

VEGREVILLE UNITED CHURCH
Minutes of Church Council Meeting
October 11, 2023 at 2:00 pm, Auditorium

Present: Rev. Paul Allard, Georgina Baron, Holly Cependa, Bill Rowe, Pat Buehler, Heather Short, and Irene Sabados

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

Devotion: Holly read from “Our Daily Bread” devotional for October 13th “Yielding to Trust”

Approval/Additions to Agenda: Pat Buehler/Bill Rowe made a motion to accept the agenda with additional items under Old Business, Edmonton Oil Kings and under New Business, RSV Pastoral Charge Meeting and Furniture. **CARRIED.**

Approval of Minutes for September 20, 2023: Holly Cependa/Bill Rowe approved the minutes as presented. **CARRIED.**

New Correspondence:

Old Business/Business arising:

- **Fundraisers** - There are a few Apple Crisps left over after the sale on September 23rd. They are being stored in the freezer in the Friendship Room. Thank you to Heather and Garth for donating the bigger freezer. We will still keep the small freezer to be used to place desserts into for fellowship after service on Sundays. Spaghetti Supper is on November 1st. Discussed who is available to work. Our Christmas Tea & Bake Sale is on November 25th. There will be a jewelry sale in the Friendship Room same as last year, Ruth Juravinski offered to help out with that. Pat will be away but will do some baking for the sale before she leaves. The Nativity Festival is December 1st to 3rd. Discussed that we would do hot dogs in the slow cooker like last year, with chips and desserts. Maybe we could have a note card beside each Nativity scene that tells a little bit about where it came from or how old it is. Pat will be coordinating a Purdy's Christmas Chocolate Fundraiser again this year (orders to be in by Nov. 25th with delivery Dec. 1-4).
- **UCW** – Discussion took place that we haven't had a UCW in a long time as a lot of the ladies have passed away. This item will be taken off the agenda as we will not be holding a special service to disband the UCW.
- **Discuss Proposal from the Wendy Brook Music Festival** - We accepted their proposal, now we are waiting for them to get back to us on their decision after they had their meeting.
- **Schedule for Pulpit Supply** - Discussed that we will continue as we are with having different leaders for Sunday Worship services. Ellen to call and get a minister to do Christmas Eve Communion service for us. The sign outside our building (with Pamela's name) will be taken down now that we are without a minister.
- **Fall Newsletter** - A fall newsletter will go out with a list of our upcoming events. Irene brought a draft copy to the meeting, this will be mailed out this week.
- **Corner Stone from the old Church** - Pat will bring in the corner stone that was donated by Li Giebelhaus' family after this weekend, as they are clearing everything out of her house.

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- **Church Family Pictorial Directory** - Discussion took place on the date that they will be coming to take photos for our Directory (November 6th). We need a minimum of 10 families with 20 families for a full day. Irene wrote down names of all that were interested. Georgina, Pat, Holly, and Heather will phone people from our congregation and see who else is interested.
- **Faith & Fun Night (Edmonton Oil Kings)**- Holly received a letter from the Edmonton Oil Kings in regards to their Annual Faith and Fun Night that will take place on January 19, 2024 for a 7:00 pm game at Rogers Place. Last year we received the correspondence too late to plan anything. This year it was decided that we try and get enough youth from our church as well as some of the other faith groups in town. The next Ministerial Association meeting is on October 17th and Georgina will let the others know our plans. We are required to have our own transportation and supervision. Holly to coordinate.

Committee Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report** - Cash Flow sheet for September was distributed to everyone. Irene went through some of the items listed. Under fundraising we made \$512 for our Apple Crisp fundraiser. We had one wedding in September (Kevin & Erin Hays). Pulpit Supply was for Rev. JoAnne Kobylka. We transferred extra to our RSV account as we needed to pay Rev. Pamela Milton for this year's portion of her continuing education (8 ½ months). This will be the last month with Pamela on payroll.

September Cash Flow Sheet:	Total Inflows:	\$3,730.44
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		-\$3,322.59
General Account	5,487.97	
Memorial	1,109.43	
Capital	0.91	
Common Share (Profit Share)	<u>601.23</u>	
	\$ 7,199.54	

- **Finance** - We did not have a Finance meeting before Church Council.
- **Worship** - Ellen was not in attendance but did bring up a couple items for Irene to discuss with Council. Heather ordered the pre-filled communion cups and they will be here sometime before the end of October. Ellen was wondering how these will work and if we need to explain to everyone how to open the pre-filled cups. It was decided that people will go up to the front to get their pre-filled communion cup and then when they get to their pew, if they need help, someone will be close by that can help them open it up. Ellen also mentioned that the Narthex and Sanctuary are not to be decorated on November 21st with the rest of the Church, we have to wait till after November 26th Worship service. Ellen requested there be an extra person to be on the Committee as there is no-one else except Dee; he only helps with communion. Georgina volunteered to be on the committee.

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- **Christian Education** - Holly reported on how successful the Kids Klub and Day Camp turned out. There were 6 children registered for the first day of Kid's Klub and 20 children registered for Day Camp. All the kids had a fun time. They are following the same lectionary as Sunday Worship. Next Day Camp is three days November 7, 8, & 9. Kid's Klub will continue every Thursday after school.
- **Property and Maintenance** - Bill removed the pew beside the sound system and moved it to the back of the other side of the Sanctuary. The extra room is working great for wheelchairs. Discussed maybe moving that pew outside the front doors as we always had a bench there. Bill to look after doing this. Bill painted the window trim and base of the tower. Wolf came in to check the toilet that keeps plugging, Pat to buy a couple of good toilet plungers to have handy in the washrooms. Also, Heather will buy 3 small garbages for each stall in the women's washroom to prevent anything from being flushed down the toilet other than toilet paper.
- **Fellowship** - Pat and Heather visited with members of the congregation. (Elvera and Rod & Joyce). They are enjoying these visits and planning to do this in November again.
- **Ministry & Personnel** - Val and Holly will meet with Melissa, the janitor, next week for an annual review. Rev. Pamela Milton is no longer with us. Georgina mentioned that she has not heard back from Rev. Adam Hall about Pamela's letter to us. Pamela's office is full of her belongings as she has not packed anything up to move it out. Pat informed us that she has a moving truck available for Friday afternoon, discussed that we could box up Pamela's items and have them taken over to her house. Heather and Irene to be available Friday morning at 10:00 am and Holly to call Pamela (and Sidney) to go over what items are hers and what items belong to the Church; as well as turn her keys in. Pat will bring in some empty boxes so we can start packing.
- **Regional Business/News** - Regional news being emailed to Council. Next ministerial meeting is October 17th. Georgina to attend.
- **Motion to accept reports – Heather Short/Holly Cependa** made a motion to accept reports as presented. **CARRIED.**

New Business:

- **Funerals** - There was a funeral at the Church on October 7th. Rev. Laureta Blondin was available to fill in as minister as Rev. Pamela Milton wasn't able to do the service. Autumn Rose has a list of ministers that they can call as we are without a minister at this time. Pastor Paul Allard has also offered that in the future, if he is not busy, that he could do a funeral service for us. Our exit door which is used for funerals when there is a casket present, is blocked with trees. Bill offered to cut these trees so that we are able to exit through this door for future funerals.
- **RSV Pastoral Charge Meeting** - We decided to have an RSV meeting on November 8th at 7:00 pm, the same day as our Church Council meeting.
- **Furniture** - Pat let us know that there is some furniture available for the Church (from Li Giebelhaus' family) if we wanted to put it in the minister's office once it is all cleaned out. Everyone agreed that this is a great idea. There is a couch and a chair and two end tables.

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Devotions next meeting: Treasurer

Closing Prayer: Pastor Paul Allard

Next Meeting: November 8th at 3:00 pm
(time change as Day Camp is over at 3:00pm)

Adjournment: 3:40 pm

Georgina Baron, Chairperson

Irene Sabados, Secretary