

**ST. DAVIDS-QUEENSTON UNITED CHURCH  
CHURCH BOARD MINUTES  
APRIL 15, 2025**

**Present:** Rev. YongSeok Baek; Sandra Macdonald (Chair); Steve Hardaker; Bill Utting; Nancy Utting; Larry McRae; Marianne McRae (Secretary); Sue Cote; Sue Foss and Marie Vahrmeyer

**Absent:** Rev. Doug Jones; Judy Kerr and Linda Hardaker

**Opening Prayer:** Rev. Baek led us in prayer

**Acceptance of the Agenda:** Marie Vahrmeyer asked that an item be added re:fundraising and Rev. Baek asked that an item be added re:rental request

Motion: That the amended agenda be accepted. Moved by: Steve Hardaker; seconded by Bill Utting and carried

**Acceptance of the Minutes** of March 18, 2025 was moved by Nancy Utting; Seconded by Sue Foss and carried.

**Continuing Items:** Bill reported that \$11,000 has been raised to date for the new boiler and air conditioner. A message has been sent to the Faithful Footprints contact but there are no grants available just now. LED light fixtures will be added to this project if sufficient funds are raised.

It was announced that a celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the United Church will be held in conjunction with our church anniversary on Sunday, June 8th followed by a potluck lunch. Nancy announced that the UCW will provide flowers for that service. In addition, new members will be welcomed that day.

**Consent Agenda:** Reports were received from the UCW; Finance; Spiritual Care and CE committees.

Bill questioned the amount of \$3764 spent on Property during the month and charged to that committee. As Linda was absent, this question went unanswered.

Nancy reported that the ladies will convene a table selling pies at the St. Davids Lioness' Spring Fling on Saturday, May 3rd. The pies will be made at the church the day before and will be sold for \$5 each.

**Acceptance of Reports:** moved by Sue Foss; seconded by Marie Vahrmeyer. Carried

**New Business:** Marie reported on a fundraising idea she has with regards to

Cobbs Bakery in St. Catharines. Cards are sold for \$25 which entitles the holder to 12 free loaves of bread. The church would realize \$12.50 from each card sold. Also, boxes of meat from Big Reds would result in a profit of \$10 per box. Marie agreed to take these ideas to the Fundraising Committee under the leadership of Doug McArthur.

Rev. Doug Jones is collecting all metal items as a fundraiser as well, but that project is on hold for the moment as he is unwell.

Rev. Baek reported on a request from one of his neighbours to use our hall on Saturdays for 2 to 3 hours. This would be for a social gathering of approximately 15 people. It would involve yoga and conversation with no alcohol or religious ceremonies. This group would require insurance and understand that church functions would take precedence. The fee of \$40 for janitorial services would be added to the charge.

Rev. Baek suggested rental of our facilities should be considered in the future as part of our budget. Many churches in the area have this item as a major source of fundraising.

Sue Cote offered to call other churches to ask what fees they charge for rental of their facilities.

Once the information is gathered. Bill will take this on as it falls under Facility Use policy. This document should be updated.

The Church Board would have to approve any further action.

**Committee Reports:** Rev. Baek reported that the Youth Group has held 2 gatherings in the past month with games, making pizza and attending a showing of Snow White. 9 were in attendance each time.

Bill reported that Jeff Mayer has graded the back parking lot, but reported the need of a load of stone at a cost of \$600 - \$700. It was moved by Bill Utting; seconded by Larry McRae and carried that this be done.

**Worship and Faith Life:** Nancy reported that all dates when pulpit supply is needed are now covered.

**Further Business:** Rev. Baek reported an average attendance of 75 each Sunday with new faces joining us regularly for worship. It is reported to him that our congregation is found to be very welcoming.

**Closing Prayer:** Rev. Baek again led us in prayer.

**Adjournment** was moved by Marie; seconded by Sue Foss and carried

**Next Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, May 20th at 7 p.m.