

ST. DAVIDS-QUEENSTON UNITED CHURCH

CHURCH BOARD MINUTES

FEBRUARY 17, 2026

Present: Rev. YongSeok Baek; Sue Cote; Sue Foss;
Judy Kerr; Linda Hardaker; Steve Hardaker;
Sandra Macdonald (Chairperson); Larry McRae; Marianne McRae
(Secretary) and Bob Prentice
Regrets: Rev. Doug Jones; Bill Utting and Nancy Utting

1) Opening Prayer: Rev. Baek

2) Acceptance of Agenda: It was moved by Judy and seconded by Linda to accept the proposed agenda for this meeting. Carried

3) Acceptance of Previous Minutes: It was moved by Marianne and seconded by Sue Foss that the minutes of the January 20, 2026 meeting be accepted as printed. Carried

4) Continuing Items arising from the previous minutes:

4.0) Linda reported that all changes to signing authorities have been made at CIBC for all 3 accounts – Operating; Capital and M&S.

4.1) Rev. Baek reported on Stewardship. His original contact was a former Moderator. His current contact is Brenna Baker of the Stewardship Support team. She may be considered as an anniversary speaker. She may be organizing a workshop in Oakville. Linda attended a recent workshop via Zoom and gleaned great information. One of the points made was that Stewardship should not be discussed at the Annual Congregational Meeting.

4.2) Steve reported that all personal phone numbers have been removed from the Emergency Response document. The names of key personnel (i.e., Chairs of the Board and Congregation) remain, but no numbers. The only numbers published are those of the church.

4.3) Kathleen has found boxes of offering envelopes from 2024 & 25 and has taken them home to recycle. She has been able to open up some numbers in the Donation programme that haven't been used in at least 3 years. Sue Foss will deliver the remaining boxes of 2026 envelopes along with income tax receipts when they are available.

4.4) Kathleen has found a table of contents for the Annual Report. The reports still missing include financials from the UCW; Trustees and M&S.

Linda reported that she plans to change the tone of her report this year to put a more positive spin on the state of affairs. She would like pictures and stories to put into the Annual Report to make it more interesting. Judy reported that a potluck lunch will follow the meeting which is to be held on Sunday, April 19th.

4.5) Sue reported that there are still issues with the new phones as the ability to leave a message is intermittent. Linda will unplug the old answering machine in case that's causing the issue.

5) Consent Agenda: Reports were received from the following groups: Spiritual Care; Fundraising and Finance.

MOTION: It was moved by Sue Foss; seconded by Linda and carried to accept the previously submitted reports for the consent agenda.

6) NEW BUSINESS

6.0) Website: Sue Cote reported that she has noticed several changes and updates that should be made. The document still states that we have a nursery and that Rev. James is to be contacted for weddings, etc. Steve may be unable to make these changes himself, but will contact the webmaster to do so. He asked Sue to send him a list of all of the items that need to be changed and/or updated.

6.1) Tumbler Ridge: Rev. Doug had sent a request to consider some sort of outreach in support of the folks in this community who have just experienced the devastating loss of many people. It was suggested that the Youth Group could make cards to send as there are many school children affected. It was further suggested that we could possibly send financial support when the fund to build a new school is established.

7) Facility Requests: Steve reported that Lisa Brillon has requested use of the sanctuary and hall for several dates in April for the Annual Music Festival. This prompted a report by Rev. Baek that he has heard of churches being audited by the CRA and in danger of losing their charitable status for accepting non-receipted donations instead of rent. As long as the organization using the facility is a registered charity, the Board can accept a donation in lieu of rent at "below market value". This mitigates any risk as far as CRA is concerned. It was noted that the group Lisa represents is a registered charity. It was moved by Marianne and seconded by Sue Cote that Lisa's request be accepted with her donation being classified as "rent" with 7 voting in favour and 1 opposed.

8) Correspondence – none

9) Further Committee Reports

9.0) Youth Group: Sue Foss reported that the Pancake Lunch held this past Sunday was a great success with a profit of \$546.28.

9.1) Regional Council: Larry reported that there will be a meeting of the Niagara Association of United Churches this Saturday, February 21st beginning at 9:30 at Wesley United Church in Welland. It is open to everyone.

9.2) UCW: Judy reported that the World Day of Prayer will be held on March 6th at St. Marks Anglican church. It was suggested that we could offer to host the service another year. Applications to host are accepted on the UC website. The ladies would like to know ASAP what the cost of insurance will be this year as their plan is to pay the whole premium.

10) Closing prayer was offered by Rev. Baek

11) Adjournment at 7:50 p.m. was moved by Linda; seconded by Judy and carried.

12) Next meeting: Tuesday, March 17th 2026 at 7 p.m. Sandra will be absent and Linda will chair that meeting.