



**MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 28, 2022**  
**Held in the Gathering Place at 2:00 p.m.**

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**Council Members:** Rev. Gail Fricker (Minister), Charles MacDonald (Chair), Rosalind MacDonald (Lay Pastoral Minister), Mary McFadden (Council Secretary), Vince Bury (Accessibility), Janice Sinker (Affirming), Virginia Scott (Christian Development), Lynne Desjardine/Lois Gill – Co-Chairs (Fellowship & Outreach), Bryan Beattie – (Finance/Treasurer), Steve Northey (Ministry & Personnel), Deb Gill (Property Management), Ruth Ann Eagleson/Wilma Harris Co-Chairs (Worship). WOW Representatives: Bob Illman, Ruth Ann Eagleson and Rosalind MacDonald

**Members Present:** Rev. Gail Fricker, Charles MacDonald, Rosalind MacDonald, Mary McFadden, Janice Sinker, Lynne Desjardine, Lois Gill, Steve Northey, Bob Illman, Wilma Harris, Ruth Ann Eagleson, Bryan Beattie, Deb Gill, Vince Bury (arrived at approximately 3:50 p.m. )

**Regrets:** Virginia Scott

**Absent:**

**Guest:** Rev. Laurie O’Leary (*Supervising Minister*)

**Quorum Present**

**AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER: approximately 2:00 p.m.**
- 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY:** Read by Charles MacDonald
- 3. CANDLE LIGHTING –** Charles MacDonald
- 4. OPENING PRAYER –** Rev. Gail Fricker: commenced with scripture, 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, “One Body with Many Members”. Rev. Gail read it through twice. We were asked to state a phrase(s) that spoke to us, then Rev. Gail followed with a prayer.
  - **“Equity Moderator”** – Rev. Gail explained the role of an “Equity Moderator” and if a member would volunteer. This person would ensure that the meeting was run with respect for one another. Janice Sinker volunteered for this role.
- 5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
  - MOTION was made to approve the agenda as distributed. Moved, seconded and carried.
- 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE –**
  - **Letter from Lambton Kent District School Board (attached)** – appeal from the Grand Bend Public School Council in regard to building an Outdoor Learning Classroom. After a brief discussion, Janice Sinker suggested that we offer to create a garden as we did in the CLR. Charles will respond to the letter.

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## 7. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- MOTION was made to approve the April 28, 2022 Council meeting minutes as amended.  
Moved, seconded and carried.

### Corrections:

Bob Illman should be shown as "Regrets".

Under Property - 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet – word “demystified” should read “demystify”.

Under Finance – in the first sentence the word “to” was added to read “down to \$35,000”.

## 8. BUSINESS ARISING – none.

9. COVID-19 UP-DATE – Charles MacDonald: no update. Charles informed that there have been more deaths in 2022 than 2021. Brief discussion of mask wearing, distancing and proof of vaccination. It was suggested to remind folks that wearing a mask, sanitizing and distancing is a personal choice. This reminder will be in Shorelines.

## 10. TEAM REPORTS

- WORSHIP REPORT – Ruth Ann Eagleson and Wilma Harris: no further report.
- WOW – Bob Illman, Ruth Ann Eagleson and Rosalind MacDonald:
  - “Our Words Matter” – Rosalind spoke on this as a reminder to all to choose words carefully. Bob and Rosalind will be inviting Council members and perhaps others to take part in a group to learn more about “Our Words Matter”. They plan this in the fall.
- PROPERTY – Deb Gill:
  - **Shed and north fence:** this project will be on hold. The shed will include an accessible side walk from the shed to the parking area. Property will research a grant.
  - **AED session** will be booked for the Wednesday, September 28 after the Council meeting at 4:00 p.m. The training will be free. Members suggested a donation be given to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.
  - **Accessible parking spaces** – it has been noticed that the accessible spaces are being used by folks without the proper permit on the windshields. Deb will write letter to Sean Smith (Municipality) asking that he put a warning notice on windshields. It was asked if Municipal parking passes be made available for the group that is coming on Thursday, August 4. Deb will inquire.  
**Clarification about shutting off the power.** Deb and Bob Illman will arrange to clarify with Fire Chief, Lawrence Swift the policy of using the lifts and leaving power on during an evacuation.
- AFFIRMING TEAM – Janice Sinker:
  - Expressed a thank you to Charles for installing the second new PRIDE flag.
  - Rev. Gail mentioned that PRIDE flags designed by the United Church can be purchased through the Mission and Discipleship department. They buy the flags in bulk. Purchasing directly from the United Church will be a better price.
  - Window clings will sell for \$10/each as a fundraiser.

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**MINISTRY & PERSONNEL** - Steve Northey: Briefly explained the below proposed motions in his Team Report.

- MOTION was made that we schedule our Council meetings for the fourth Wednesday of the month commencing at 2:00 p.m. Finance meetings will schedule to meet on the third Wednesday of the month. Moved, seconded and carried.
- MOTION was made that Council approve the continuation of the Lay Pastoral Minister position for Huron Shores United Church. Moved, seconded and carried.
- MOTION was made that Council approve Rosalind MacDonald's continuation in the position of Lay Pastoral Minister for Huron Shores United Church. Moved, seconded and carried.

**FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH** – Lynne Desjardine/Lois Gill – Co-Chairs:

- In Team Reports – under Action Pending – Parking Project: change to read second collection.
- Add in Actions Completed: Funds in first collection were \$609.80. Funds in second collection: \$1,001.00.
- Frozen meals – Lois read a thank you letter and mentioned that there have been many others that expressed their appreciation.
- Words Matter - A suggestion was made that the term "Shut-in" change to "Socially Isolated". Council members agreed.
- Right Relations –
  - After a brief discussion in regard to purchasing an "Every Child Matters" flag, a motion was made. In discussion, it is possible that a grant through the UCC could cover the cost.
    - MOTION to approve the purchase of an "Every Child Matters" flag and flag pole. Moved, seconded and carried.
    - The "Every Child Matters" flag was approved by the Stoney Creek First Nations. Plans are being made for an "Orange Shirt Day" on September 30, 2022. A suggestion was made to organize a fundraiser to cover the cost of the flag by selling UCC designed orange shirts.
  - Sharon Beeler – it was suggested that Sharon should receive a thank you letter for her music ministry during the "Truth and Reconciliation" service on Sunday, June 12, 2022.
  - The New Moderator – it was mentioned that The Rev. Dr. Carman Lansdowne is first indigenous moderator.

**FINANCE** – Bryan Beattie: Refer to Operating Summary and Commentary – (attached). As the Financial Commentary had not been distributed before the meeting, Bryan read it to Council members. It was mentioned the water usage has increased by quite a bit. A couple of reasons were mentioned - new irrigation system and the issue of a running toilet (that has been fixed).

**COMMUNITY WELLNESS W.G.** – Charles MacDonald: No report.

**NOMINATIONS W.G.** – Janice Sinker: Reviewed written report – asked for members to consider their plans for 2023.

**CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT** – Virginia Scott: Absent.

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**MINISTER – Rev. Gail:** Read her report.

- **Asked for approval** of wedding requests:
  - **MOTION was made to approve the wedding of:**
    - Murray Watson & Lindy Ducker at Huron Shores United Church in the Green Cathedral on September 17, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.
    - Andrea Lemus and Brendan Kenny at Revival House, Stratford, on August 13, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.
    - Christopher Moore and Lori Bassett to be held September 24, 2022 in Corunna, ON. Rosaland MacDonald Officiating and Rev Laurie O’Leary will be supervising.  
Moved, seconded and carried.
  - **UCC Manual on Baptisms** - Rev. Gail asked for Council’s approval on her policy for baptism requests. Refer to **attached** written report. A brief discussion followed with Council accepting Rev. Gail’s policy.
  - **Asked for approval of baptisms for Sunday, September 25, 2022:**
    - **MOTION was made to approve the baptism of:**
      - Caden Webster, son of Ashley and James Webster (not members).
      - Kai Kelders, daughter of Jenna and Brent Kelders (Jenna is HSUC member).
      - Leo Lalonde, son of Amanda McEwan and Ryan LaLonde (not members).  
Moved, seconded and carried.
  - **Jazz Vespers** – explained, groups and dates and asked that a motion be made to approve. The first performance on Sunday, September 4 will be with Sunday Nighters.
    - **MOTION was made to approve:**
      - the cost of \$215.50 to Huron Shores United Church for six Jazz Vespers with the cost likely covered by donations from Free Will Offerings. Payment will be made after performance.
      - The date for the “Swingset” with Peter Hysen, Larry Smith and Dean Harrison on Sunday, September 4 at 4:00 p.m.
      - The suggested dates for the other Jazz Vespers: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.: October 26, November 23, January 25, February 22 and March 22.  
Moved, seconded and carried.

**TRUSTEES – Rev. Gail:** No report

**GRAND BEND PLACE – Janice Sinker (financial report attached):**

- **Reviewed written report.** Stressed that GBP will promote Jazz Vespers which is considered “Music Ministry” and not considered a “Show”.
- **Beach Wednesday Night concerts** – have to confirm by 3:00 p.m. if rained out.
- **Role of GBP on Council** – there has been confusion as to the role of GBP on Council. After a brief explanation from Janice the below motion was made.
  - **MOTION that the Grand Bend Place Working Group become a Team of the Huron Shores United Church Council with the chair of Grand Bend Place having a vote at the Council table effective immediately.** Moved, seconded and carried.

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### **GRAND BEND PLACE – Janice Sinker – cont'd**

- **MOTION** that Council accept Janice Sinker as the chair of Grand Bend Place. **Moved, seconded and carried.**
  - Discussion followed with a question in regard to acquiring grants. It was made clear that grants for GBP are written under the charitable status of HSUC. It was also made clear that as a community of faith that we need to look at GBP and HSUC as being one body for the betterment of our community.

### **ACCESSIBILITY – Vince Bury:**

- **Wheelchair** has arrived. The wording on chair needs to be specific that the chair has to be accompanied by an assistant (care giver).
- **Evacuation Chair** needs more conversation.

**11. NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**13. NEXT MEETING:** **WEDNESDAY, September 28, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the Gathering Place**

**14. ADJOURNMENT** at 4:20 p.m.

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Charles MacDonald,  
Chair

Mary McFadden  
Council Secretary