VEGREVILLE UNITED CHURCH
Minutes of Church Council Meeting
October 19, 2022 at 2:00 pm, Friendship Room

Present: Bob Paul, Rev. Pamela Milton, Sidney Milton, Holly Cependa, Antoinette Fortier, Bill Rowe, Pat Buehler, Brenda Tuck, Georgina Baron, and Irene Sabados

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Bob Paul at 1:55 pm
- Quorum Present.

Devotion: Rev. Pamela Milton read a devotion from a book by Billy Graham "Pray Without Ceasing"

Approval/Additions to Agenda: Holly Cependa/Pat Buehler made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition of "Letter of Resignation" to New Business. **CARRIED.**

Approval of Minutes for September 21, 2022: Pat Buehler/Sidney Milton approved the minutes as presented. **CARRIED**.

New Correspondence:

Old Business/Business arising:

- **Fundraisers -** Pat let everyone know that the Purdy's Christmas fundraiser is set up and she has catalogues to give out. Orders should be submitted by Nov. 22nd and delivery of the chocolates will be the first week in December. Drop off order form at the Church or call Pat at 780-603-2341. Ham Supper Fundraiser happening this evening (take out/dine in) with 33 pre-orders already.
- **Amalgamation** – We are starting to have joint services with St. Mary's Anglican Church (October 30th we go over there and on November 6th the St. Mary's congregation will come here.) Rev. Pamela has not heard anything from Earl Reaburn about amalgamation, no phone calls being returned. She will discuss again with Two Hills when she is there this Sunday.
- **Set-Up of Chairs/Tables for Events (List)** - Irene stated that there was a list made up with people who would be willing to help with set-ups. This list included Irene, Antoinette, Heather Short (& Garth), Pat (& Wolf), and Bill. Discussed that we have enough help without needing to call-in our janitor, Melissa.
- **High Level Bridge Concert** - Date of the concert was set for October 29th at 2:00 pm. Concert advertising has been placed on Facebook and on our website. The Band duo came down to Vegreville to post posters around town as well as placing an ad in the local newspaper, which comes out today. They also will be coming to meet everyone this week sometime, Irene invited them to the Ham Supper or they mentioned maybe coming to this weekend's Sunday service.
- **Lay Worship Leaders (List) -** Irene got a list of lay worship leaders from Kathy Jackson, Northern Spirit. This list will be emailed to the M&P Committee as well as a list will stay in the office for reference and a copy to Georgina.

- **Sound System/Laptop Computer -** The laptop was ordered and delivered by VM Systems. Down payment of half the cost was paid when we received the computer and the second half will be paid in November. It seems to be working well, we just need to be careful with the controls. Holly requested that Sidney show her all the controls and microphone settings. Discussion took place on the two speakers that are still not working, maybe some of our family members or friends that are "tech savvy" can take a look at things for us as we have waited a long time for VM Systems' staff. Bob also offered to call Arthur from VM Systems to discuss this as well as check on the locked cabinet.
- **Seeds of Hope Grant -** Grant application was sent in, the deadline was yesterday so we should hear soon whether we were awarded the grant. We are starting our Senior's Luncheon tomorrow with donated supplies.

New Business:

- **Worship Services on Sunday, Dec. 25th & Jan. 1st** - Discussion took place whether we will have Worship Services on December 25th and decided that we will not have services that day as we have a service on Christmas Eve. A poster will be placed on the outside door to let everyone know where services are being held in town for Christmas Day. Decision was made that we will go ahead with Worship services for January 1st.
- **Room Rental - Saturday, Nov. 19th** - Phone call came in with regards to renting the Kitchen/Auditorium or Kitchen/Friendship Room for a baby shower for approximately 30 people on Saturday, November 19th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Discussion took place that maybe they use the Auditorium as it has more room for them just in case they are playing games, etc. (and if they used the Friendship Room it would need a little bit of cleaning up). **Sidney Milton/Holly Cependa** made a motion to approve the rental for November 19th from 1:00 - 5:00 pm. **CARRIED.** Irene will notify Shauna that it has been approved.
- **Kitchen Rental - 4H Beef Club (Food Club)** - Phone call came in with regards to renting the Kitchen (and maybe Friendship Room) for the 4H Beef Club for 3-4 hours during an evening either Monday or Thursday. It was discussed that we not charge them for the use of the Kitchen and maybe they can be available to help us out with a fundraiser or event in the future. **Holly Cependa/Pat Buehler** made a motion to approve the rental free of charge for the 4H Beef Club, keeping in mind that they will have volunteers to help us out with fundraisers or events in the future. **CARRIED.** Irene will notify Ken that it has been approved.
- **World Kindness Day - November 13th** - Antoinette brought up the date of World Kindness Day. Rev. Pamela will mention "the importance of kindness" on November 13th Worship Service, which will also be the date of our Remembrance Day Worship Service.
- **Letter of Resignation -** Bob Paul read his letter of resignation. He will be moving away and is stepping down from being the Chair of Church Council as of December 1, 2022. **Georgina Baron/Sidney Milton** made a motion to accept his resignation with regrets (our Church family will really miss both Bob & Lynda)**. CARRIED.**

Committee Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report -** Cash Flow Sheet for September was distributed to everyone and Irene went over some of the line items. Fundraising total was for the Apple Crisp Fundraiser $712. Under office equipment and supplies we paid for half the cost of the laptop $582.70. Irene explained that our insurance shows $2604 coming out of our account but that is for three months. We had gotten an invoice of $860 in August then in September an invoice of correction came in the mail for $2604. On December 1st our insurance rates will be going down, we will watch for correspondence from the United Church of Canada (HUB). Repairs and Maintenance total was $112.95 and this was for lawn maintenance and emergency lighting (cost was donated by Bill).

  Total funds in the account as of this date (with PAR deposited) is **$4,535.33.**

September Cash Flow Sheet:		**Total Inflows:**	**$ 4,471.12**
		Total Outflows:	**9,663.95**
			-5,192.83
Accounts	**$ 1,656.01**		
Memorial	**1,109.43**		
Capital	**0.91**		
Common Share (Profit Share)	**668.03**		
	$3,434.38		

- **Finance -** Nothing more to report.
- **Worship -** This Sunday, Sidney will cover the sound system as Holly is not able to be here that day. Brenda and The Voice Choir will be doing the service. Discussion took place that Garth (Heather Short) may be interested in learning to run the sound system.
- **Christian Education -** Discussion took place on Kid's Klub and that there has been no interest. Melanie Semeniuk will talk to the kids/parents at the school and see if there is anyone who would like to join us. We found out that there is a LEGO event at the Library on the same day/time as Kid's Klub. Discussed maybe putting more effort into Messy Church events. Interfaith and Bible Study is doing well. Posters for Messy Church and Kid's Klub to be emailed to Melanie for posting at the school. Antoinette brought up that at the last Interagency Meeting that she attended they were maybe interested in using our Zoom Room (nothing confirmed). Antoinette notified everyone that there is a VALID meeting this Thursday at 1:30 pm if anyone is interested.

- **Property & Maintenance** - Bill reported that he spent numerous hours on lawn maintenance; raked up leaves, cut the grass, and sprayed weeds. Bill has found someone to do the snow clearing - Marshall Elkow will try it out for one month.
- **Fellowship -** Antoinette reported that for fellowship this month we had our regular lodge services, we have our Ham Supper scheduled, and the Senior's Luncheon. Rev. Pamela mentioned that it might be a good idea to donate to Century Park, the organ that we received from the Harsulla family. At the moment they do not have one and it would be nice to have an organ over there for our lodge services. Rev. Pamela will discuss this with Century Park staff.
- **Ministry & Personnel -** Holly reported that they haven't had a meeting for a while. Thank you to Brenda for stepping in on Sundays with the Voice Choir when Rev. Pamela and Georgina are both not available. We have our lay worship leader list for future reference just in case. Also, we have had some positive feedback on Facebook, a job well done.
- **Minister's Report -** Rev. Pamela attended a Northern Spirit gathering. Discussed maybe updating our music and including other instruments like the guitar, fiddle, ukelele, etc. Rev. Pamela's computer in her office has crashed and not working at all. She has been using the new computer, which will be locked in her office and then brought out for Sunday Services. Discussed that settings need to be put back to where they were at and ready for the next Sunday service. Rev. Pamela will be joining Curiosity Cohort, they are learning about rural churches.
- **Regional Business/News -** Northern Spirit Newsletters are being emailed to everyone.

- **Motion to accept reports – Antoinette Fortier/Georgina Baron made a motion to accept reports as presented. CARRIED.**

Devotions next meeting: Fellowship

Closing Prayer: Rev. Pamela Milton

Bob Paul thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting.

Next Meeting: November 16, 2022 at 2:00 pm

Adjournment: 3:10 pm

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Bob Paul, Chairperson **Irene Sabados, Secretary**