

Congregational Meeting, Seagrave United Church, May 5, 2022 7:00 pm In person & via zoom

Present: Dale Goddard, John Olivero (chair), Keith Puckrin, Donna Kent, Rick McAskill, Darlene Hallett (recording), Rev. Stephanie Richmond, Carol Coleman (treasurer), Ken Sturman, Eleanor Sturman, Bettylou Beacock, Don Beacock, Richard Charron

1. John welcomed everyone attending and noted that we have quorum.
2. Rev. Stephanie acknowledged the land that we met on, and opened our meeting with prayer.
3. Motion #1: that the agenda be accepted as presented. Goddard/McAskill Carried.
4. Motion #2: that the minutes of the Feb. 22, 2022 meeting be accepted as presented.
Puckrin/McAskill Carried.
5. There was no correspondence.
6. Carol shared a narrative treasurer's report. Although our expenses are as expected, our givings are down leaving us with a deficit of \$20,000. If the annual turkey supper does not happen, that would be a further shortfall of \$5,000.
The cost of updating our technology was \$11,000. Donations in the amount of \$3,200 + an un-named donor's generous offer of up to \$3,000 to equal donations still leave a shortfall of approximately \$4,400.
Motion #3: that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented.
Goddard/McAskill Carried.
7. Rev. Stephanie's report is appended to these minutes.
8. Reports were shared from the following committees -
 - i. Board of Steward (Keith Puckrin) - yard sale is taking place on May 27 & 28 at Len & Betty Summerville's farm.
 - calls will go out for volunteers & bakers
 - set-up happening May 25th at 6:00pm and all day May 26th as required
 - ii. Session (Dale Goddard) - report from Mar. 28th meeting as joint session:
 - our Food Bank will begin near end of May
 - Tara Taylor has agreed to be lead person
 - Barb Ward volunteered to be Clerk of Session for G.U.C.
 - next joint meeting will be May 16, 2022 at G.U.C.
 - possible future events at S.U.C.: a tea, a dinner party with theme and a movie night, all outside
 - iii. Greeters: - greeters believe that serving after church snacks is becoming onerous.
 - after a good discussion it was decided that snacks be provided on a volunteer basis by anyone attending this time of camaraderie. The greeters would continue to make tea and coffee which will be provided by S.U.C.
 - this decision will be announced from the pulpit

- iv. ECORC (Darlene Hallett) - report is appended to these minutes.
- 9. New Business:
 - i. governance format - the executive of the Unified Board is meeting on May 18, 2022 to discuss all comments and concerns that have been forwarded to them.
 - their recommendations will be presented at the next Unified Board Meeting
 - ii. MP3 player - with our new technology it has become redundant
 - it will be given as a prize at an Outreach Event
 - iii. Seagrave E-blast news - Valerie Hunter has assumed the responsibility of sending out a joint E-blast for our pastoral charge.
 - all events will be presented in chronological order
 - she is using the time that was spent on bulletin preparation prior to COVID times.
 - we sincerely thank Richard Charron and Juli Conard for their time and dedication in preparing and sharing our E-blasts and newsletters.

Motion #4: that all reports be accepted as presented. Coleman/E. Sturman Carried.

- 10. Next meeting: Sunday, September 25 after church
 - * there may be a special congregational meeting called to address the new governance format
- 11. John thanked all for participating in the meeting and Rev. Stephanie closed our meeting with a meaningful prayer.
- 12. Motion #5: that the meeting adjourn at 8:10 Dale Goddard.

Seagrave United Church Budget and Interim Report February 19, 2022

Receipts	Budget 2022	Budget 2021	2022 Yr to Date	2021	2020	2019
Benevolent Fund	200	200	0	0	200	200
Canvass	10,000	8,500	0	9,820	12,955	4,450
Catering Income	500	0	0	400	0	900
Concert Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	4253
Donations	5,000	3,000	250	7,416	3,873	2,800
Envelope Givings	15,000	17,500	1,160	11,382	17,604	21,284
Food Bank Fund	0	0	0	420	290	0
HST Recovered	0		0	0	895	5,381
Interest	2,000	2,000	0	1,475	1,620	3,991
Loose Collections	150	0	20	276	91	1,945
Memorial Donations Fund	1000	0	890	0	465	0
Miscellaneous/Vibe Income	0	0	0	0	0	536
Mission & Service	3,500	4,500	341	3,527	4,499	0
Out-To Lunch	500	0	0	0	0	1,901
Outreach Activities	500	0	0	0	0	444
PAR Receipts	7,200	7,540	725	9,160	7,540	5,980
Rental Income	500	0	0	0	725	795
Sound System Fund	0			220	0	0
Sunday School	120	120	10	120	120	120
Turkey Supper	5,000	0	0	0	0	8,825
Yard Sale	10,000	0	0	387	0	12,877
Total Income	61,170	43,360	3,396	44,603	50,877	76,682
Disbursements						
Accounting Fees	800	800	0	572	520	0
Advertising	160	160	0	0	153	0
Affirming Committee	1,000	1,000	0	108	125	0
Bank Charges	325	270	25	325	263	179
Benevolent Fund	3,000	3,000	0	1,250	750	1,537
Building Fund Exp	2,000	2,000	0	1,486	0	1,346
Catering Expenses	0		0	40	0	0
Computer & Internet Expense	1,200		166	1,030	20	
Concert Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	1,480
Custodian	5,000	5,000	1,250	5,000	5,000	5,000
Equipment	5,000	5,000	0	6,480	0	0
Food Bank Expenses	350	0	0	370	552	
Honoraria	1,500	1,000	0	1,496	243	450
HST expense	0	0	0	0	0	0
Insurance	4,500	4,500	493	4,450	4,062	3,360
Janitor Service	1,000	1,200	0	375	840	2,468
Men's Group	0		0	500	1,028	
Mission & Service	3,500		0	3,946	5,151	0
Office Expense	750	750	748	425	415	525
Office Stationery & Supplies	500	500	0	865	724	164
Organist	7,200	7,200	1,200	7,200	7,200	7,200
Out-To Lunch Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	85
Outreach Activities	500	1,000	0	662	1,680	1,365
Pastoral Charge Exp	28,254	28,254	0	28,254	28,254	28,254
Repairs & Maintenance	3,000	3,000	310	3,330	2,839	3,150
Session	500		0			
Sunday School	200	250	0	0	0	50
Talent Auction	0	0	0	0	0	0
Treasurer's Compensation	2,500	2,500	625	2,500	0	0
Turkey Supper Expense	0	0	0	0	0	2,194
Enbridge Gas	2,400	2,400	851	2,312	2,299	2,526
Hydro	2,000	2,000	148	1,506	1,564	1,715
Telephone	850	790	139	810	785	775
Vibe/Misc Expense	300	0	0	315	0	512
Yard Sale Expense	2,000	0	0	0	0	1,941
Total Expense	\$80,289	72,574	5,955	75,607	64,467	66,276
Balance	\$(19,119)	-29,214	-2,559	-31,004	-13,590	10,406
Bank Balance - end of period			10,285	12,007	22,238	14,598
Investments - Edward Jones						
GIC 1			\$30000@.1.15%	matures October 14, 2022		
GIC 2			\$50,000 @1.13%	matures November 16, 2022		
GIC 3			\$40,000 @.81%	matures May 10, 2022		
Cash Account			\$32,009 @.5			
			<u>\$152,009</u>			
Memorial Fund		\$6,308.67				
Memorial Fund GIC		\$5,227.83				
Men's Group		0				

Spring has finally decided to show up, we notice the buds on the trees beginning to burst forth, the birds are singing beautifully and hope is in the air. The provincial government lifted COVID restrictions on March 1 which allowed us to take down the seating barriers. There is no longer a requirement for contact tracing. The mask restriction was also lifted, however the church is asking our attendees to please wear a mask for the time being. Many of our congregants have tested positive for COVID and are recovering without complications. As much as we want COVID to be a thing of the past it is not, and may never be.

We are learning to live with the reality that our lives have been disrupted, turned upside down and altered due to the pandemic. Church has changed for many of us. With the different comfort levels, ages and health situations, we are grateful for our technology team who have stepped up to learn the system and have volunteered their time. The work at the technology table is vital to allow those unable to enter the Church building access to the worship services and still feel connected to each other. Thank You Tara Taylor, Jonathon Feyen, Wendy Hughes, Brad Sinclear, Bob Shepherd, Bill Richmond and John Olivero for offering your valuable time.

On March the 4th World day of Prayer was held non Greenbank with attendees from Seagrave, Greenbank, Sunderland, Wick, and Cresswell churches. The services was a prerecorded service which was broadcast on a TV screen. I light lunch was served, all in attendance enjoyed the opportunity to come together and share in this event.

The Lenten Study, based on Joyce Rupp's book, "The Cup of Our Life" was held over zoom with 5 people plus myself participating. Our final Lenten Study session was in person in Seagrave Church. We celebrated an intimate communion and shared our growth and experience of the Lenten Journey. For me it was a blessing and a sacred experience. Thank you to those who participated.

I took a week of holidays and flew out to Vancouver to visit with my daughter and granddaughter. It was a joy to spend time with them. I will be taking July 4-14 off for another trip out to Vancouver. My daughter is scheduled for a C-section to deliver our new Grandson. I will be on Grandma double time duty.

I attended the ECORC Virtual meeting on March 22 as a member of the ECORC Equity Team. I was a facilitator for a breakout room and had a chance to meet other ministers and be involved in some interesting discussions.

We had a dramatic communion/Palm Sunday service at Seagrave on April 10. Members from both churches took part and there was positive feedback from those who attended this service.

I participated in the Ecumenical Good Friday walk in Port Perry. I thank Don Beacock and Doug Watson for joining and representing our two churches. Good Friday was held in Greenbank on April 16 at 7:30 the combined choir sang and a few others attended. Thank you Darlene Hallett for your help in leading the service. I wonder if changing the time to an afternoon service might be something to think about for next year at Seagrave?

Easter was held in Greenbank and we had a great crowd out over 60 people in attendance. The sermon was a dialogue sermon and once again I thank Darlene Hallett for her participation. I thank everyone from both services who attended and participated in the various elements of the service. There was a combined choir with 20 people singing with masks on and they sounded beautiful.

On April I went with Val to Juli Conard's home to learn about the E-Blast. Juli and Richard have been copying each others E-Blast since shortly after the Pandemic started. Both Juli and Richard thought it was a good idea for Val to take over the responsibilities of the E-Blast on behalf of the Pastoral Charge.

There seems to always be a guarantee in life that change will happen.

Change is something we tend to fear and become anxious about because we do not feel in control of life. The good news is that God has a plan for your life that includes hope, future, and prosperity. We need to learn to trust in God and allow the change to grow us to become more like Jesus Christ.

We are promised that all things will work together for good for those who love God and keep God's commandments! God is walking this life journey with us - God's presence is always with us, guiding us. These times have been difficult to say the least.

As we emerge from our two years away from Church as we used to know it, we go forward trusting in God's Spirit of love and compassion to guide our thoughts and our plans. Our Churches are not the buildings. It is my greatest hope that this time of pandemic has taught us to cherish each relationship and trust that God will recreate something new and wonderful as we go forward.

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Clerk of Session Report

A Greenbank/Seagrave joint Session meeting was held at Seagrave on Mar. 28th.

- Mother's Day service is on May 8th at Seagrave.
- The Seagrave food bank will be starting soon. Tara has agreed to take the lead on the Food Bank at Seagrave.
- Barb Ward was acclaimed the new Clerk of Session for Greenbank.
- The next joint Seagrave-Greenbank Session meeting is scheduled for May 16th at 7:30pm in Greenbank.

Outreach ideas to consider for June/July

- Outside Tea – Tea, fancy sandwiches, deserts. Outdoor seating, music? May need tents set up for inclement weather?
- Outdoor dinner party – perhaps a theme? Music? provide food or have it catered? Perhaps charge \$50.00 per person. Advertise?

Could be fundraisers or not. If fundraiser, earmark a specific charity or action for the church to carry out to benefit the congregation/community.

- Outdoor movie night – on a Friday night? bring your own chair, in the church parking lot?

What are your thoughts? Anyone wish to be involved/ or take the lead with any of these ideas?

What are some other ideas you may have?

Report from ECORC Spring Meeting April 29 & April 30

1. David Timpson, who a lot of us know, is off on Restorative Care Leave. He has been diagnosed with ALS
2. Churches closed since last meeting: Warsaw, Carmel, Deseronto, Empey Hill, Maple Lake, Cataraqui, Melrose & Glenora
3. Upcoming & Recent Retirees: Katherine Edminson, Sue Genge, Norman Long, Paul Reed, Cathy Underhill
4. Brighton U.C. has created a non-profit organization HUGS (Help Ukranians Get Settled) They now have 2 families and are hoping for more in the future.
5. New music coming. Sample in 2023. 'Then Let us Sing'. Will be completely digital. 150 new hymns included. 2024 - ready for congregations. 2025 - UCC's 100th anniversary - will be in book format.
Subscription needed - CCLI many not be needed, will be part of One License
6. Anti-racism report - according to STATS Canada - Peterborough is #1 for hate crimes and Kingston is # 4!
- 2 bids on a house in Brighton. Top bidder was black
Second was white
Owner took 2nd bid - \$50,000 less Racism?
7. Anticipating fall meeting be an in-person meeting.
8. ECORC has 4 aims i. Climate & environment; living in respect with creation
ii. Investing in new church development
iii. Diversity and Inclusion
iv. Economic justice & congregational development
2 new ones added: v. training on anti-racism available for all; mandatory for some
vi.
9. M&S 2021 ECORC donations \$1.3 million
Canada donations \$20.2 million
Proof that there is still goodness and compassion in our world

Respectfully submitted
Darlene Hallett