

St. Davids-Queenston United Church Church Board

Board Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday, March 18, 2024 7:00pm - Sanctuary

IN ATTENDANCE: Lyndsay Gazzard (Chair), Larry McRae, Marianne McRae, Bill Utting, Steve Hardaker, Linda Hardaker, Sue Foss, Marie Varhrmeyer, Rev. YongSeok Baek, Rev. Doug Jones. (10)

REGRETS: Sandra MacDonald.

OPENING PRAYER: Rev. Baek opened the meeting with a prayer.

CHAIR OPENING STATEMENT: The Chair advised that a vote would be taking place during the meeting on Remit 1 which was required by the end of March and that separate FAQ's had been circulated prior to the meeting to help address any ongoing concerns prior to the vote.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Chair

Motion: *To accept the Agenda. Moved by Marianne McRae, seconded by Linda Hardaker, carried by all.*

ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Chair

Motion: *To accept the minutes of the February 2024 Church Board meeting. Moved by Sue Foss seconded by Nancy Utting and carried by all.*

CONTINUING ITEMS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES : Lyndsay Gazzard

1) **Remit 1:** Larry McRae

A fulsome discussion on the Remit covering concerns regarding funding, structure and potential impact to the wider church of an autonomous National Indigenous Organization within the United Church of Canada was held, and concerns successfully addressed.

Motion: *To respond to Remit 1 with a "YES" to the question as presented. Moved by Steve Hardaker, seconded by Marianne - carried by all.*

2) **Church Sign Update:** Steve Hardaker

Steve presented options and costs for an automated sign for outside the church. There was considerable challenge in finding vendors who would supply a sign and the quotes received ranged between \$10,000 to \$20,000. This, larger than anticipated, cost was felt to be unworkable given the budget. Steve suggested an alternative which would make the sign changing easier - the installation of an anchor. **ACTION:** It was agreed that Steve should proceed with the anchor. (This item is to be removed from the next Agenda)

3) Faithful Footprints Green Grant Initiative: Steve Hardaker/Bill Utting

There was discussion around the lack of clarity of the Grant application wording and whether it provides $\frac{1}{3}$ or $\frac{2}{3}$ of the total cost - leaving the Church to fund the balance.

The Property Committee would like to pursue this Grant primarily to help finance a new boiler.

It was agreed that an audit would have to be carried out on the boiler by Evans to assess the total cost. This has been arranged for May.

ACTION: This agenda item has been moved to the June meeting once we have more information.

CONSENT AGENDA: Chair

Consent Agenda reports had been submitted and circulated prior to the meeting.

Reports were received from the following committees; Property, Ministry & Personnel, UCW, Worship & Faith Life, Finance, Spiritual Care and Christian Education. No items were lifted.

Motion: To accept the Consent Agenda. Moved by Nancy Utting, seconded by Rev. Doug Jones, carried by all.

NEW BUSINESS: Chair

1. Supplies for Sunday School - Sue Foss

Sue advised that the basic supplies for the Sunday school needed to be replaced and asked if there was money in the budget for her to go ahead. Linda confirmed that there was a budget and she could proceed as she needed.

2. Korean Presbyterian overnight stay request - Rev. YongSeok Baek

Rev. Baek has been contacted by this church group who would like to use the church CE hall for an overnight event.

ACTION: Rev. Baek to discuss with Bill Utting re: Facility Use Agreement requirements.

FACILITY REQUESTS: Bill Utting

A new request to use the Parlour on a weekly basis (Wednesday and/or Thursday evenings) for music lessons has been received from Krista Curry. Bill asked for direction on the “good will donation” we should request. It was agreed that a \$50 non-receipted donation per use would be acceptable.

ACTION: Bill to report back to the Board if this arrangement is confirmed.

Facility Reminder: Steve reminded everyone that Lisa has booked the church for the Niagara Music Festival the week of April 8th, 2024.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chair

There was no correspondence received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Youth Group Report - Rev Baek:

The group is meeting twice a month but a fun bowling event planned for last week was postponed due to Rev. Baek’s illness. There is a \$1901 balance in the Youth Group grant fund - Rev Baek will review.

Trustees Report - Rev Jones.

- a) Old Cemetery Funding: In discussions with Kevin Turcotte of the NOTL Town regarding the Old cemetery maintenance costs, he reported that the Church had received a 6% increase last year by error but no action is required. It was also discussed that the Town are proposing a 3.5% increase per year in addition to the current funds received for the next 3 years. This has not been confirmed yet.
- b) Cemetery General Maintenance: Rev Jones and Howie Lowrey will meet with Jeff to discuss ongoing care challenges.
- c) Cemetery Clean Up Day: Rev. Jones is proposing the morning of April 27th for a volunteer cleanup.

LAST CALL FOR ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

- a) Office Photocopier Contract - Linda Hardaker;

After a review of the new contract Linda requested that we accept the new contract for the photocopier as there were no changes in costs. **ACTION:** It was agreed that Linda proceed to confirm a new contract.

NEXT MEETING: The next Board meeting will be **TUESDAY APRIL 16 AT 7pm** in the Sanctuary. The meeting will be chaired by Sandra MacDonald.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Moved by Nancy Utting, seconded by Steve Hardaker

CLOSING PRAYER: Rev. YongSeok Baek

