

St. Davids-Queenston United Church

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 7:00 pm Sanctuary

IN ATTENDANCE: Sandra MacDonald (Chair), Lyndsay Gazzard, Larry McRae, Marianne McRae, Bill Utting, Steve Hardaker, Linda Hardaker, Sue Foss, Rev. YongSeok Baek, Rev. Doug Jones

REGRETS: Marie Varhrmeyer

- 1) **Opening Prayer** – Rev. YongSeok Baek opened the meeting with a prayer.
- 2) **Acceptance of Agenda:** Chair
 - a. Motion to accept the agenda for this meeting
 - b. Moved by Linda Hardaker, seconded by Steve Hardaker, accepted by all
- 3) **Acceptance of previous minutes:** Chair
 - a. Motion to accept the minutes of the March 18 meeting
 - b. One addition, Linda Hardaker to open discussion re Financial Viability
 - c. Moved by Lyndsay Gazzard, seconded by Bill Utting, accepted by all.
- 4) **Continuing Items arising from previous minutes:**
 - a. Korean Presbyterian overnight stay in the church CE hall: Rev. YongSeok & Bill
 - i. They have agreed to arrange their own liability insurance.
 - ii. Two leaders will be in this coming Friday to view the space.
 - iii. The overnight stay is finalized for Sunday Aug 4th (evening) to Monday Aug 5th (morning) and will only be using the CE Hall.
 - b. Faithful Footprints Grant: This will occur in May, therefore this item will be moved to the **June** agenda.
- 5) **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Reports Received: Worship and Faith Life Committee (includes Christian Education Report), UCW, Finance, Spiritual Care Committee
 - b. Motion to Accept the Consent Agenda:
 - c. Moved by Sue Foss, seconded by Steve Hardaker, accepted by all.
- 6) **New Business:**
 - a. Elijah Page marker: will be held May 25 in the cemetery. This is a marker to commemorate E. Page for fighting in the War of Independence in the USA.
 - b. Christine Early will be there to offer a prayer of benediction.
 - c. Sandra MacDonald will be there as a Church Board representative.
- 7) **Facility Requests:**
 - a. Bill Utting, no requests at this time.

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- b. Discussion regarding prior contact for space on an ongoing basis. This was declined as we do not offer receipts. Our facility use policy only allows for non-receipted donations.
 - c. Lyndsay to amend our policy to include "Rental agreements can be entered into on a one-on-one basis.
- 8) **Correspondence:** None received
- 9) **Committee Reports:**
- a. Finance: Linda Hardaker opened discussions regarding our church's financial viability. UCC has sent a worksheet to complete and assess. This is to be presented at our next Board meeting.
 - b. Trustees: Rev. Doug Jones reported:
 - i. The cemetery clean up day is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th.
 - ii. The Beavers' group has expressed interest in helping that morning. Rev. Jones has phoned Jeffrey but has not had a return phone call yet. Jeffrey needs to clean up the mulch from the stump grinding, backfill and seed the area.
 - c. Property: Bill Utting reported:
 - i. Delta Energy has changed all the exterior lights, installed new lights at the front of the church, facing the road and the back parking lot. Area now to be lit should extend from the road to the back parking lot.
 - ii. We need to complete a report by the end of June 2024 to the government regarding the use of the security grant.
 - d. Regional Council: Larry McRae reported:
 - i. Niagara Association of United Churches was attended by Larry McRae, Christine Early, Rev. Lloyd, Rev. Doug Jones
 - ii. Central Welland UC is becoming an affirming church
 - iii. Vineland UC is closing the end of June 2024
 - iv. Fenwick UC has attracted nine new Ukrainian immigrant families as they have a congregation member that speaks Russian.
 - v. Cave Springs is looking for drivers from Fenwick UC
 - vi. Next meeting is June 8th but may be rescheduled by the timing conflict.
- 10) **Last Call for additional items/issues Motion to Close the meeting:**
- a. Steve Hardaker reported that Bell has sent a new modem, internet now appears to be stable. Will advise the congregation via the weekly bulletin if anyone needs to new password for church business.

Next meeting: Tuesday May 21, 2024 7:00 in the Sanctuary.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Lyndsay Gazzard, accepted by all.