

ST. DAVIDS-QUEENSTON UNITED CHURCH

CHURCH BOARD MINUTES

MAY 20, 2025

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

Absent: Marie Vahrmeyer and Judy Kerr

2) Opening Prayer: Rev. Baek

3) Acceptance of Agenda: It was moved by Nancy Utting and seconded by Sue Cote to accept the agenda for this meeting. Carried

4) Acceptance of Previous Minutes: It was moved by Steve Hardaker and seconded by Bill Utting that the minutes of the April 22nd meeting be accepted as printed. Carried

5) Business Arising from Minutes: In answer to a question Bill had asked at the April meeting re: \$3700 charged to the Property Committee in March, Linda responded that it was for snow removal from the end of December to the end of March.

6) Continuing Items arising from the previous minutes:

6.0 Boiler/Heat Pump/AC/Light fixtures: Bill reported there is now \$15,406. in the fund.

6.1 Grants: There is still no word on grants being available for the above project.

6.2 Anniversary Service: There is will be no guest speaker for the Anniversary service on June 8th. Steve will read a brief history of the church with the emphasis on the 100th Anniversary of the United Church even though both the St. Davids and Queenston churches are more than twice that old. A pot luck lunch will follow the service. Rev. Baek plans on using some of the liturgy from the service of 1925 and hymns from the very old hymn book. It was suggested that we should do something to commemorate the 100th anniversary and a tree planting with attached plaque was suggested. Larry noted a missional grant might be available from the Extension Council for such a purpose. Sandra offered to research the purchase of a tree. Nancy suggested the cost could be covered from the Memorial Fund.

It was moved by Linda; seconded by Steve and carried that a tree up to \$200 be purchased.

6.3 No further items were raised.

7) Consent Agenda: Sue Cote reported that Darlene is very stressed right now. Due to the recent flood, the cleanup workers have been very disruptive to her routine. She has been working from home as much as possible.

It was moved by Linda; seconded by Bill and Carried to accept the previously submitted reports for the consent agenda.

8) New Business:

8.0 It was reported that a Community grant available through N-o-t-L does not apply to churches. Rev. Baek will apply for a grant from the town for the youth group. He has been successful in the past in securing this grant.

8.1 Bill provided an update on the recent flood. The deductible on our policy is \$10,000. Bill is waiting for the adjusters as to what has already been done. The remaining work could be done by our own volunteers. The Trustees and Property Committees will meet together on Friday to discuss steps forward. Jim Vahrmeyer and Warren Stainton would be willing to help. The basement cleanup needs to be addressed ASAP as the space will be needed for the Yard Sale on May 31st. Flooring in Darlene's office also needs to be done ASAP. Two doors into Darlene's and Lisa's offices also need to be repaired ASAP. Drywall in the parlour is needed. The baseboards that were removed will be OK to be re-used. The policy states that we have a year to submit a claim if we so choose.

9) Facility Requests:

Sue Cote provided an update on the research she did into the rents charged by other churches. Up to now, we have asked for a non-receipted donation in lieu of rent. It was noted other churches have many more rooms available to rent than our church does. Rev. Baek suggests we think of how to use our CE hall for rentals in the future. Steve noted we should work towards setting a rental fee for the hall and sanctuary. If the kitchen is used, someone from the UCW has to be there. St. Andrews has a key fob system for access. Rev. Baek suggested a working group be formed to discuss rentals. Those expressing a willingness to serve on the committee are Bill, Steve and Rev. Baek.

10) Committee Reports:

10.1 CE: Sue Foss reported that the Youth Group will be attending the baseball game on June 7th. The 3rd Sunday of June will be the last day for Sunday School until the fall.

10.2 Regional Council: Larry reported that a one-day meeting will be held via zoom on Saturday, June 14th. The new president of Regional Council is the new minister at St. Andrew's in Niagara Falls.

10.3 Trustees: Doug reported that there has been a request for the church to buy back some burial plots. Our bylaws state that we pay the owners whatever they paid originally. This should be the price plus the 40% that has to be paid to the Bereavement Council of Ontario

11) Adjournment was moved by Sue Cote; seconded by Nancy Utting and Carried

12) Closing prayer was offered by Rev. Baek.

13) Next meeting: Tuesday, June 17th at 7 p.m.