

VEGREVILLE UNITED CHURCH
Minutes of Church Council Meeting
May 17, 2023 at 1:15 pm, Auditorium

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

Meeting was called to order by Georgina Baron at 1:32 pm - Quorum Present.

Devotion: Holly read from “Our Daily Bread” devotional for June 1st “In God’s Hands”

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

Approval of Minutes for April 19, 2023: Holly Cependa/Pat Buehler approved the minutes as presented. **CARRIED.**

New Correspondence:

Old Business/Business arising:

- **Fundraisers** - Our Tea & Bake Sale was very successful, close to \$1400 raised. Next fundraiser is tomorrow, our Hot Dog Sale at the Co-op. Discussed moving the date of our Community BBQ at the Church to June 17th so it coincides with the Community Garage Sales in town. If anyone is interested in coordinating the used book sales, they can set up on the same day.
- **Memorandum of Understanding** – The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Two Hills United Church was approved by Northern Spirit Council. This is on hold until we have our meeting with Northern Spirit Executive on May 19th.
- **Church Council Committee Member Job Description** (Christian Development & Property and Maintenance) **Christian Education** - Holly discussed a few changes to the wording. (Changes given to Irene to type up.) **Property and Maintenance** - There are no changes to this job description.
- **UCW - Action** - Georgina to call Marjorie Wright to set a date for a service to disband the UCW.
- **Memorial Donations** - Just for information, we did not need to transfer our memorial funds into our General Account because we got a grant of \$8,000 from Northern Spirit to help out our finances.

New Business:

- **Photocopier Replacement** - NextGen has given us a quote to replace our photocopier as ours is getting old and parts are not available for this one anymore. There are two different options. One is a savings of \$90/month (Sharp photocopier) and the other a savings of \$73/month (Ricoh photocopier, same as we own now) Both include trading in our current copier, parts, labor, and toner. **Pat Buehler/Ellen Johnstone** made a motion to order the Sharp photocopier. **CARRIED.**
- **Room Rentals** - Discussion took place on the rental of the Friendship Room & Kitchen for a Luncheon after a Graveside Service on May 23rd. There will be about 20 people and they would need the room for about an hour or more. Cost is \$25 for the Friendship Room for an hour (\$50 for the kitchen) but it would be better that they not have to rush after the service and book the daily rate at \$125 for both. Irene will contact the family with the fee.

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- **Trustees** - As we only have two Trustees at this moment, Holly stated that she would like to be a Trustee and that she would let her name stand. Georgina to check into the formal procedure to add a Trustee and if we would need to have a Congregational Meeting.

Committee Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report** - Cash Flow sheet was distributed to everyone. Irene went through some of the items that are not regular monthly items. Donation from Charitable Organization was an "Atco Epic" donation for \$150. Rent of Facility was a donation from Wendy Brook for \$500 for use of the Sanctuary. Under Administration, \$25 was for an Easter Worship Ad (St. Mary's Anglican Church paid \$25 as well to cover the cost).

April Flow Sheet:	Total Inflows:	\$12,445.10
	Total Outflows:	<u>11,912.38</u>
		\$ 532.72

General Account	1,405.64
Memorial	1,109.43
Capital	0.91
Common Share (Profit Share)	<u>601.23</u>
	\$3,117.21

- **Finance - Pat Buehler/Ellen Johnstone** made a motion (as per discussion at our Finance Meeting) that we transfer \$4000 into RSV Pastoral Charge. **CARRIED.** Northern Spirit gave us a grant for \$8000 to cover a portion of Rev. Pamela's salary for April & May. We do not need to pay this back. **Ellen Johnstone/Pat Buehler** made a motion to reimburse Georgina her registration cost (\$175) and mileage (\$0.33/km = \$140) to go to the Northern Spirit Annual Meeting. Also, reimburse Rev. Pamela's cost of registration (\$50 for attendance by Zoom). **CARRIED.**
- **Worship** - Ellen commented that the Hymn Sings before the services are going well. This Sunday is Ascension Sunday. Saturday, May 20th, there is a 25th Wedding Anniversary celebration in the Sanctuary. May 28th is Pentecost Sunday. Holly stated that she is on the Pride Committee now and discussion took place that June is Pride month. Suggestion was that we have a sign made up to put on the Church grounds that we are allies for Pride. Discussion took place on the effect this would have from the community. Sign to be put out on June 9, 10, and 11. Heather to order a cake with "Allies for Pride" flag on it for June 11th Sunday service. On June 18th Salem and Vegreville both have worship services. (We will celebrate Indigenous Sunday).
- **Christian Education** - Holly commented that she is waiting to hear back from some other churches on their dates for Summer Camps. Northpointe has their camp scheduled for the week of July 3rd. After some discussion, the dates that were chosen for our Day Camp were July 11, 12, & 13 and August 1, 2, & 3 from 9am to 3pm. Bible Study will continue to the end of June.

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- **Property and Maintenance** - Grass cutting has started. H&K Services is cutting our grass again this year. Wolf fixed the plug-in in the Kindergarten Room and the Exhaust Fan switch in the kitchen. Outside faucet needs to be checked.
- **Fellowship** - A cake was purchased for fellowship after the May 7th service. Only five people were in attendance so there was a lot left over for the following week. Heather and Pat to do some more visiting with our members this month.
- **Ministry & Personnel** - Waiting to hear how things go at our meeting this Friday with Northern Spirit Executive.
- **Minister's Report** - Rev. Pamela stated that she has an Anniversary service rehearsal with the Fenske family this Friday evening right before our meeting with Northern Spirit Executive. Bible Study this Friday is in-person and on Zoom. There is a graveside service for Walter Ostafichuk on May 23rd with the luncheon at the Church afterwards. On May 25th she has a Dr.'s appointment regarding her knee. On May 26th there is a Funeral service in Edmonton for Anne Strynadka. May 28th is Pentecost Sunday, Ellen is helping to choose the hymns.
- **Regional Business/News** - Georgina gave a report on all the discussions and workshops she attended at the Northern Spirit Annual Meeting in Camrose. Northern Spirit will now be an Affirming Council, this was passed at the meeting. There were quite a few people from the St. Paul Presbytery that Georgina knew and they will try and continue to get together in the future.
- **Motion to accept reports – Sidney Milton/Bill Rowe** made a motion to accept reports as presented. **CARRIED.**

Devotions next meeting: Property & Maintenance

Closing Prayer: Rev. Pamela Milton

Next Meeting: June 28, 2023 at 2:00 pm

Adjournment: 3:15 pm

Georgina Baron, Chairperson

Irene Sabados, Secretary