

ST. DAVIDS-QUEENSTON UNITED CHURCH

CHURCH BOARD MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

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

Absent: Linda Hardaker; Rev. Doug Jones and Marie Vahrmeyer

2) Opening Prayer: Rev. Baek

2) Acceptance of Agenda: Nancy Utting asked that the Worship and Faith Life report be removed from the consent agenda for discussion. It was moved by Steve Hardaker and seconded by Nancy Utting to accept the amended agenda for this meeting. Carried

4) Acceptance of Previous Minutes: It was moved by Marianne McRae and seconded by Steve Hardaker that the minutes of the May 21, 2024 meeting be accepted as printed. Carried

Continuing Items arising from the previous minutes:

4.0 Financial Viability Analysis: No report, but this item is to be kept on the agenda.

4.1 Faithful Footprints: The property committee would like to pursue this grant as it could be used to help finance the purchase of a new boiler. Evans Heating and Cooling has carried out an audit on the boiler to assess the total cost of replacement. The budgetary quote of \$14,633 inc. tax has been received. A second quote is coming from Montgomery Heating and Cooling. The grant is a definite possibility. The application must include the last 2 years of gas and electric bills. This grant will cover 2/3 of the cost of a new boiler up to \$20,000. As well as a new boiler we could look into replacing the lights in the gym and sanctuary with LEDs to be added to the application. There is no closing date on applying to Faithful Footprints. If approved, the money would be received within 2 weeks. There will be a hold back of \$1,000 until all bills are paid and the grant money is spent.

5) Consent Agenda: The consent agenda is a set of reports that can be approved in one motion. The approval endorses all the information

contained in each of the reports within the package. Prior to the motion being taken, any Member may request that a report be lifted from the consent agenda and considered separately.

Reports received include: Finance; UCW and Property reports. Bill mentioned that a crew would be working next week on the drainage problem on the roof. A motion to accept the Consent agenda was moved by Nancy Utting; seconded by Sue Cote and carried.

6) New Business:

6.0 100th Anniversary of the United Church. Steve noted that there are resources available to assist in planning activities. The discussion centred around including celebrations during a worship service and making additions to the website. The actual date of the anniversary is at the end of April. It was further noted that the congregations of Queenston at 239 years and St. Davids at 237 are much older than the United Church. Rev. Baek would like to celebrate the occasion on 1 Sunday. He will speak to Lisa about special music. It was suggested that an ad hoc committee be struck following an announcement to the congregation to get interested parties to participate.

6.1 Staff Vacation and sick times have been accounted for re: the Minister and Choir Director. Larry reminded us that vacation time for Ministers runs from July 1st to June 30th.

6.2 Rev. Baek announced that the principal of the St. Davids school has asked that people could use our parking lot when special events are being held at the school. It was agreed upon as being good community outreach.

7) Facility Requests: None

8) Correspondence: None received

9) Committee Reports in addition to those in the Consent Agenda:

9.0 Youth Group – Sue Foss reported that activities will be in the church on the first Friday of the month and outside of the church on the 3rd Friday. Rev. Baek announced that a grant of \$2580 has been received from the Town of N-o-t-L. Steve will post announcements about this group on 5 different sites in N-o-t-L. It was further noted that activities could take place on a Sunday afternoon.

9.1 Finance – Marianne – none

9.2 Worship & Faith Life – Nancy – It has been agreed to purchase a further 25 copies of the More Voices hymnary. Money from the Memorial Fund will pay for these. Any available through churches that are closing

might be in poor shape. A suggestion had been made at their meeting that the congregation be encouraged to say, "Amen" instead of clapping following an anthem or solo. Following discussion, it was decided to leave things as they are. If folks are moved to clap, they will do so.

9.3 Christian Education – Sue Foss reported that Christina Travers does not wish to teach Sunday School, but will do music with the children on the 1st Sunday of the month. Nicole Amato will teach if really need, but wishes to have a curriculum to follow. Amanda Zu, who has a background in teaching in China, will teach as will Enoch (on the 5th Sunday of the month). Sue will assist Enoch for his first time. They will all require a police check. Sue Cote will have the children help wrap candy bars for the "Blessing Bags" she is filling for the homeless.

9.4 UCW – Nancy – none

9.5 Trustees – none

9.6 Fundraising – Sue Cote announced that the sale cook books that she is compiling will be in support of this committee. She has contacted many members of the church for recipes. She hopes to have 50 copies ready for sale at the bazaar.

10) Last Call for additional items/issues: Larry noted that nothing has been done re: the church being able to accept donations/offering by e transfer. Steve suggested that Wayne Irwin, our webmaster, can create the necessary email address for the church.

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

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

13) Next Meeting: will be held on Tuesday, October 16th at 7 p.m.