

Vegreville United Church  
Church Council Minutes  
March 15, 2023

**Present:** Holly Cependa, Bill Rowe, Heather Short, Georgina Baron, Pat Buehler, Ellen Johnstone, Sidney Milton, Rev. Pamela Milton

Meeting was called to order at 2:05 by Chairperson, Georgina Baron.

Devotion was read by Finance member Pat Buehler out of Our Daily Bread

**Approval/Additions to Agenda:**

Under New Business: Adding Sidney Milton's name to the Worship Committee  
Agenda was approved with addition by Holly Cependa/Heather Short. Carried.

**Minutes:**

Under Property and Maintenance – Repairs to the stove – Add that Scott Thostenson did not charge us for fixing the pilot lights. Bill donated the cost of parts. Minutes were approved with correction by Ellen Johnstone/Bill Rowe. Carried.

**Correspondence:**

Letter of Resignation from Trusteeship from Bob Paul. Holly Cependa/Ellen Johnstone moved we accept this with regrets. Carried.  
Letter from Antoinette Fortier stating her wish to remain on Christian Education. For information only.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Fundraisers:**

The Pancake supper raised approximately \$700.00 and we fed about 66 people. There is enough pancake mix left for the Welcome Back brunch and next Shrove Tuesday's Pancake supper.

St. Patrick's Day Stew Supper: Due to other town activities on the same night, we are planning for between 65-70 people. Idea for Next March fundraiser: Pi Day

Purdy's Fundraiser: Orders must be in by Friday, March 17. Chocolates to be delivered by end of the month.

Spring Tea and Bake Sale: Planned for Mother's Day weekend in May.

**Memorandum of Understanding:** No news as of yet.

**Fire Inspection:** Exit lights have been replaced and the K Class Fire Extinguisher for the kitchen has been ordered and should be here before next week's re-inspection.

### **Church Council Committee Member Job Descriptions:**

Holly Cependa reported on changes to the M&P Committee description.

Generally we need to be mindful that we are more than one community of faith.

Anything referring to "Presbytery" should now read "Regional Council" and references to "congregations" should read "community of faith".

On Page 2: Council will meet "the third Monday of the month" should be changed to *the third Tuesday of the month*.

On Page 4: Ministry & Personnel -

Under Purpose: Add *responsible for volunteers* as well.

Under Membership: Change number of members to *2-3 members from each community of faith*.

Changes to the Worship Committee description:

On Page 6: Under duties, point #6 – *to work as a team for the ministry of music with the support of the choir director and organist*.

Under point #7 – change to *participate in annual performance reviews by M&P*.

Next month the Finance Committee and the Fellowship Committee will submit their proposed changes.

**Sound System:** Holly Cependa reported that she had a lengthy conversation with John from Niagara Worship on line and explained the issues we were experiencing. He offered some suggestions and also offered to do a Zoom troubleshoot. He suggested having 2 choir microphones installed on the corner of the balcony facing congregation to pick up sound and to have the sound person monitoring the sound by wearing headphones. Last Sunday sound seemed better.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mop Sink Room:** The hose from the mop sink was left on the outside of the sink and there was a quantity of water on the floor. Also, the gyproc in that room was wet. Val Rowe will be speaking to Melissa. It was also suggested that she be asked to do a badly needed deep clean on the floors.

**Additions to Worship Committee:** It was moved by Holly Cependa, seconded by Heather Short that Sidney Milton be added to the Worship Committee. Carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Treasurer's Report:**

February Cash Flow Sheet:	Total Inflows:	\$6,702.89
	Total Outflows	<u>\$7,909.43</u>
		-1,206.54

General Account:	494.27
Memorial	1,109.43
Capital	.91
Common Share	<u>601.23</u>
	2,205.84

**Finance:** It was moved by Pat Buehler, seconded by Sidney Milton that for the month of March, due to our poor financial situation, Vegreville United will pay RSV \$4000.00 instead of the \$5500.00 usually paid. Carried. This will be revisited for the month of April.

**Worship:** We are in the time of Lent. Services are as follows:

April 2 – Palm Sunday with Communion 10:00 am

April 6 – Maundy Thursday with Communion 5:30 pm

April 7 – Good Friday service at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Anglican Church.

Irene to leave a note on our church to let people know where we are worshipping.

April 9 – Easter Sunday service with No Communion. 10:00 am

Because this is the second Sunday and Rev. Pamela goes to Two Hills, pulpit supply will be needed. Worship Committee will look after this.

April 23 – Joint service at the Anglican Church 10:00 am

April 30 – Joint service at Vegreville United 10:00 am

Ellen Johnstone stated that she does not expect nor want to be paid as the organist. She was asked to bring a letter stating this to the next Church Council meeting so that it can be passed and filed.

**Christian Education:** Holly Cependa reported that Day Camp went really well and that there is another Day Camp coming up the end of March which will be 5 days long. She will be attending Spring Registration night. Rev. Pamela stated that Bible study is going well with 6 people attending.

**Property and Maintenance:** Bill Rowe reported that all the old paper towel holders have been disposed of from the Janitor's room

**Fellowship:** Pat Buehler and Heather Short will meet next week to go over job descriptions. Birthday cards and Memorial acknowledgement cards are up to date.

**Ministry & Personnel:** Nothing to report.

**Minister's Report:** Rev. Pamela reported that she had 3 Funerals, 5 Lodge services, 4 Pastoral care calls, 1 Baptism and an interfaith service. Also, she doesn't need to have surgery.

**Regional Business:** The newsletter is sent out via email monthly. No registration forms yet for the upcoming meeting.

**Motion to Accept Reports:** Sidney Milton/Bill Rowe. Carried.

**Devotions next meeting:** Worship Committee

**Closing Prayer:** Rev. Pamela

**Next Meeting:** April 19, 2023 at 2:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

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Georgina Baron, Chairperson

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Pat Buehler, Acting Secretary