to do some visiting. Suggestion was made to get a round cake for coffee and fellowship after services, instead of the normal slab cake that they usually buy. Heather and Pat will do some individual visits for the summer.
- **Ministry & Personnel** - Holly commented that the M&P Committee has not had a meeting yet. There is no minister at this time - it will be one year for Rev. Pamela on September 15th and then she can attend church and/or events. For now, we have been sending food over to the house after our events, which they have appreciated.
- **Regional Business/News & Ministerial Meeting** - Regional emails are being sent out to everyone with all the news. United Church's 100th Anniversary is on June 10, 2025. There will be a General Council Meeting in Calgary (August 2025), which Georgina is wanting to attend. This fall we will get a committee together to get ready for a "homecoming" celebration for next year's 100th Anniversary.
- **Pastoral Charge Supervisor** - Our new Pastoral Charge Supervisor is Sharon Lashmar and she joined us on Zoom for today's meeting. Thank you to Sharon for accepting to be our Supervisor. Sharon advised us that she would not accept an Honorarium for payment of being our Supervisor at meetings. Sharon would like to attend our next meeting in-person and we chose the date of September 4th at 2:00 pm.
- **St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church** - Rev. Laureta was not able to attend our meeting today.
- **Motion to accept reports – Holly Cependa/Bill Rowe** made a motion to accept reports as presented. **CARRIED.**

New Business:

- **July 13th Rental of Auditorium & Kitchen (for Birthday Party)** - Rental Form was signed for the rental for July 13th. They will pay the fee by e-transfer. It was discussed that even though there is a "waiver of responsibility" clause on the rental form they signed that we need to check with Helen Reed if the rental party is needing proof of insurance (can get insurance from UCC Hub International).

Devotions next meeting: Finance

Closing Prayer: Sharon Lashmar

Next Meeting: September 4th at 2:00 pm

Adjournment: 3:10 pm

Georgina Baron, Chairperson

Irene Sabados, Secretary