



MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Held in the Fellowship Hall & on Zoom at 11:30 a.m.

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Council Members Deb Gill (Chair), Mary McFadden (Council Secretary), Virginia Scott (Christian Development), Lois Gill (Fellowship & Outreach), Lori Hyatt – (Finance/Treasurer), Janice Sinker (Grand Bend Place), Rev. Nancy Knowles (Minister), Steve Northey (Ministry & Personnel & Stewardship), Christine Wilde (Office Administration) Debbie Procter (Property Management), Glen Miller (Trustees), Karen Etherington (Worship & Music), Peter Challen (WOW Representative),

Members Present: Deb Gill, Mary McFadden, Virginia Scott, Lois Gill, Lori Hyatt, Janice Sinker, Steve Northey, Debbie Procter, Glen Miller, Peter Challen (Zoom), Karen Etherington, Nancy Knowles, Christine Wilde (Christine left shortly after the meeting commenced)

Regrets: None

Quorum Present

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER – Deb Gill:** 11:35 a.m.
2. **PRAYER –** Rev. Nancy Knowles blessed our meal.
3. **APPOINT AN EQUITY MONITOR – Deb Gill:** Glen Miller
4. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY (READ ALOUD BY COUNCIL)**
5. **PRAYER -** Rev. Nancy Knowles – theme of star gazing and leading the season of Epiphany.
6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
 - **MOTION to approve the agenda as circulated/amended. Moved, seconded and carried.**

As both Peter and Christine needed to leave early, Deb asked Peter first if he had any comments to make.

- **Peter Challen - Remit straw vote:** commented that he was supportive about the decision to move the Remit straw vote to a service in February. This is due to the cancellation of church on Sunday, January 21 when the vote was to be taken.
- **Christine Wilde -**
 - **Community Bulletin Board:** was very pleased to share the news that the different groups that make up “Grand Bend Cares Community Group” are enthusiastic about sponsoring our Community Bulletin Board. Christine suggested that each group try for the figure of \$150. It was agreed that the remaining funds would be covered between the Legion and our church.

Lasagna Tasting – lunch was sampling three different meat lasagnas to determine the recipe used for the Valentine Dinner. Deb asked round table fashion for opinions. All were delicious – it was a matter of ensuring that the lasagna would be easily cut for serving. The result was combining two recipes.

9. TEAM REPORTS

- **COUNCIL REPORT – Deb Gill:** Legion Valentine Dinner - see attachment #2
- **PROPERTY – Debbie Procter:** Deb complimented Debbie on all her hours of managing property.
- **MINISTRY & PERSONNEL - Steve Northey:** spoke on the recent change in Office Administration between Christine and Janna. Feels that the transition has gone well. Janna is on board to assist Christine when needed. A very sincere appreciation of all that Janna has done was expressed.
- **FINANCE – Lori Hyatt: Refer to attachments #3 & #4**
 - **Annual Report** - emphasized that notation will be shown of the insured value of property and loan and debenture repayment amounts and outstanding balances.
 - **“Sermon by Phone”** – ensured that this charge will no longer be shown on the Visa statement.
 - **Bank of Canada** frozen bank account \$11,007.10 + interest – there are 30 more days left for the bank to respond.
 - **Embellishment** – this working group has been moved to Worship & Music so that budget amount is to be moved.
 - **Team budgets** – there was quite a detailed discussion that team chairs are to stick to their budgets. Some team chairs are to re-evaluate their budgeted amount and try to trim back as much as possible.
- **STEWARDSHIP – Steve Northey:** comment was made in regard to the professional look of the new HSUC brochure. The brochure will go out to the larger community this spring.
- **WORSHIP & MUSIC – Karen Etherington:** as Karen has just come on board as chair, Deb asked how she is doing. “Just fine” was the answer!
- **GRAND BEND PLACE – Janice Sinker:** spoke on the fall program. Expressed accolades about Sarah Smith, Canadian singer/songwriter and a “Grand Old Opry” Christmas show.
- **FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH – Lois Gill:**
 - **World Day of Prayer** - Friday, March 1. Five area are churches involved. We are hosting.
 - **Grocery cards** - will be purchased to cover the groceries needed for the Valentine Dinner. A win-win! Lois was congratulated for thinking of the Grocery Card program.



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COUNCIL REPORT – Deb Gill: Legion Valentine Dinner - see attachment #2

PROPERTY – Debbie Procter:

- **Actions Completed:**

- On Nov. 24, the Queen's Ave. windows were cleaned inside and out by All Around the Bend. They also did all the inside windows of the church office, copy room, and the three clear glass windows in the Sanctuary/Gathering Place.
- The spotlights in the Queen's Ave. entrance have been replaced with LED lights.
- Two 4' folding tables were purchased for the photocopy room to purge, reorganize and shuffle "stuff" in this space. This was done on Jan. 11 with the help of Roger, Lori, and Doug P. A new shelf was also added to the space.
- The Administration Office has been reorganized. The 4-drawer filing cabinet has been moved out of the office to the photocopier room for now.
- Two red sanctuary chairs have been moved into the admin office for guest seating.
- The Community Wellness storage cabinet has been moved from the photocopier room to the storage closet across from the kitchen.

- **Actions Pending:**

- The spotlights in the Sanctuary/Gathering Place are all going to be replaced with LED lights.
- Waiting for a quote on repairing the brick work.

- **Maintenance and Repair WG – Chris Barry and Dan Gill**

- **Actions Completed:** On Nov. 29, the quarterly inspection was completed by Inglewood Mechanical on our HVAC system. They also completed and inspection on our in-floor heating system and water filter system.
- **Actions Pending:** None

- **Kitchen Working Group – Debbie Procter**

- **Actions Completed:**

- A new 16 litre stock pot and 4-slice toaster were purchased for the kitchen.
- A work bee for the Servery was held on Jan. 17. It was cleaned, organized and all the cupboards were labelled for their contents.

- **Actions Pending:**

- Finding an individual to be the chair of the Kitchen Working Group.

- **Green Team Working Group – Lois Gill and Debbie Procter**

- **Actions Pending:**

- Waiting for the used storage shed to be moved to the Green Cathedral.
- Waiting for a trench to be dug in the Spring, to house the electrical conduit, for electricity to the storage shed.

- **Actions Completed:**

- The final leaf clean up was completed for the winter season.

- As of January Visa's Statement we are still paying for a Sermon By Phone Subscription \$27.92 per month. Is this something we can eliminate?
- **Continued follow up:**
 - Bank of Canada frozen bank account \$11,007.10 + interest
 - Check claim status on Bank of Canada website Sept 7/23
 - Claim listed as further documentation required.
 - Supporting documentation mailed to the Office of Unclaimed Balances on October 26, 2023
 - Website states that 120 days are required to process.
 - Jan 16/24 Status remains unchanged.

STEWARDSHIP – Steve Northey:

- The new, full colour brochures for HSUC have been printed and are available in the church. These brochures will be distributed before Easter, by the Post Office throughout the Grand Bend Area. Thanks to Rev Nancy and Donna Frim for the creation of the new brochure. It is hoped that this new informative brochure will attract visitors to attend our Sunday services.
- Discussion was held at the Finance meeting about how to encourage our COF to increase their giving if possible. This can be done by updating their PAR or increasing their yearly donation. It was felt that an appeal through Shorelines and perhaps from the podium could be made in the Spring.

WORSHIP & MUSIC – Karen Etherington:

- **Actions Completed:**
 - fairly successful first meeting with Karen Etherington as interim chair on Jan. 9
 - phone ministry has ended
 - blue offering envelopes and par cards available on the wall outside the sanctuary
 - heads up in Shorelines re photo use in worship slides
 - all colours of antependia for the pulpit and a drink dispenser for the small cups and large print hymn books secured
- **Action pending:**
 - suggestion that HSUC members be reminded to update their givings regularly i.e. PAR
 - reminder to use the chalis and paten for communion, cut the bread cubes smaller
 - ask about an appropriate minute for mission for Feb. black history month
 - covenanting service January 28 at 2:30 p.m.
 - World's Day of Prayer March 1 at HSUC 1:30
 - Maundy Thursday joint service at Thamesview at 7 p.m. March 28
 - Good Friday joint service with Thamesview at HSUC

GRAND BEND PLACE – Janice Sinker:

- **Actions Completed:**
 - former GBP bank account now closed
 - GBP now operates under HSUC
 - audio sub-woofer purchased and installed to enhance sound for Sunset Cinema and GBP concerts
 - dynamic ticketing through ticketwindow.ca has been successful and will continue
 - secured entertainment for concerts in November and December 2024

- **Actions Pending:**

- Working on a reschedule of Indigenous Movie Night and school field trip to Wampum Lodge
- Working on a Nutrition and Healthy Ageing talk/cooking demo for the new year
- Planning for 2024 community wellness programs for 2024, ideas including cooking demos, an author series, a mom and child group, March break camp, summer camp, and more. IDEAS ALWAYS WELCOME!
- Set a date for a Council tour of the Petrolia Community Kitchen (PCK) and outline a plan for opening the food bank shed
- Continue to recruit volunteers for upcoming projects
- Assist with planning of two more meal events this year in partnership with the Legion

- **Motions/Discussion:**

- **Set date for PCK field trip**

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH – Lois Gill:

- **Right Relations:**

- **Actions Completed:** Trip to Wampum Lodge in London cancelled to circumstances beyond our control
- **Actions Pending:**
- Remit straw vote will be next Sunday Jan 28th (rebooked from previous Sunday due to weather).
- No meeting this month next mtg to be held Feb. Feb. 27th via zoom discussing. "Moon of Crusted Snow" by Waubgeshig Rice available at Grand Bend library.

- **Free Store:** Next Free Store(Spring) being held May 3rd-4th , 2024 weekend.

- **Caring Casseroles:**

- **Actions completed:**
- Turkey Dinners made Nov. 17th and frozen. We also made frozen dinners from leftovers from Grand Bend Public School Christmas dinner. Thanks to Janna Oud for thinking of "Caring Casseroles" we were able to make more turkey dinners for our freezer.
- We made chili, turkey soup and biscuits on Jan.12th . Next session TBA.
- We are now using grocery card program to buy groceries for making casseroles!
- **Actions Pending:**
- We are helping with lasagne meal prep on Feb. 13th for Feb. 14th "Love Grand Bend" Valentine's Dinner

- **Mission and Service Fund:** has been relocated to STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE under governance

- **Prayer Shawls:** Continues to meet every 2 weeks. They have made some prayer bears for "World Day of Prayer" We are looking into sending some overseas to Palestine.

- **Other Happenings:**

- **Actions Completed:** Make and Take Craft event (Light Up Grand Bend) Nov, 25th cancelled due to organizer's illness. Rebooked date poorly attended.
- Cookie Decorating event Dec. 2nd held at outdoor Christmas Market as part of "Light Up Grand Bend" poorly attended.
- Funds have been made to Blessings in Zurich, Ailsa Craig Food Bank and Huron County Distribution Centre before Christmas.

Action completed:**Council met January 2024 8th, 7p.m. we decided:**

- Glen to thank Legion and confirm our involvement for 3 dinners
- Bar profit Legion
- Dinner profit us
- Proceeds to establishing and maintaining a food bank
- Marketing to be sensitive to inclusivity and celebrating all kinds of love
- We will look for food donations and corporate sponsorship
- Small working group established

Legion dinner working group met Friday January 12 9am**In Attendance: Debbie, Christine, Lois, Mary, Karen, Lori, Deb G. We decided:**

Date :Wednesday February 14, 2 sittings at 4pm and 6 pm

Marketing and Tickets- **Christine.**

She will make business card size tickets which will be numbered. In addition she will make a registration sheet that includes name, type of meal and type of payment. Options include cash, check, etransfer.

Greeters at the door- **Deb G and Nancy?**

Welcome folks and ensure that any accessibility issues are looked after.

Front Door management of tickets - **Lori**

Table at door to receive tickets, put on name and into door prize box and give a dessert ticket per person

Decorating - **Mary**

To decorate the Legion hall and tables. Tables should have knife, fork and spoon, serviettes and water glasses....and table cloths

Table set up and take down- **Debbie P**

To arrange table set up for both sittings. To include a separate area for special lasagna, garden salad and gluten free rolls for folks with dietary restrictions, a separate area for dessert tea and coffee and front door ticket receivers

Meal Plan

Regular Lasagna - **Lois**

We will trial 3 different regular lasagna recipes by Lois, Lori and Deb G at the Council meeting on the 25th (Soup to be pushed for February meeting). Lois to arrange for an assembly line to make lasagnas in our kitchen on February 13. She will purchase pans, and ingredients.

Quantity to be determined by ticket sales. One large pan should feed 20 people with generous portions

Special lasagna- **Christine**

Will be vegan,(includes vegetarian and dairy free) as well as gluten free. She will also bring a pan to the Council meeting for sampling. Quantity to be determined by ticket sales.

Rolls- **Deb**

To purchase from Costco. Gluten free rolls with special lasagna. Butter on tables

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Huron Shores United Church
Income and Expense by Year
January - December

	Year End 2023	Year End 2022	Year End 2021	Year End 2020	Year End 2019
INCOME					
FUNDS DEVELOPMENT					
Operating	106,291.75	119,723.55	118,398.01	130,986.40	126,404.66
Loose Operating/5% to M&S	0.00	0.00	0.00	392.35	4,797.95
Special Envelopes	0.00	0.00	12,895.00	6,610.00	20,205.00
Grant - ScotiaBank - Kids	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,397.50	7,122.00
Accessibility	3,069.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Right Relations	6,700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grocery Card Prgm	3,983.00	6,226.00	5,885.00	5,469.25	5,901.75
HST Rebate	4,384.82	2,464.85	0.00	0.00	0.00
GBP Fundraising	0.00	4,248.91	0.00	0.00	19,471.66
Subtotal Funds Development	124,428.57	132,663.31	137,178.01	155,855.50	183,903.02
GRAND BEND PLACE					
GBP Ticket Sales	20,096.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GBP Donations & Sponsors	6,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GBP Other Income	793.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Grand Bend Place	27,390.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED					
Community Outreach	7,403.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Food Bank Receipts	2,335.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mission & Service	12,261.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
HST Rebate	1,710.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cost Recovery / Debt Fund	0.00	27,260.00	38,160.00	27,000.00	38,827.00
Subtotal Temporarily Restricted	23,709.98	27,260.00	38,160.00	27,000.00	38,827.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME					
Bldg & Debt Retirement	62,719.80	0.00	0.00	227.50	0.00
Weddings/Funerals	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	2,350.00
Useage Fees & Misc.	5,111.00	4,011.28	300.00	1,492.80	4,369.45
Teams	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	111.07
Meditation	0.00	100.00	350.00	122.00	640.30
Ukelele	0.00	0.00	20.00	-165.62	-266.00
Jazz Vesspers	-813.80	366.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Miscellaneous Income	67,017.00	4,477.28	970.00	1,676.68	7,204.82
TOTAL INCOME	242,546.37	164,400.59	176,308.01	184,532.18	229,934.84

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DEPARTMENTS/COMMITTEES					
FUN & FELLOWSHIP					
Congregational Care	161.83	100.00	456.20	305.95	269.45
Prayer Shawl	0.00	243.03	0.00	116.87	67.76
Subtotal Fun & Fellowship	161.83	343.03	456.20	422.82	337.21
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION					
Confirmands / Baptism	0.00	42.75	0.00	0.00	0.00
Curriculum	0.00	459.20	0.00	0.00	349.73
Other	0.00	0.00	29.00	100.00	20.00
Adult Opportunities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	143.01
Supplies	0.00	55.37	44.20	0.00	0.00
Picnic/Camp	562.37	248.60	0.00	0.00	192.21
Video Licensing	0.00	346.91	0.00	0.00	150.00
Subtotal Christian Education	562.37	1,152.83	73.20	100.00	854.95
WORSHIP					
Sanctuary Supplies	0.00	228.24	211.55	0.00	0.00
Advertising - Newspaper	141.25	430.53	353.09	301.30	335.82
Choir - Summer Music	400.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
Music Supplies	708.24	1,328.29	1,650.21	626.41	778.38
Copyright Licensing	0.00	343.77	337.00	521.47	370.00
Audio/Visual Equipment	87.01	201.44	0.00	0.00	200.00
Worship Special Projects	502.96	362.60	943.55	53.93	58.65
Subtotal Worship	1,839.46	3,394.87	3,495.40	1,503.11	2,192.85
MISSION & OUTREACH					
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	210.25	0.00
Community Outreach	4,422.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Right Relations	1,421.17	-158.83	50.49	50.00	582.95
Food Bank	1,525.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Affirming	100.00	300.74	454.13	357.08	281.19
Accessibility	3,596.25	0.00	139.56	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Mission & Outreach	11,064.83	141.91	644.18	617.33	864.14
GRAND BEND PLACE					
GBP Performers	13,731.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GBP Advertising	2,829.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GBP Food & Lodging	1,412.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GBP Fees & Licenses	1,790.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GBP Tech/Social Media	2,977.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GBP Other	1,567.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Grand Bend Place	24,309.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FUNDS DEVELOPMENT					
Stewardship	735.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,770.60
Weddings/Funerals	0.00	-200.00	0.00	300.00	250.00
Mission and Service	12,261.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Regional Reps costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	280.00
Debenture Payments	61,200.00	7,100.00	18,000.00	18,600.00	18,667.00
Denominational Assessmnt	6,235.00	6,700.00	7,511.00	7,511.00	7,511.00
Mortgage Payments	20,160.00	20,160.00	20,160.00	8,400.00	20,160.00
Subtotal Other Expenses	87,595.00	33,960.00	45,671.00	34,511.00	46,618.00
Subtotal Departments/committees	138,529.87	38,792.64	50,339.98	37,454.26	57,887.75
TOTAL EXPENSES	268,069.41	159,376.84	196,200.96	171,248.49	227,847.91
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSE	-25,523.04	5,023.75	-19,892.95	13,283.69	2,086.93

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Account	Description		Budget	Notes
Fun & Fellowship				
6040	Congregational Care		\$ 150.00	
6050	Card Ministry (postage)		\$ 100.00	
6145	Prayer Shawl		\$ 150.00	
	Total Fun & Fellowship		\$ 400.00	
Christian Education				
6205	Confirmands / Baptism		\$ 50.00	
6225	Picnic/Camp		\$ 1,575.00	
	Total Christian Education		\$ 1,625.00	
Worship				
6278	Sanctuary Supplies		\$ 250.00	
6281	Choir - Summer Music		\$ 2,500.00	
6298	Worship Special Projects		\$ 300.00	
	Total Worship		\$ 3,050.00	
Mission & Outreach				
6320	Community Outreach		\$ 3,500.00	
6330	Right Relations		\$ 500.00	
6360	Food Bank		\$ 2,000.00	
6365	Affirming		\$ 250.00	
6375	Accessibility		\$ 500.00	
	Total Mission & Outreach		\$ 6,750.00	
Grand Bend Place				
6401	GBP Performers		\$ 16,550.00	
6402	GBP Advertising		\$ 2,500.00	
6403	GBP Food & Lodging		\$ 2,250.00	
6405	GBP Fees & Licenses		\$ 5,955.00	
6406	GBP Tech/Social Media		\$ 2,500.00	
6407	GBP Other		\$ 300.00	
6408	GBP Jazz Vespers		\$ 3,000.00	
6409	GBP Sunset Cinema		\$ -	
	Total GBP		\$ 33,055.00	
Other				
6430	Stewardship		\$ 1,000.00	
6460	Mission and Service		\$ 12,500.00	
6615	Debenture Payments		\$ 15,250.00	
6620	Denominational Assessmnt		\$ 6,500.00	
6630	Mortgage Payments		\$ 20,160.00	
	Total Other		\$ 55,410.00	
		Expense Totals:	\$ 269,063.00	
	Net Profit/Loss		-\$ 45,213.00	