ST. DAVIDS-QUEENSTON UNITED CHURCH

CHURCH BOARD MINUTES

NOVEMBER 17, 2026

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

1) Opening Prayer: Rev. Baek

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

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

4) Continuing Items arising from the previous minutes:

4.0 & 4.1) Re: the cemetery and Historical Artifacts clean-up, Rev. Doug reported the following;
Quick report from trustees.

Regarding last meeting's motion to begin exploration of transferring our Cemetery to the municipality I have begun preliminary steps that give us an overview of what's required.

1. I have reviewed the property documents that we have in the Church office regarding the Cemetery. All appears to be in order with regard to ownership. I contacted the survey company that has changed hands and from what they said we have a sketch but not an official survey. Our property is broken into three parts and I will be sending a picture of the sketch to them for verification. They were quite helpful

2. I have been in touch with regional council and have received from them some guidelines with regard to transfer of a Cemetery. These will need to be explored further to get into the real detail of what's required.

3. I spoke again with Diane Walker, who has very helpful knowledge and awareness regarding trustees and property. She has given me further guidelines for exploration, which I will follow up on.

4. A small group of us will meet this Friday morning to clean at least one side of the memorabilia cabinet. We may have to investigate ways of getting the other lock open. We will also look at moving the lectern to the narthex. I'm looking at borrowing some younger muscles to do that.

Since one cupboard has a lock with no key, it was suggested that a locksmith be called to open the one with the missing key.

4.2) Linda reported that the Annual stats were all done and closed. UCC appears to have used last year's stats.

5) Consent Agenda: Reports were received from the following groups: Finance; UCW; CE; Property and Youth.
MOTION: It was moved by Linda and seconded by Bill and carried to accept the previously submitted reports for the consent agenda.

6) NEW BUSINESS
6.0 Review of salaries for 2026:
MOTION: Larry moved that the meeting be moved in camera; seconded by Linda and carried.
MOTION: Larry moved that the meeting be moved ex camera; seconded by Bill and carried.
MOTION: It was moved by Sue Cote; seconded by Sue Foss that the recommendations of the Ministry and Personnel Committee for salaries and re-imbursements be accepted as presented. Carried.
6.1 Nancy reported on behalf of the Worship and Faith Life committee that there have been some complaints about Rev. Baek leaving the service on the 4th Sunday of the month to teach the Sunday School youth. Some people felt the service was incomplete. She suggested perhaps Rev. Doug could finish the service in Rev. Baek's absence if he's available those weeks. The other suggestion was to have the young people stay in the service and perhaps take up the collection.
Rev. Baek noted it was the youth requesting that he hold classes with them similar to the curriculum they followed prior to confirmation. He will work this through in consultation with Sue Foss and the parents.
6.2 Linda has looked into acquiring Square for point-of-sale payments. The charge is 7 cents per transaction plus a 2% fee. Rates are higher if using credit cards**.** There is no monthly fee but someone has to set it up on their cellphone to take the transaction. Linda will investigate further and report back.

7) Facility Use
7.1 Steve reported that Lisa Brillon has requested use of the sanctuary from April 13 – 17 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. for her annual Music Festival. She has a certificate of insurance on file and she has signed a facility use form. As this is allowed under her contract, approval of the request was moved by Steve; seconded by Bill and carried.

7.2) Steve reported that Erin Yarnell had contacted Judy with a request to hold a surprise birthday party for her mom – Mary Yarnell (a member of the church) in the CE hall this coming Sunday, November 22 from 12:30 – 3:30.
Judy has offered to be available to open up and close up. Steve noted that 3rd party liability insurance and a signed facility use form will be required. As this is to be classified as a church function, fees will be waived but Erin has indicated a willingness to make a donation in lieu. After much discussion, acceptance of this request was made by Judy; seconded by Sue Cote and carried.
7.3 Steve has had a request from a group known as "Every Parent Matters". They have asked us to "host" their circle gatherings for listening and sharing. This would be considered local outreach. The fees to be charged are $20/hr or $200/half day. Requirements would include: 3rd party liability insurance and a signed facility use form. Steve suggested that further information is needed with discussions to include Rev. Baek and Marianne.

8) Correspondence: None

9) Further Committee Reports: Larry reported that he attended a NAUC meeting. Rev. Beverly Tyhurst spoke about looking for help with the sad job of closing churches. He further reported that General Council will be held at Brock University in 2028 from July 31 – August 6. Rev. Martha Lockwood is looking for those interested in helping.

10) Additional Items: Sue Cote mentioned that the gym was very hot both last Saturday when her son was replacing light fixtures and also on the day of the bazaar. Steve is having problems setting the thermostat right now but he keeps the temperature at 21 or 22 degrees Celsius.

11) Next meeting: Tuesday, January 19th 2027 at 7 p.m.

10) Adjournment was moved by Nancy; seconded by Bill and Carried

11) Closing prayer was offered by Rev. Baek

Sandra announced that she plans to step down from the position of Board Chair in February due to family commitments that will keep her busy until the end of April.