

Gaetz Memorial United Church  
**Board Meeting MINUTES – April 22, 2025**

1. **Meeting came to order at 6:30PM**

**Mission:** Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we are a welcoming Community of Faith at Gaetz Memorial United Church. We gather together to pursue compassion, justice and Love without restraint and to walk humbly with God and one another.

**Treaty Acknowledgement:** We acknowledge with respect the history, culture and spirituality of the people with whom **Treaty 6** and **Treaty 7** were signed and the territory in which our church and its members reside, and our responsibility as treaty members. We also honour the heritage and gifts of the **Metis** people. May we live with respect on this land and live in peace and friendship with its people.

1.1. **Opening Prayer:** Leila Currie

1.2. **Attendance:** Shari Hanson, Rev. Leila Currie (Minister), Dom Mancuso, Shona Sponholz, Marsha Anders, Deb Heenan (WET in place of Lori).

1.3. **Regrets:** Lori Heppler, Randy Patmore, Scott (Sheila) Cunningham

1.4. **Absent:** Marsha Anders

1.5. **Guest:** Kathryn Kuppan (note taker)

2. **Share the Light**

3. **Agenda Review & Approval**

Motion 01-25-04 Deb moved, Dom seconded to approve the agenda. **Carried.**

4. **Review and approval of Minutes from March 25 2025 Board Meeting**

Motion 02-25-04 Shona moved, Deb seconded to approve the minutes as presented. **Carried.**

5. **Old Business**

5.1. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

5.1.1. **Establishing a Self-Assessment Committee** - Shari is still working on this, has a few more people to find answers, will try to have a meeting soon, task for assessment team to use a tool to dig wide and deep for a current state of things. This TOOL to use for this task will roll out sometime in May. Shari is hopeful to have a meeting sometime before the end of May. Shari would like to look into Church HUB to get clear numbers on who are members at Gaetz.

5.1.2. **Reinstating PACE** - looking at holding off on PACE until starting in September. Has been an off and on group since the 80's called Planned Approach to Capital Expenditures. (new roof, building updates, looking at a 5 year and 10 year plan, use of building, etc)

5.1.3. **Church Directory** – Tracy shared the dates being Tuesday Sept 30-October 4, 2025. The photographer will be present at the church with specific time slots TBD and announced at a later date.

5.2. **Standing Items**

5.2.1. **Accessibility:** this will be part of the self assessment group

- 5.2.2. **100th Anniversary of the UCC event at GMUC June 22:** there is a team working on getting invitations out
- 5.2.3. **Board Vacancies** - 7/10 board members currently, 1 additional board member on leave until approximately September 2025, not sitting in a legal stance as the missing spaces must be filled. Need a Temp Treasurer, Secretary (executive position), vice/co chair, Director at Large. Shari will prepare a message to have in the bulletin on Sunday to go out to the congregation.
- 5.2.4. **Stewarding Relationship with Sunnybrook:** next formal gathering aiming for October 2025. Leila and Sunnybrook minister meet 1x per month for coffee connection

## 6. Reports

### 6.1. Treasurer Report

- 6.1.1. Tabled to May

### 6.2. Minister's and Committee Reports – submitted for the Board meeting to be reviewed.

#### 6.2.1. Business arising from Committee Reports

- 6.2.1.1. n/a

## 7. New Business

- 7.1. Scheduling Board June BBQ Potluck (Dickens have offered to host) Tuesday June 19. Gather at 5pm

## 8. Correspondence

- 8.1. n/a

## 9. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 pm, May 27 2025

Opening Prayer: Dom

Closing Prayer: Shari

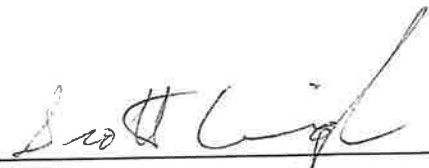
- 10. **Vision:** Love in action, so that all may experience God's unconditional Love.

- 11. **Adjournment Closing Prayer:** Shari Hanson

**Meeting ended at 8:31 PM**



Shari Hanson, Board Chair



Scott/Sheila Cunningham, Treasurer



## REPORTS to the Board

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### Minister's Report:

Happy and Blessed Easter season! During the past month, I was away for vacation and for a time of continuing education, as I sat in on a learning circle at Center for Christian Studies. There I was a guest chaplain for the students who had gathered for their learning circle. It was a pleasure to be part of their learning journey, to glean new insights, and to co-facilitate a session on "Pastoral Support." Thank you to all who provided pastoral presence, pulpit supply, and leadership in my absence.

**Ministry:** Always a pleasure to chat with folks who visit my office, meet in coffee shops, etc, to share vision and insights for our community of faith. Services:

- o Holy Week Services are past, and were well-received by our ecumenical community
- o Holy Friday
- o Easter Sunday
- o Plans for Holy Humor and upcoming services

**Staff:** our regular meeting time is Wednesdays @ 1:00.

**Communications:** always on-going. Was able to maintain communication with families and staff in the wake of two sudden deaths while I was on continuing education.

**Affirm and Acknowledgement:** Rainbow table was cancelled this month.

- Plans are in the works to bring Affirming Connections Chair person to Red Deer for a Central Alberta Breakfast of Champions
- Inviting speaker from Turning Point in the near future
- Continuing the work of ensuring best practices for the inclusion of all, regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, abilities, ethnicity, status, and health.

**Pastoral Care:** Thank you to all who offered to their time for hospital visits while I was away. Pastoral care needs are always prevalent, with home visits, hospital visits, hospice visits, calls and private conversations in my office. Lots of conversations throughout the week and after church, as well as at church events, meetings, etc.

**Prayer Team:** email communications, as well as getting together monthly for prayer and kinship – most recently, March 18.

**Stewardship:** fostering good connections and best practices together.

**CD:** Thank you to Margaret Lange and Maxine Whitehead who graciously (and enthusiastically!) led this year's study, based on the resource, Something Sacred. I met with CD team online while I was on Con-ed

**Community Connections:**

- Hospice: Board and Fund Development Committee
- Parkvale monthly service – always on the fourth Sunday of the month – thank you to Margaret Lange and Carolyn Neufeld for leading this while I am on vacation.

**PLURA:** Holy Week Services

**Funerals:** Fran Hare.

**Continuing Education:** Center for Christian Studies Learning Circle April 2-9

**Vacation:** March 20-30

- Leila Currie

## Treasurer Report

N/A

## Christian Development

Nothing provided.

- Marsha Anders

## M&P Committee

There is nothing to report from the M&P committee. Next meeting will be held on May 21.

- Shona Sponholtz

## Worship Events Team

Christmas Tree has been purchased! 12' Tree! Pre-lit. Risk averse for setting it up. Health and Safety! Purchased local.

June 1st Roxanne Williams is taking the Service and Margaret Lang will provide the Service for May 11th.

Candlelight Service Tues April 29th at 7:00 PM.

- Deb Heenan

## Property

- carillon speaker wires are being added onto
- battery lawnmower purchased (for Randy 😊)
- window washing company to be hired for 2nd floor windows and windows between sanctuary and chapel, choir room
- yard cleanup is being planned

Greg for Dave A.

## Affirm and Acknowledgement

Nothing provided.

- Kathryn Kuppan

## Stewardship Team

We have not met but have spoken and written to the congregation re: boiler up date and M&S information. We plan on bringing forward again the Legacy information. We plan this during the service and in the bulletin within the next number of weeks.

- Lorna Watkinson Zimmer

## Gaetz Outreach

Nothing provided.

- Karen Gough

## JCW

Just a reminder that our spring tea will be on May 3rd. We are asking for baking for the bake table we will have at the sale.

- Shirley Gehman ..... Chairperson

## CWR Regional Rep's Report

Nothing provided.

- Roxanne Williams

## Communications Report

The Easter\Spring Newsletter was published the first week in April. It was emailed out to the congregation with printed copies available at the church. Copies were delivered to the Senior's homes ( Rosemary Congdon & Suzan Yaworski) and some were mailed out.

Thanks to all who contributed to the newsletter and to Tracy for printing & emailing it to the congregation.

Information for the Easter services was submitted by Suzan to the Red Deer Advocate as part as the weekly Saturday Worship guide ad.

- Suzan Yaworski

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	Current Year
ASSETS	
BANK ACCOUNTS	
CHECKING ACCOUNTS	
RBC chequing account	\$169,482.14
Gaetz ETA	93.29
Ministers Benevolent Fund	2,765.77
Outreach	-3,022.25
Subtotal Checking Accounts	169,321.95
SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	
Savings Account	999.08
Subtotal Bank Accounts	170,321.03
INVESTMENTS	
Harold Perry Fund	79,253.45
Kasota Sponsorship	2,871.24
Int. deg. - Bldg & other	1,004,712.38
Legacy Account	100.00
Subtotal Investments	1,086,937.07
OTHER ASSETS	
Prepaid Expense	24,838.20
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,282,096.30
LIABILITIES	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
PASS THRU CONTRIBUTIONS	
M&S - congregation	\$2,594.00
M&S - UCW	2,050.00
Food Bank Fund	450.00
Mustard Seed	100.00
Handbell Fund	2,701.75
Synergy Fund	647.74
KEC Fund	3,533.00
CAWES	674.00
Special Outreach	216.00
Building & Maint	19,944.19
Worship/Choir fund	2,376.42
Chattels	359.53
PACE Fund	6,582.00
Sunday morning Coffee	1,086.85
Gaetz Scholarship fund	3,499.40
UCW Activity	2,476.40
United Kids Camp	1,295.88
KEC Camp Sponsorship	412.70
Sprint of Wellness	8,704.00
Subtotal Pass Thru Contributions	62,197.83
OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Benevolent Fund	2,788.76
Outreach fund	-3,022.25
Building Use Deposits	60.00



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Accounts Payable	-2,945.42
Gaetz ETA	93.29
Harold Perry Fund	78,938.32
Subtotal Other Current Liabilities	75,892.70
Subtotal Current Liabilities	138,090.56
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	
Legacy Fund	200.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	138,290.56
NET ASSETS	
UNRESTRICTED	
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$1,127,327.55
DONOR RESTRICTED	
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	
Worship/choir Fund	1,720.00
Building & Maintenance	4,828.69
Handbell fund	749.00
Synergy Fund	500.00
PACE	382.00
Scholarship Fund	8,298.50
Subtotal Temporarily Restricted	16,478.19
Subtotal Donor Restricted	16,478.19
TOTAL EQUITY	1,143,805.74
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$1,282,096.30