

VEGREVILLE UNITED CHURCH
Minutes of Church Council Meeting
June 21, 2023 at 2:00 pm, Auditorium

Present: Georgina Baron, Holly Cependa, Bill Rowe, Pat Buehler, Ellen Johnstone, Heather Short, Victoria Paranych, and Irene Sabados

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

Devotion: Bill Rowe read from “Our Daily Bread” devotional for June 21st “Step By Step”

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

Approval of Minutes for May 17, 2023: Bill Rowe/Pat Buehler approved the minutes as presented. **CARRIED.**

New Correspondence: Email came in to notify us of an Archive and Historic Role Training by Zoom on Monday, July 10th at 12:00 noon. Georgina and Irene will attend, as well as Pat if she is available that day.

Old Business/Business arising:

- **Fundraisers** - Our BBQ and Book Sale at the Church was held on June 17th, coinciding with the Community Garage Sales in town. Everything went well, although we weren't listed on the Town Map showing events of that day. We raised \$585.45 so far for the Church. Next Friday is the BBQ Fundraiser at the Co-op. We are tentatively scheduled to work the BBQ at the Co-op on August 9th (which is parade day) if the Lion's Club decides that they do not want to work on this day. Camp Whitney Bible Camp starts July 3rd. Heather and Pat will be delivering spaghetti and sauce over to Camp Whitney as a donation, so that they have for their meals.
- **Memorandum of Understanding** – Georgina talked to Desiree from the Two Hills United Church and for now they will be continuing on their own without a Minister, as Rev. Pamela has resigned. If we happen to have enough funds in our account next year and we have a Minister again, we can pursue this again at that time.
- **Church Council Committee Member Job Description** - Irene made the changes to our Job Description document as we had discussed in our meetings. This will stay on file in the office.
- **UCW - Action** - Georgina to call Marjorie Wright and set a date for a service to disband the UCW. Discussed that maybe we will try and coordinate this for September or October as these last couple months have been busy.
- **Photocopier Replacement** - Our new photocopier is set to arrive in the next week or so. Our payment for the first quarter is free, next payment due in December.

New Business:

- **Proposal from the Wendy Brook Music Festival (Laura Lillies)** - Laura attended our meeting and presented a proposal before we started our Council meeting. The proposal was for a Permanent Wendy Brook Recital Hall to be set up in our Church Auditorium. With the recent passing of Li Giebelhaus this past

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year, they are thinking of naming it “The Li Giebelhaus Memorial Hall”. Laura will also be approaching the Town and County of Minburn to propose a similar permanent venue. She left us with a letter that explains the details more in depth. We will have the summer to think about it and if anyone has questions to reach out to her. In September we will meet again to discuss.

- **Church Credit Card** - We discussed getting a credit card for the Church at our Finance Meeting. This will be brought up under our Report for Finance.
- **Schedule for Pulpit Supply/Brainstorming for Future Services** - Discussion on letting the community know that we are still open and we will still be doing Worship Services on Sundays. If anyone is interested in leading worship for one Sunday in the Summer, please let Ellen or Georgina know. We are needing someone for July 2nd and Georgina offered to do the service on July 9th. We will ask Rev. Joanne Kobylka if she is able to do a service for us. (Joanne did a service for us not too long ago and she was willing to come back.) Georgina to call Rev. Stephen Sparks to see if he would be willing to come and do a service once a month. Georgina and Ellen will get together to do up a “schedule” for worship. Ellen also talked to Tim Nawrot to see if he would provide music coverage. Holly talked to Reegan about maybe doing the sound system coverage. **Pat Buehler/Heather Short** made a motion that we pay Reegan \$15/hour (2 hours) to provide coverage for the sound system on Sundays.
- **Book Sales** - Discussed keeping the leftover books that did not sell during our BBQ on June 17th in case more people are interested in picking up another book. (Bring a Book/Take a Book) We will get some extra shelving and put them in the Friendship Room in order to move the books in there. Pat, Ellen, and Georgina will check what shelving they have at home to bring in.
- **Secretarial Position - Holly Cependa/Pat Buehler** made a motion to increase Irene’s wages to \$20/hour and an increase to working 18 hours per week. (Effective June 22/2023) In the Fall, the amount of hours per week will be reassessed. **CARRIED.**

Committee Reports:

- **Treasurer’s Report** - Cash Flow sheet was distributed to everyone. Irene went through some of the items listed. Under Income - Fundraising totals were \$402.94 that we raised from Purdy’s Chocolate sales. BBQ at the Co-op we raised \$1203.10. Spring Tea and Bake Sale we raised \$1468.30. There was \$400 come in from Funeral fees and \$400 from a Wedding Anniversary. Hall rentals totalled \$325. Under expenses, our photocopier quarterly payment was \$598.94. Under the Janitor’s salary \$467.77 (for two months April & May).

April Flow Sheet:	Total Inflows:	\$17,808.09
	Total Outflows:	<u>7,853.12</u>
		\$ 9,954.97

General Account	11,360.61
Memorial	1,109.43
Capital	0.91
Common Share (Profit Share)	<u>601.23</u>
	\$13,072.18

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- **Finance - Pat Buehler/Ellen Johnstone** made a motion (as per discussion at our Finance Meeting) that we transfer \$4000 into RSV Pastoral Charge for the next two and a half months. **CARRIED.** **Pat Buehler/Ellen Johnstone** made a motion (as per discussion at our Finance Meeting) that we get a credit card for the Church for purchases that we do on the internet so we do not have to use our own Visa. **CARRIED.**
- **Worship** - Worship services discussed earlier. Sidney will let us know whether he would like to stay on the committee.
- **Christian Education** - OMG Day Camp is scheduled for July 11, 12, & 13 and again for August 1, 2, & 3. Holly commented that so far there are three children registered but we always get several registrations at the last minute. Colleen Albert has requested that the children do hand prints on rolls of larger paper for the Town Fair. Discussed what we are needing for snacks for the Day Camp (apples, oranges, cheese strings, popcorn, juice, or watermelon. Heather to donate some snacks. The website where we get the outline for the Camp is rootsontheweb.com and the site is still all paid for us to use until the end of August.
- **Property and Maintenance** - Outside taps were repaired by Wolf Buehler. There are some leaks coming from the windows in the Sanctuary where Vantage had repaired a year ago. Bill has called them to check it out. H&K Services are doing our lawn maintenance again this year.
- **Fellowship** - On June 26th Heather and Pat are going to be doing some visiting again with some of our members of the congregation. Georgina commented that we are grateful to have both ladies take the time to do this.
- **Ministry & Personnel** - There was an RSV Pastoral Charge Special Meeting called for June 19th. **Holly Cependa/Heather Short** made a motion at that meeting to accept the letter advising of Rev. Pamela Milton's request for a change of pastoral relations with RSV Pastoral Charge effective June 15, 2023. The motion was **CARRIED**, unanimously, with all people who were eligible to vote. It was discussed as well that regulations state that the Pastoral Charge is required to pay her salary for 90 days (June 15, 2023 to September 15, 2023). Rev. Pamela Milton is still wanting to do funeral or memorial services for us during this time while she is being paid, but chose not to do any other work during this time. There is a Graveside service scheduled for July 25th.
- **Regional Business/News** - There were no representatives from Northern Spirit in attendance at our June 19th meeting. Pastoral Relations Minister Rev. Earl Reaburn retires June 30th and Rev. Adam Hall will take over starting September 1st.
- **Motion to accept reports – Bill Rowe/Holly Cependa** made a motion to accept reports as presented. **CARRIED.**

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Devotions next meeting: Fellowship

Closing Prayer: Georgina Baron

Next Meeting: September 20th at 2:00 pm or at the call of the Chair

Adjournment: 3:36 pm

Georgina Baron, Chairperson

Irene Sabados, Secretary