



## MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

**Saturday, June 10, 2023**

Held on Zoom at 11:00 a.m.

**Council Members** Deb Gill (Chair), Mary McFadden (Council Secretary), Virginia Scott (Christian Development), Lynne Desjardine/Lois Gill – Co-Chairs (Fellowship & Outreach), Bryan Beattie – (Finance/Treasurer), Janice Sinker (Grand Bend Place & Nominations) Steve Northey (Ministry & Personnel & Stewardship), Debbie Procter (Property Management), Glen Miller (Trustees), Ruth Ann Eagleson (Worship & Music), Peter Challen (WOW Representative), Rev. Nancy Knowles (Pastoral Supervisor)

**Members Present:** Deb Gill, Mary McFadden, Virginia Scott, Lois Gill, Bryan Beattie, Janice Sinker, Steve Northey, Debbie Procter, Ruth Ann Eagleson, Peter Challen, Rev. Nancy Knowles,

**Regrets:** Glen Miller

**Quorum Present**

### AGENDA

1. Call to order – Deb Gill at 11:11 a.m.

2. Prayer – Rev. Nancy Knowles

Approval of Agenda

- **MOTION that the agenda be approved as amended. Moved, seconded and carried.**
  - **Amendments:**
    - **Update on Trillium Grant**
    - **Announcement of new Finance Chair**

**3. Trillium Grant Update – Deb Gill:** explained that applying for this Trillium grant was discussed at the May Council Meeting. Due to time frame, work involved and the stipulation that an external audit is required to apply, it was decided not to. Deb held a recent Technology WG meeting where the grant came up in conversation. The Tech WG felt strongly that we should apply. It was also found out that an external audit is not necessary.

- Items applied for in the grant will be: a high end audio and keyboard, portable stage, community bulletin board and storage shed extraordinaire.
- Gratitude was expressed to Janice Sinker and Bob Illman for getting the audio and music quotes, Janice for getting portable stage quotes, Dan Gill for getting Community Bulletin Board and Storage shed quotes. Special recognition to Christine Bregman for taking off work on Monday, June 12 to edit and enter the grant requirements.

There was further discussion on management of the Community Bulletin Board, the possibility of food bank storage in the shed (acquiring a freezer), the handling of the portable stage and audio console security (this could be covered by applying for a Community Foundation grant).

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**6. Announcement of New Finance Chair – Deb Gill:** Was very excited to announce that Lori Hyatt has come forward to assume the role as Finance Chair. Lori has a solid financial background and has expressed that she is looking forward to managing our finances.

- **MOTION that the Huron Shores United Church Council has elected Lori Hyatt as Chair of Finance effective July 1/23 for a period of 18 months to be extended at that time if mutually acceptable. Moved, seconded and carried.**
  - **Rationale:** Both the WOW Region and Seebach accounting recommend separating the role of Treasurer and Chair of Finance. Bryan has requested a resignation from his current position of Chair of Finance and Treasurer. Following this Compilation report it is an ideal time for a new Chair to engage in the process.

**3. Discussion re ACM plans and presenting the Auditors Report – Deb Gill:** Emphasized that the presentation of the Financial Report will be done in a positive manner and that Lori has offered to explain the auditor’s Compilation to the COF.

- **MOTION that Huron Shores United Church Council recommends that the Community of Faith receive the Finance Report as completed by Seebach Accounting. Moved, seconded and carried.**
  - **Rationale** - This report was completed externally as was recommended by the Region as one of our mediation recommendations. It is a Compilation not an Audit.

**4. Discussion re Summer Services hours – Deb Gill:** Rev. Nancy will speak on Collaborative Ministry. Spoke on how things will work, i.e., social time will likely be after the service. Will continue to have cold beverage and cookies over the summer (suggest to have everything ready in a cooler). A dedicated minister’s parking sign on the south side beside the ramp will be arranged by Property.


- **MOTION that summer service start time be 9:00 a.m. Moved, seconded and carried.**
  - **Rationale:** this will be our plan starting in September so we should start to get the COF familiar with the time change. In addition, there will be traffic, parking, heat and sun benefits to starting earlier.

**Ruth Ann Eagleson** – expressed a very sincere thank you to Deb Gill for arranging summer service set-up.

**MOTION to adjourn at 11:40 a.m.**



Deb Gill,  
Acting Council Chair



Mary McFadden  
Council Secretary