

ST. DAVIDS-QUEENSTON UNITED CHURCH

CHURCH BOARD MINUTES

JANUARY 20, 2026

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

2) Opening Prayer: Rev. Baek

2) Addition to Agenda: Steve wished to add a discussion on the vacancies on the Board

3) Correction to Agenda: Linda noted that the signing authority should be to add Marianne, not Linda, since she already has signing authority.

4) Acceptance of Amended and Corrected Agenda: It was moved by Steve Hardaker and seconded by Nancy Utting to accept the agenda for this meeting. Carried

5) Acceptance of Previous Minutes: It was moved by Linda and seconded by Judy that the minutes of the Nov. 18, 2025 meeting be accepted as printed. Carried

6) Continuing Items arising from the previous minutes:

6.0) Telephone System report: Steve noted that this item could be removed from future agendas.

6.1) Linda reported that an appointment has been made with CIBC to get signing authorities updated for all accounts – Operating; Capital and M&S.

6.2) The grant for \$5,000 from UCC has been awarded to the Youth Group. Attendance at their bi-weekly gatherings has been great.

6.3) Rev. Baek will meet with his Stewardship contact when he's available.

6.4) Fees for rentals: The fees are not published on our website. Our church ad now notes that rentals are available. The classroom and stage have been cleaned, but the lighting in the classroom is still no bright enough. Rev. Baek has been contacted by the Pastor of a South African group that may wish to rent the sanctuary for worship. He notes he has many questions to ask of this Pastor, but has had no further contact as yet.

6.5) The Chair Fitness for Seniors group has rented space at Fireman's Park.

6.6) Sandra reminded all present that their year-end reports are now past due. A crew of volunteers is available to help Kathleen with putting this document together.

6.7) Steve presented an update on the recycling issue. Arrangements have been made with the Scout, Cub and Beaver leaders to take our recycling home to place in their own bins. We should consider acquiring additional blue and grey bins. Clear blue bags will not be accepted after March 1st. We have provided these bags for those involved to take home the recycling. Miller Waste has currently paused in offering bins but they can be purchased at Canadian Tire for \$25.

6.8) Steve wished to have it noted that our Land Acknowledgement does NOT state that our church is on "stolen land" as suggested by an email sent from someone who receives the bulletin and wishes to be removed from the list.

7) Consent Agenda: Reports were received from the following groups: UCW; CE; Spiritual Care; Property; Fundraising; Worship & Faith Life; Finance and Youth.

MOTION: It was moved by Steve, seconded by Nancy and carried to accept the previously submitted reports for the consent agenda.

7.0) Nancy wished to add on behalf of the Worship and Faith Life committee that Lisa had informed her that the choir is not performing a cantata for Easter, but rather several musical selections. She also announced that Rev. Colleen Smith will be conducting the service on March 8th.

8) NEW BUSINESS

8.0) Emergency Response Document: Sandra reported that church personnel and contacts need to be updated. She suggested that 5 key people be listed – herself, Marianne, Bill, Lisa and Rev. Baek. The church phone number should be the only one published in the document and only the phone number – no names – should be on the website.

8.1) Offering Envelopes: There are many boxes not yet picked up. It was noted that without assigned numbers – even for those using PAR or electronic transfers - donations are not as easy to track. Sue Foss offered to hand deliver all remaining boxes. Sue Cote noted that the membership role should be reviewed and many names purged.

8.2) Facility Request Co-ordinator: Steve has agreed to take on this role.

8.3) Date for Annual Congregational Meeting: This has been set for Sunday, April 19th immediately following the service. As Chair of Nominations, Steve noted that there are many vacant positions. Marianne reported that Sue Cote has agreed to be the Congregational Secretary with approval from the congregation. Bob Prentice has agreed to be one of the 2 members at large. A Board Vice-Chair is still needed as well as an additional member at large and a second rep for both Regional Council and Cave Springs.

8.4) Budget for 2026: Linda presented a thorough and comprehensive document for discussion. She noted many of the costs are out of our control. Salaries etc. are dictated to us by Head Office. Bob needs assistance on the Fundraising committee. The budget shows a projected deficit of \$48184.28. She noted we are depleting more of our reserves every year. When she presents the budget at the Annual Meeting, she will stress the need for increased givings from everyone.

Linda was thanked sincerely for sharing her time, efforts and expertise in this matter.

MOTION: It was moved by Linda and seconded by Nancy to present this budget at the Annual Congregational Meeting. Carried

8.5) Clean up of Sunday School Room: Judy reported that she and Sue Foss have cleaned it up. Lots of garbage was pitched. The room is now presentable and ready for renting. The Sunday School teachers will be responsible to clean the room at the end of each session. The Christian Salvation group will pick up books (bibles and hymn books) to ship overseas.

9) Further Committee Reports: Rev. Baek announced that the orchestra within the Youth Group will practice for 1 hour each month leaving plenty of time for other activities.

Sue Foss announced on behalf of the CE committee, that 8 young people are registered for Confirmation Classes. She further announced a Pancake Lunch to be held on Sunday, February 15th after the service.

10) Adjournment at 8:40 p.m. was moved by Steve; seconded by Bill and carried.

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

12) Closing prayer was offered by Rev. Baek