

ST. DAVIDS-QUEENSTON UNITED CHURCH

CHURCH BOARD MINUTES

NOVEMBER 19, 2024

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

Absent: Rev. Doug Jones; Marie Vahrmeyer

2) **Opening Prayer:** Rev. Baek

3) **Acceptance of Agenda with and amendment to the Consent Agenda to include Financials and an update on calendar sales:** moved by Linda Hardaker and seconded by Bill Utting to accept the amended agenda for this meeting. Carried

4) **Acceptance of Previous Minutes:** It was moved by Bill Utting and seconded by Linda Hardaker that the minutes of the October 15, 2024 meeting be accepted as printed. Carried

Continuing Items arising from the previous minutes:

4.0 Email address: It was reported that an email address for the church has now been established. It is donate@stdavids-queenstonuc.ca. Linda will go to the bank to set up our account to accept etransfers. It will be set up for auto deposits with no password required. Funds can go in and out of the account using etransfer.

4.1 Boiler Review: Bill reported that budgetary quotes are being received. He presented a letter that he would like to send to some – if not all – members of the congregation. The letter will be made personal and express the hope that donations could be received to help with the cost of a new boiler. The need for a new boiler is dire and it should be replaced sooner than later. The expense will be included in the budget for 2025. A grant application will be made to pay \$20,000 - \$30,000 of the cost. The furnace for the church hall is only working at 70% efficiency. Additionally, lights are needed in the Sunday School room.

4.2 The 100th Anniversary of the United Church: We need to firm up a date as to when we will celebrate this occasion. It was suggested that it could be merged in with our own anniversary in April or May. It was also suggested that the moderator could be asked to attend. Steve will follow up with this idea.

A mass choir in celebration of the event is being planned for May 4th, 2025.

5) Consent Agenda: We were reminded that Judy Kerr is now the president of the UCW and, as such, is a member of the Board.

A motion to accept the Consent agenda was moved by Steve Hardaker; seconded by Sue Foss and carried.

6) New Business:

6.0 Steve announced that 37 church calendars for 2025 have been sold. There was a \$64 surplus of funds.

6.1 We were reminded that year-end reports are due by Dec. 31st. Linda asked that the Chair of each committee get their budget requests to her by the same date. Steve also reminded the Chairs to canvas their committees to determine if they are willing to continue. New members – especially those who are new to the church - should be approached to join committees.

6.2 Rev. Baek reported that he is thinking of a celebration for new members. Also, a video from Project Share will be shown at the December 2nd service.

7) Facility Requests: None

8) Correspondence: None

9) For the purpose of receiving the report and recommendation from the M & P committee, the meeting was moved in camera on a motion by Sue Cote; seconded by Steve and carried

The meeting was moved ex camera on a motion by Sue Cote and Steve and carried.

10) Finance: Marianne spoke on the assessments as deemed by Head Office. She noted that they are based on the financials of 2 years prior and based solely on income and assets with no consideration of expenses. This matter will be carried further to the local Association of United Churches and also to Regional Council. The suggestion should be made that Regional Council could help churches with the dues as assessed – especially those with deficit budgets.

9.0 General Council Proposals: Larry reported that Regional Council plans to sort through the original 3 proposals from General Council plus any further that are presented.

Those present are in favour with the original 3 proposals. Larry will report this at the next meeting of Regional Council whenever it's held.

9.1 Finance – Marianne – as noted above

9.2 Worship & Faith Life – Nancy - nothing further

9.3 Christian Education – Sue Foss - nothing further

9.4 UCW – Nancy – nothing further

9.5 Trustees – Rev. Doug – nothing further

9.6 Fundraising – None

10) Last Call for additional items/issues: Linda Hardaker commended Sue Cote on her cookbook initiative. To date, this project has raised \$800. Many thanks are owed to Sue for coming up with this idea and seeing it through to completion.

11) Adjournment: Nancy moved adjournment, seconded by Sue Foss and Carried

12) Closing prayer: Rev. Baek led us in prayer.

13) Next Meeting: will be held on Tuesday, January 21st at 7 p.m.