

Minutes
Grace United Church Session
Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Because of Covid-19, the meeting was held via Internet Zoom

ATTENDANCE:

Present: David Charles, Tammy Fergusson, Paul Harding, Barb Jenkins, Cheryl O'Leary, Paul Scott, Raymond Shea, Rev. Takouhi, Joan Shaw

Regrets: Diane Kirkby, Donna Norman, Rhea Roantree

Quorum was present.

OPENING PRAYER:

Joan Shaw opened the meeting with prayer. Raymond Shea will open the February meeting with prayer.

AGENDA:

Motion: To adopt the Agenda as circulated

Moved by: Tammy Fergusson, Seconded by Cheryl O'Leary, Carried

MINUTES:

Motion: To accept the minutes of November 24, 2021 as circulated.

Moved by: Joan Shaw, Seconded by Barb Jenkins, Carried

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP:

Ushers/Announcements/Readers

February – Barb Jenkins, March – Cheryl O'Leary

Alter Cloths/Candles: Raymond Shea volunteered to take on this responsibility.

January 23 to February 20 inclusive– Green

February 27 – White/Gold

REPORTS:

Worship Planning Team:

The team planned until Easter at their November meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. It was noted that guest worship leaders should contact Chair of Official Board in case of emergency/snow storms etc..

Minister's Musings: Rev. Takouhi – Report Attached

REPORTS: (Continued)

Ministry of Music: Paul Harding

Paul advised that each Sunday we experience claims from YouTube regarding various hymns. Last Sunday there were 5 claims. A claim was explained as a video that can not be monetized. If we experience a "strike" you would have to go to "YouTube School." Paul is making us aware as this happens every week. It is likened to a "robocall" that we experience on our telephones. All claims will be ignored. If a strike should happen, it will need to be dealt with. Paul checks with One License each week and most hymns in Voices United and More Voices are covered under One License. This situation is dealt with each week, by every church that uses YouTube.

Paul explained that the clacking noise that is heard from the organ in the live stream is caused by an electrical contact that causes a small spark, which is being picked up by the sound system. Hopefully there is an inexpensive way to remedy this.

Mission and Service Enthusiast Report: Dave Charles

The Community Kitchen Team met with the Leeds and Grenville health inspector on Jan 6 2022. Upon her review she said we were good to go for conducting the Community Kitchen learning sessions at Grace UC. Marian McLeod and Julie Cameron have been meeting to put together the initial 3 sessions focused on cooking and eating well on a tight budget. We hope to start sometime in March, Covid 19 situation dictates our timetable.

As of today I am a member of the EOORC Stewardship Team and had my first Zoom meeting this morning January 19. Lots of emphasis on "Called to be the Church" workshops of which Grace was one of the first participants.

Vicki Leakey, Carolyn Scott, Denise Wood, and I (David) attended the four week Zoom workshop led by Rev Roger Janes from Newfoundland. They asked me to share what Grace UC learned and was trying to implement. I mentioned that we had studied "Fishing Tips" book and were implementing a mission of accepting all people as to where they are on their faith journey despite their ethnicity, sexual orientation, economic situation, or religious affiliation / none. Also that we are stewards of this planet given to us as a gift from God and must respect our natural resources, climate, and equity to share among all the living creatures God created. Our regular weekly "Your Generosity Matters" (aka Minutes for Mission) is well received and encouraging more faithfulness. In checking with Laurie Cadue, M&S donations increased by 80% from \$8,189 in 2020 to \$14,723 in 2021. Regular offerings did not go down as a result but stayed the same. I also mentioned that our AV / social media outreach is being well received and is encouraging the wider community to seek more, learn, and contribute.

EOORC Rep: Dave Charles

Working with the Maintenance Committee (Brian Brooks and Murray Roantree) we are applying for a facility improvement grant to cover half of the costs of a new boiler heating system and replacing front door to church off of Pine St. Probably \$20,000 to \$25,000 in grant money from

REPORTS: (Continued)/

EOORC Rep: Dave Charles – continued

EOORC will be requested.

Dates of future EOORC 2022 meetings:

Saturday February 26, 9 am to noon Winter Informational Meeting

Saturday April 9 Celebration of Ministry (in person location to be announced)

Friday May 27 to Saturday May 28 Annual General Meeting

Date of General Council 44 (new moderator selection):

July 22-26 by Zoom. Also 60th anniversary of UCW

Rev. Takouhi applauded Dave for his enthusiasm in the work that he does for the Regional Council.

Sharing and Caring

Discussion regarding the membership/adherent list for Grace United. Hopefully a group can get together in person to work on the list once Covid restrictions are lifted. Membership resource persons are Marg Worth and Laurie Cadue.

Children's Christmas Book: Cheryl O'Leary

The week before Christmas, children's books were purchased from Beggars Banquet Books and delivered to the families of children who were baptized or connected to Grace Church. Approximately 20 children were affected by the books. Cheryl expressed thanks to Colleen Harding for her assistance in selecting and delivering them. Paul Scott also expressed gratitude to Cheryl and Colleen for their work.

OUR CHURCH AT WORK:

Correspondence:

Historical Society

Motion: To accept the dates requested by the Historical Society for rental of the auditorium.

Moved by: Joan Shaw, Seconded by Tammy Fergusson. Carried.

Goff family Thank You

Outreach: Joan Shaw

Cards were sent to: Lucille Jeroy, Thelma Modler – Thinking of You

Liz Dennison, Mark and Barb Robertson, Jim and Bonnie Robeson - Sympathy

NEW BUSINESS:

Thank You

Paul Scott extended thanks to Donna Norman Joan Shaw and Rhea Roantree for their service on Session. This also concludes Paul's term on Session. He noted it had been an interesting and rewarding time to service. Thanks was extended to Paul from Dave Charles and Tammy Fergusson.

Book Study

The book study, **Tattoos on the Heart** will begin January 26. Notice is in bulletin.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Session Nominating Committee - Tammy Fergusson.

This committee is meeting next week. Paul expressed thanks to Session rep. Tammy.

Spring Newsletter deadline: Friday, April 1, 2022

NEXT MEETING: **Thursday, February 24, 2022** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Closing Prayer for February 24, 2022 – Tammy Fergusson

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Cheryl O'Leary

CLOSING PRAYER: Rev. Takouhi

Rev. Takouhi thanked everyone for their dedication and involvement in the work of Grace United Church.

Paul Scott, Chair of Session

Joan Shaw, Clerk of Session

Attachments:

Minister's Musings

Annual Request from the Historical Society

EOORC 2021-22 Directory

Goff Thank You

Membership Records – Manual

United Church Manual 2022

Minutes
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ATTENDANCE:

Present: Susan Barwell, Tammy Fergusson, Colleen Harding, Paul Harding, Barb Jenkins, Diane Kirkby, Cheryl O'Leary, Julie Price, Paul Scott, Rev. Takouhi, Marg Worth, Joan Shaw
Regrets: David Charles, Raymond Shea
Quorum was present.

OPENING PRAYER:

Rev. Takouhi opened the meeting with prayer. Diane Kirkby will open the May meeting with prayer.

WELCOME:

Paul Scott welcomed new members to Session: Susan Barwell, Colleen Harding, Julie Price, Marg Worth

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The election was conducted by Paul Scott.

Motion: That Barb Jenkins be elected as Chair of Session.

Moved by: Tammy Fergusson, Seconded by Cheryl O'Leary. Carried

Motion: That Marg Worth be elected as Vice-Chair of Session.

Moved by: Susan Barwell, Seconded by Tammy Fergusson. Carried

Motion: That Susan Barwell be elected as Clerk of Session.

Moved by: Tammy Fergusson, Seconded by Cheryl O'Leary. Carried

Barb Jenkins assumed the Chair.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Food Bank, Door Opening, Elevator Attendants

AGENDA:

Motion: To adopt the Agenda with additions.

Moved by: Colleen Harding, Seconded by Julie Price. Carried

MINUTES:

Motion: To accept the minutes of January 19, 2022 as circulated.

Moved by: Tammy Fergusson, Seconded by Cheryl O'Leary, Carried

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP:

Ushers/Announcements/Readers

Two people are required each Sunday to act as ushers and read announcements and scripture.

March – Cheryl O'Leary: April – Tammy Fergusson; May - Colleen Harding; June – Marg Worth. List attached

Alter Cloths/Candles: Raymond Shea has volunteered to take on this responsibility. Colleen Harding will offer to assist Raymond.

Purple – March 27, April 3, April 10, (April 15 – Good Friday – Red)

White/Gold – April 17 to May 29 inclusive

REPORTS:

Worship Planning Team: - Report Attached

Minister's Musings: Rev. Takouhi – Report Attached. Rev. Takouhi's Coventing Service with Grace United will take place on June 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Ministry of Music: Paul Harding

Paul advised that everyone is happy with the return of the choir. The organ repairs have begun and should be finished by April 3. There are some long term considerations for the future. Mary Jo Moore will be the guest soloist on Psalm Sunday. Deb Donaldson is unable to do the liturgical dance on Easter Sunday.

Mission and Service Enthusiast Report: Dave Charles

No report

EOORC Rep: Dave Charles

No report

Sharing and Caring Team – will meet again soon.

OUR CHURCH AT WORK:

Correspondence:

My FM – Easter Outreach.

Motion: That Rev. Takouhi provide the Easter Message for My FM again this year via the Gold Plan Package of \$225.00

Moved by: Marg Worth, Seconded by Cheryl O'Leary. Carried

Outreach: Joan Shaw

Cards were sent to: 90th Birthday card to Merna Price, Thinking of You to Charlie Donevan, Lucille Jeroy. Sympathy cards to Marilyn Belbin, John and Sally Gardner, Rev. Takouhi

Thanks to Susan Barwell who offered to provide this service with her personal artwork!

NEW BUSINESS:

Food Bank – Barb Jenkins

Motion: That approval be given to the Food Bank to use the auditorium for their Annual General Meeting on May 14, 2022.

Moved by: Cheryl O'Leary, Seconded by Colleen Harding. Carried

Door Opening/Elevator Attendants

Mary Haussler will be approached regarding these tasks as she was involved pre-pandemic. Marg Worth will check with Mary.

Re-Opening Report – Colleen Harding

The re-opening will occur slowly. It was agreed that Colleen will suggest to the Official Board that masks need not be worn when congregants are seated but should be worn when moving about the building and when singing.

Maundy Thursday Service

Motion: That a Maundy Thursday Service be held on April 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Moved by: Tammy Fergusson, Seconded by Susan Barwell. Carried.

Communion

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

Colleen Harding and Cheryl O'Leary volunteered to take care of Communion with the continuing COVID format.

From Our Community of Faith

Discussion regarding questions from our community of faith. Privacy Legislation restricts the names of those who are sick or in hospital from being published in the bulletin without permission.

Colleen volunteered to provide Laurie with a head count on Sunday. Tammy and Laurie will put together a list of duties for the ushers, which will include this duty. We need to be cognizant in advising Laurie of information for the bulletin. The weekly Your Generosity Matters is working well with M and S givings increasing by over 80% this past year. It highlights the important work of our United Church in the World. The names of the church board members will be published when completed. The financial updates are the responsibility of the Stewards.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Spring Newsletter deadline: Friday, April 1, 2022

Time Away

Rev. Takouhi

April 24 – Low Week – Barb DeJeet

May 22 – Study Leave – Tammy Fergusson

May 29 – Regional Council – Tammy Fergusson

June 19 – General Council – Barb DeJeet

July 24 – General Council – Barb DeJeet

Paul Harding

May 15, May 29, June 5, June 12 – Doug Gifford

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer for May 12, 2022 – Rev. Takouhi

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Cheryl O'Leary

CLOSING PRAYER: Tammy Ferguson

Barb Jenkins, Chair of Session

Joan Shaw, Clerk of Session

Attachments:

Minister's Musings

Worship Committee

Usher/Reader List

My FM Easter Message correspondence

Minutes
Grace United Church Session
Thursday May 12, 2022

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Susan Barwell, Colleen Harding, Paul Harding, Barb Jenkins, Diane Kirkby, Julie Price, Rev. Takouhi, Marg Worth, Dave Charles, Raymond Shea
Regrets: Tammy Fergusson, Cheryl O'Leary
Quorum was present.

OPENING PRAYER:

Diane Kirkby opened the meeting with prayer. Raymond Shea will be doing opening prayer at the July meeting.

WELCOME:

Barb Jenkins welcomed everyone to the meeting and thought it would be nice to get to know each other a little better as some of us are very new to the area and to sessions. Today Barb spoke a bit about herself and next meeting Susan Barwell will and we will go around to other members. Thank you Barb it was wonderful hearing all your accomplishments and finding out more about you!

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Nothing to be added

Motion: To adopt the agenda with additions.

Moved by: Dave Charles, seconded by Colleen Harding, Carried

MINUTES:

Motion: To accept the minutes of March 24, 2022, as circulated.

Moved by: Marg Worth, seconded by Dave Charles, Carried

Business arising from the Minutes:

Door opening and elevator, discussions are still taking place as to which Committee will resume these duties

The idea that the people have been called couples, has now been decided to call them "Team of 2 individuals"

As Chair of Sessions, Barb Jenkins will now have a key to the tower door and Sanctuary.

Reopening:

Everything will remain the same at this time.

Duties of Ushers

Colleen Harding and Tammy Ferguson have revised the duties of Ushers, which Colleen explained, and you will find recv'd

Preparing for Worship Ushers and Readers are recruited by Colleen Harding for May, recv'd Marg Worth for June.

July... Diane Kirkby, August ... Dave Charles

Altar Cloths and Candles are done by Raymond Shea and Colleen Harding. Colours White/Gold till May 29 inclusive.

June 5 Red

June 12 White/Gold

June 19 Green

June 26 Green

July 3 Green

July 10 Green

July 17 Green

July 24 Green

July 31 Green

REPORTS

1. Worship Planning Committee already recv'd
2. Minister's Musings see report attached
3. Ministry of Music report attached,
4. Mission and Service report attached
5. EOORC included in above report
6. Sharing and Caring: Rev Takouhi has connected with Lucille Jeroy through son Jeff and Daughter in law Angie (in order to visit her in palliative care in Brockville
7. **Update** Lucille has passed away on Friday May 13th, Rev Takouhi was with her till the end with her family.

OUR CHURCH AT WORK

1. Correspondence: Susan Barwell sent a Sympathy card to Gloria and Jack Petch for the loss of Jack's brother Thomas William Petch 1939-2022
2. Outreach: Lt Col Bern Hudson, Sam McCleod, and Gretchen Huntley joined our service on Sunday May 8th to focus our thoughts on the war in Ukraine including refugee settlement here in Gananoque and what we at Grace United can do to help.
3. Scheduled events include:
 - May 14 -Food Bank AGM
 - June 25 Playhouse use of kitchen? Barb Jenkins to submit application
 - July 16 AMAC recv'd
 - July 3 Crystal Widdes baptism

NEW BUSINESS

1. Update church name tags—Laurie to put in announcements if anyone would like a name tag, probably by September
2. Oversee Bulletin Boards- this has been postponed to a later date
3. Funeral Reception Team Leader recv'd
4. Announcer and Readers Reminder recv'd
5. Membership Marg Worth – updated Membership 296. New Members: Chuck Galway and Veronica Reid
6. Alternate uses Diane Kirkby—asked if the Sessions, if we could work with other Committees to explore any viable source of income from use of the Church building. A group of individuals from Sessions and the Church are to have a tour of the building to get a better idea of what the empty rooms could be used for i.e., office space rental units etc. from there will proceed with getting more information from the United Church of Canada and Municipality zoning etc., Any suggestions can be sent to Diane Kirkby.
7. Handbook- it is being worked on, Julie Price and Colleen Harding said it will be months before completed.
8. Paul Harding has provided the sessions with Audio Visual equipment serial numbers and pricing, to be added to the Insurance rider, other instruments and organ and pipes as well as precious contents to be added as well

Time Away

Rev. Takouhi

May 22 – Study Leave – Tammy Fergusson

May 29 – Regional Council – Tammy Fergusson

June 19 – General Council – Barb DeJeet

July 24 – General Council – Barb DeJeet

Paul_Harding_May 15, May 29, June 5, June 12 – Doug Gifford

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, July 6 2022 at 7:00 p.m. on **Zoom**

Prayers for next meeting: **Opening** Prayer Raymond Shea

Closing prayer Reverend Takouhi

Closing Prayer for May 12, 2022 – Rev. Takouhi

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Dave Charles

Barb Jenkins, Chair of Session

Susan Barwell, Clerk of Session

Minutes
Grace United Church Session
Wednesday July 6, 2022

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Susan Barwell, Colleen Harding, Paul Harding, Barb Jenkins, Diane Kirkby, Julie Price, Rev. Takouhi, Marg Worth, Dave Charles, Tammy Fergusson, Cheryl O’Leary

Regrets: Raymond Shea

Quorum was present.

OPENING PRAYER:

Barb Jenkins opened the meeting with prayer. It wasn’t discussed who would do opening prayer in September.

WELCOME:

Barb Jenkins welcomed everyone to the meeting. Susan Barwell gave a short biography of her life. Marg Worth will be doing hers in September.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Nothing to be added

Motion: To adopt the agenda with additions.

Moved by: Colleen Harding, seconded by Dave Charles, Carried

MINUTES:

Motion: To accept the minutes of May 12, 2022, as circulated.

Moved by: Dave Charles, seconded by Cheryl O’Leary, Carried

Business arising from the Minutes:

Door opening and elevator, has now been resolved with the Maintenance team.

Discussion to get a more detailed list of Ushers with names, phone numbers and emails, Colleen will talk to Laurie

Also needed Ushers for August 28th, Colleen and Cheryl have volunteered

Reopening:

Everything will remain the same at this time.

Duties of Ushers

Colleen Harding and Tammy Ferguson have revised the duties of Ushers, will add for summer months that collection be taken to board room cupboard for Vicki Leaky to take care of Monday mornings.

Preparing for Worship

Ushers and Readers are recruited. September -Dave, October -Susan, November -Barb.

Altar Cloths and Candles are done by Raymond Shea and Colleen Harding. Colours Green until November 27th then change to Blue.

REPORTS

1. Worship Planning Committee already recv'd with Agenda
2. Minister's Musings see report attached
3. Ministry of Music none to report
4. Mission and Service report attached , May 12th also attached
5. EOORC included in above report, May 12th also attached
6. Sharing and Caring, Reverend Takouhi is working on shawl cards

OUR CHURCH AT WORK

1. Correspondence: Susan Barwell sent a Sympathy card Jeff and Angie Jeroy for the death of their Mother Lucille Jeroy
2. Outreach Scheduled events provided by Worship Planning Team
3. For the AMAC July 16th Colleen and Paul to supervise the kitchen at the noon hour.
4. August 21 Rev Takouhi to provide refreshments for her 36th Anniversary arrival in Canada as a refugee. Colleen to help
5. October 1st fundraiser is a work in progress
6. Oct 9th Thanksgiving and Welcome of new members

New Business

1. Discussed candles on Alter, Laurie to order Oil Candles instead of using waxed candles
2. Kitchen familiarization, contact Laurie to be added to the list and receive date and time, also told a Binder exists in the Kitchen will all instructions located beside the fridge
3. Adding also to the Usher List to hand out Rev. Takouhi Book and bulletin to new visitors to the church
4. Transient or homeless discussed. Barb reported to call the Food Bank if people need food, Police will provide shelter and sometimes will also call the food bank. Still more discussion needed to deal with homeless found at church premises

Time Away

Rev. Takouhi

July 24 – General Council – Barb DeJeet

Aug 7 – GC 44 - Barb DeJeet

Sept 4 - Holiday - Norma Wrightly

Sept 11 - Holiday - Norma Wrightly

Sept 18 - UN day of Peace - Tammy Fergusson

Oct 30- Study Leave - Tammy Fergusson

Nov 6 - Vacation - Liz Church

Nov 20 - Study Leave - Liz Church

Paul Harding

Nov 6 – Vacation, November 13- Vacation

Nov 20 – Vacation, November 24- Vacation

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday September 14th, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Prayers for next meeting __?_____

Closing Prayer for July 6, 2022 – Rev. Takouhi

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Barb Jenkins, Chair of Session

Susan Barwell, Clerk of Session

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ATTENDANCE:

Present: Susan Barwell, Colleen Harding, Paul Harding, Barb Jenkins, Diane Kirkby, Rev. Takouhi, Dave Charles, Tammy Fergusson, Cheryl O’Leary, Raymond Shea
Regrets: Marg Worth, Julie Price
Quorum was present.

OPENING PRAYER:

Diane Kirkby did opening prayer.

WELCOME:

Barb Jenkins welcomed everyone to the meeting. Marg Worth was to give a short biography, will be postponed till next meeting

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Nothing to be added

MINUTES:

Motion: To accept the minutes of July 6, 2022, as circulated.

Moved by: Cheryl O’Leary, seconded by Colleen Harding, Carried

Business arising from the Minutes:

Everything is working fine with the Maintenance Team with the opening and closing of Church and running the elevator

Discussion to get a more detailed list of Ushers with names, phone numbers and emails, Colleen will talk to Laurie

Reopening:

Everything will remain the same at this time.

Duties of Ushers

Update: We will be continuing as previously discussed, except if a counter is in Church then we will not be taking offerings to board room as the Counters will look after it. We will be looking for new ushers to participate in the service as the same ones are always volunteering this will be announced at the services.

Paul and Colleen presented a protocol about renting our facility, which should be forwarded to the handbook committee for inclusion. See [attached file](#)

Paul presented a summary of tasks to be done while he is away. Barb will follow up re situation of volunteers handling it.

Although we did not make a decision, Barb is suggesting the simplest solution to copying hymns is to use the hymn books while away. Let Barb know if anyone objects.
regarding printing hymns

Reverend Takouhi is to be meeting with the Candle Man to discuss our new oil candles that we will need to purchase

Update on homeless situation, we will be receiving a newsletter from the County see [attached file](#) to help us understand the need in the areas, also Dave is going to check with larger Churches to see how they handle homeless people looking for help at Church.

Preparing for Worship

Ushers and Readers are recruited. October -Susan, November -Barb, December - Tammy
Altar Cloths and Candles are done by Raymond Shea and Colleen Harding. Changing to new cloth provided by Laurie Cadue till November 27 when we switch to Blue for Advent.

REPORTS

7. Worship Planning Committee see report attached
8. Minister's Musings see report attached
9. Ministry of Music [task list attached while Paul away](#)
10. Mission and Service report attached ,
11. EOORC included in above report,
12. Sharing and Caring: Reverend Takouhi has finished making the prayer shawl cards with help of Gary. They are beautiful and are a gift in themselves!

OUR CHURCH AT WORK

7. Correspondence: Susan Barwell sent a Sympathy card Rhea and Murray Roantree for the loss of Rhea's sister Joyce LeBar
8. Outreach Scheduled events provided by Worship Planning Team-Reverend Takouhi has asked Sessions if we could participate at the Church as part of "A festival walk for First Nations" see worship committee attachment. It was a unanimous vote that Reverend Takouhi can proceed in the organization of this very special even
9. August 21 Rev Takouhi to provide refreshments for her 36th Anniversary arrival in Canada as a refugee was cancelled do to Covid issues
10. October 1st fundraiser is now up and running, we have a "Sing a Good Song" concert ready to go, we need to put up posters and sell tickets which are \$15 and can be picked up from Laurie at the Church
11. Oct 9th Thanksgiving and Welcome of new members

Time Away

Rev. Takouhi

Sept 18 - UN day of Peace - Tammy Fergusson

Oct 30- Study Leave - Tammy Fergusson

Nov 6 - Vacation - Liz Church

Nov 20 - Study Leave - Liz Church

Paul Harding

Nov 6 – Vacation, November 13- Vacation

Nov 20 – Vacation, November 24- Vacation

Laurie Cadue

Dec 26th -Jan 3rd

NEXT MEETING: Thursday October 13, 2022, at the church. Decided to proceed with meeting in person on 2nd Thursday at 7pm. Will do zoom if weather is bad. Worship committee will meet a week prior. This will be Oct 6. We will review our meeting time each month. To prevent meetings from overlapping too closely.

Closing Prayer Susan Barwell.

We are asking for prayer volunteers for next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned

Barb Jenkins, Chair of Session

Susan Barwell, Clerk of Session

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ATTENDANCE:

Present: Susan Barwell, Colleen Harding, Paul Harding, Barb Jenkins, Diane Kirkby, Rev. Takouhi, Dave Charles, Julie Price, Cheryl O’Leary, Raymond Shea

Regrets: Marg Worth, Tammy Fergusson

Quorum was present.

OPENING PRAYER:

Barb Jenkins provided the opening pray.

WELCOME:

Barb Jenkins welcomed everyone to the meeting. Marg Worth was to give a short biography, will be postponed till next meeting

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Visioning for the Future of Grace. 2 attachments.

Diane Kirkby put a motion to Session that:

“We move that the Official Board begin exploring “Alternate Uses: for the GUC property by asking Rev Takouhi to contact Rev Peter Bartlett of our Regional Council to seek his guidance in visioning and taking steps toward better utilizing our church property to its full capacity.”

Moved: Diane Kirkby

Seconded: Colleen Harding

Carried

Finalize rental form

Julie Price put a motion to Session requesting Stewards to set costs to finalize rental form.

2nd Raymond Shea

The rental form will be finalized once Angus changes the insurance to include 3rd party liability.

Guidelines created by Collen and Paul Harding will routinely included.

Session will be able to wave fees if appropriate for community outreach.

A report of these changes will go to the Official Board.

Motion: To accept the minutes of September 14, 2022, as circulated.

Moved by: Colleen O’Leary, **Seconded** by Diane Kirkby,

Carried

Business arising from the Minutes

Preparing for Worship - the worshipping committee are well prepared into the New Year

Ushers and Readers are recruited. October -Susan, November -Barb.

December Tammy. We are still looking for new Ushers to participate we will look at ways to help recruitment

Altar Cloths and Candles are done by Raymond Shea and Colleen Harding. In November Raymond will continue on his own as Colleen is away Colours Green until November 27th then change to Blue

REPORTS

1. Worship Planning Committee attached
2. Minister's Musings
3. Mission and Service and EOORC-attached
4. Sharing and Caring attached--- Christian card, ie thinking of you will be going out to Fox Run and Carveth residents from the sharing and caring committee. They will be purchased from the Christian bookstore and be signed before sending. This should be in the Sharing and Caring report.

In addition, by email vote, we are sending Christmas cards to all church members. Rev Takouhi will be responsible for ordering and shipping

OUR CHURCH AT WORK

Correspondence: Susan Barwell—no condolences have been sent this past month
Outreach Scheduled events provided by Worship Planning Team a. Festival walk for First Nations stopping at Grace Sept 25. Tammy and Rev Takouhi participated.

New alter cloth acknowledged in bulletin.

1. October 1st Sing a Good Song. Great success. Over 80 guests.
2. Oct 9th Thanksgiving and we welcomed 2 new members Janet King and Thomas Marlor to our community of faith

Other possible events to come!

New Business

We will make an announcement in the bulletin that we have the United Church Crest pin available to all members. They will be at the back of the church by donation

We will be purchasing 50 pins to start. We will have Laurie order them

All were in favour

Dave Charles brought a motion forward that we have \$25 gift cards ie grocery made available at the back of the church if we are approached by anyone in need -all were in favour

We have tabled a motion brought forward by Paul Harding to discuss partnering with the Thousand Island Playhouse to a later date

Time Away

Rev. Takouhi

Oct 30- Study Leave - Tammy Fergusson

Nov 6 - Vacation - Liz Church

Nov 13- Vacation- Liz Church

Nov 20 - Study Leave - Liz Church

Paul Harding

Nov 6 – Vacation, November 13- Vacation

Nov 20 – Vacation, November 24- Vacation

Laurie Cadue

Dec 26th-Jan 3rd

NEXT MEETING: Thursday November 22, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. On Zoom

Closing Prayer Rev Takouhi

Next meeting prayers:

Opening prayer Raymond Shea

Closing prayer Dave Charles

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Julie Price

Barb Jenkins, Chair of Session

Susan Barwell, Clerk of Session

**Session Minutes
Grace United Church
Tuesday November 22, 2022**

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Susan Barwell, Barb Jenkins, Diane Kirkby, Rev. Takouhi, Dave Charles, Julie Price, Cheryl O’Leary, Raymond Shea
Regrets: Marg Worth, Tammy Fergusson, Paul Harding and Colleen Harding. Quorum was present.

OPENING PRAYER:

Raymond Shea provided the opening pray.

WELCOME:

Barb Jenkins welcomed everyone to the meeting. Raymond Shea gave his biography, Julie Price to do her bio for January

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Rentals
Shelter
Christmas Decorations
Grant Opportunity
Session Budget
MYFM

Motion: To accept the minutes of October 13, 2022, as circulated.

Correction was made for new member to have his name corrected to Thomas Richard Marlor. I will correct minutes from October **Moved by:** Dave Charles, seconded by Julie Price, Carried

Rental

The rental form will be finalized once Angus changes the insurance to include 3rd party liability. Guidelines created by Colleen and Paul Harding will routinely be included. Should be in the handbook. Session will be able to wave fees if appropriate for community outreach.

We have rentals happening at the Church

Dec 10 Cadue Family 11:30-4 Potluck and Games

Dec 10 Choral Society Concert in Sanctuary 7 pm

Dec 16, Cornerstone Church 9-12 to make soup to take back to their Church

Christmas Decorations

The Church was to be decorated for Friday November 26, 2022 with the wonderful help of volunteers and Cheryl O’Leary for making the bows for all the wreaths.

Session Budget Is to remain the same as last year .

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Reverend Takouhi will be giving Christmas messages for the month of December on MYFM

Preparing for Worship

Getting Ushers and Readers for December are provided by Tammy Fergusson

Dave Charles will be providing them for January, 2023

Altar Clothes are continued through December by Raymond Shea

Dave Charles brought a motion forward that we have \$25 gift cards ie grocery made available at the back of the church if we are approached by anyone in need -all were in favour.

We are in the loop re the mayor and his initiative re sheltering the homeless.

Community kitchen will be discussing looking into different ideas in the New Year

We will be putting name of Food Bank donors on the Christmas tree again this year

EOORC

We have received \$19,000 for our Church improvements from EOORC

Our Church at Work

Asking Laurie to get a copy of the new list of members to the United Church Women

When sending out emails to get proper contact info to ask if they would like their photo taken for the new revised member's book UCW made Christmas cards for shut ins

Additions

We move that the Official Board begin exploring "Alternate Uses: for the GUC property by asking Rev Takouhi to contact Rev Peter Bartlett of our Regional Council to seek his guidance in visioning and taking steps toward better utilizing our church property to its full capacity."

Session hopes that this topic could be put on the agenda for a full congregational meeting to take advantage of additional input and ideas.

We will make an announcement in the bulletin that we have the United Church Crest pin available to all members. They will be at the back of the church by donation

We will be purchasing 50 pins to start. We will have Laurie order them All were in favour. Pins are here

December 20th – Blue Christmas Service with Speaker and Author Eleanor Glenn – Token of Love----
---It is an evening of Love and Grief.

Dec. 24th is 7 P.M. Christmas Eve Service

December 25th Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Carols, Muffins and Coffee, come as you are (Comfy clothes, PJs are welcomed).

January 1, 2023 – Sunday – No in person service – We will share Bread for the Journey on our YouTube and Facebook page...

It has been decided that **November – April Sessions will be on Zoom**

Barb 1st, Diane 2nd, all in favour

No Session for December

Next Session Thursday January 26, 2023

Time away

Laurie Cadue December 23, 2022 to January 3, 2023

Closing prayer Dave Charles

Next meeting prayers

Opening prayer Barb Jenkins

Closing prayer Reverend Takouhi

Meeting Adjourned

Barb Jenkins, Chair of Session

Susan Barwell, Clerk of Session