



MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Held in the Fellowship Hall & on Zoom at 9:00 a.m.

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Council Members Deb Gill (Chair), Joanne Barry (Vice-Chair), Mary McFadden (Council Secretary), Brenda Heath (Christian Development), Lois Gill (Fellowship & Outreach), Lori Hyatt – (Finance/Treasurer), Peter Challen & Trish Challen (Chairs of Fundraising & Stewardship), Janice Sinker (Grand Bend Place), Rev. Nancy Knowles (Minister), Bill Weber (Ministry & Personnel), Christine Wilde (Office Administration) Debbie Procter (Property Management), Glen Miller (Trustees), Karen Etherington (Worship & Music), Roger Hyatt (WOW Representative),

Present: Deb Gill, Joanne Barry, Roger Hyatt, Mary McFadden, Brenda Heath, Lois Gill, Lori Hyatt, Janice Sinker, Bill Weber, Debbie Procter, Glen Miller, Peter Challen, Trish Challen, Karen Etherington, Nancy Knowles

Quorum Present

AGENDA

1. **DEVOTIONAL** - Nancy Knowles
2. **CALL TO ORDER** – Deb Gill: 11:20 a.m.
3. **APPOINT AN EQUITY MONITOR** – Janice Sinker
4. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY** (read aloud by council)
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
 - **MOTION to approve the agenda as amended. Moved, seconded and carried.**
 - Amendment: Under New Business – remove “Flow Chart”.
6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**
7. **REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - **MOTION to approve the March 19 minutes as amended. Moved, seconded and carried.**
 - Correction: Under Business Arising, the topic, Parking passes, should read Sunday, September 20.
 - Clarification was given that the parking fee will end after Labour Day weekend.

8. BUSINESS ARISING

- **Living Faith Story – Roger:** This conversation is not recorded.
- **Council Retreat update – Nancy:** Still in the works.
- **GBP performance facility agreement update- Janice – attachment #1:** Mentioned that this update was well thought out. A couple of corrections need to be made. Once completed, it will be available in blue folder to distinguish from the form for in-house facility usage. The team was complimented on their work. It was stressed that if a fee is not collected before the event, there would be no signature. It was mentioned that the in-house usage form needs updating also. This is not the responsibility of the GBP team.
- **Pantry Communication – Deb Gill:** ongoing at this time.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- **Leading by example – Deb Gill expressed her thoughts:**
 - This council is particularly good at that.
 - For example: Debbie always puttering around on the property, Lois in the kitchen, Karen helping with Embellishment and reading the Scripture.
 - Take your role on Leadership team seriously and participate fully.
 - We are good at finding the holes that need to be filled and if we have the skill set we jump.
 - Perhaps it is making popcorn at Sunset Cinema or coffee at the Legion.
 - Believes that most of us do this because we find joy in this form of discipleship or perhaps stewardship.
 - Asking that each of us reflect on the fact we approved a balanced budget that went forward to the ACM which the congregation further supported.
 - Last year we had a deficit budget which we struggled with. We made up the gap thanks to everyone pulling in their belt and we had some successful fundraising close to \$27,000.
 - It is a balanced budget this year because between Stewardship and Fundraising we need to raise \$60,000. We as a leadership team agreed to this
 - Asking each of us to reflect on this question privately. “Are you taking a leadership role in this endeavour whether it is baking pies, selling tickets or increasing your PAR?”
 - Comment was made that If we don’t get all the money, it is not a failure.
 - Hello Summer dinner – a question was asked if a vegetarian dinner would be an option. No, there will not be that option.
 - Comment was made that if we find ourselves in deficit, we need to think of cut-back on expenses.
- **Permissions for pictures – Mary McFadden:** Explained that we have a yellow form intended for new folks to fill out correct database information. On the form, is a line giving us permission to use their photo on social media. Very few have ever indicated negatively. Suggestions were shared on how we can be more effective with this issue:

- Peter will ensure that this information continues to be shown on the PowerPoint slides.
- Suggestion was made to have a visible sign stating that photos will be shared on social media and that our services are on Livestream.
- Comment was made that it is also the responsibility of an individual to let us know.

- **Queens Ave lift update and next steps – Deb Gill**
 - Queen’s Ave Lift caused a great deal of stress.
 - Not reliably operational for 6 months.
 - Disappointed with Schindler.
 - We have had several email and phone conversations with branch manager and through relentless assertive communication we were able to get the problem identified and a quote in place.
 - Property team need to be commended for their thoughtful and respectful actions in dealing with this extremely frustrating situation. They are protecting the interests of the Church while representing us in an ethical manner
 - We are in no position financially to proceed with this unbudgeted expense until we have raised \$5 ,000.
 - The quote is under \$5,000. Including the two unbudgeted service charges last fall for the same unresolved issue it exceeds \$5,000. Optics of how we communicate this will be critical. “The cost to repair the lift exceeds \$5.000”.
 - This will be a special appeal not to be confused with Stewardship or Fundraising.
 - Letter to go out Monday to all COF, groups using our church and hard copies delivered to some.
 - Announced from pulpit next Sunday. Nancy to comment in sermon. Slogan, “Can you give me a lift”.
 - Perhaps there are grant opportunities. Roger will research. Name?

10. TEAM REPORTS – attachement #2

- **FUNDRAISING – Deb Gill:** No further report.

- **PROPERTY – Debbie Procter:** After further discussion on the lift repair and other unbudgeted expenses, the following motions were made.
 - **MOTION that an appeal to raise \$5,000 to repair the Queens Ave. entrance lift go out to the COF and groups that use our facility. If funds received exceed that amount, the funds are to be put to a reserve fund to use for other maintenance. Moved, seconded. Carried.**
 - **MOTION to increase the budgeted maintenance and repair invoices spending limit for the Property Chair from \$500 to \$1,000 prior to requiring approval from the finance team. Moved, seconded and carried.**

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- Assurance was given to Debbie that she would not be required to get permission to proceed with minor property repairs/maintenance.
- From Debbie's team report about installing donation stations in the Community Living Room, the following motion was made.
 - **MOTION two parking boxes to the Community Living Room for year-round donation collection; store the remaining box for future use. The Property Working Group proposes installing a sign on the donation pole that states, "Your donations help" or "Your donations are appreciated. Thank you." Moved, seconded and carried.**
- **STEWARDSHIP & FUNDRAISING – Peter & Trish Challen:**
 - Before a further discussion on initiatives, the following motions were made.
 - **MOTION that the Council is to immediately take over, from Stewardship & Fundraising, all fundraising activities in 2026. Moved, seconded and carried.**
 - **MOTION that the DRD Working Group is to be moved immediately from the Finance Team to the Stewardship & Fundraising Team. Moved, seconded and carried.**
 - The following verbal report added to the S&F Team's written report.
 - The Team's name, Stewardship and Fundraising, remains the same; however, the Council is temporarily taking over all fundraising for 2026 so the S&F team can focus on stewardship.
 - The Audacious Dreamers display is to be moved permanently to the wall between the two offices in one picture frame showing categories, no dollar amounts are indicated, and names in each category are in alphabetical order. All donors are to receive an email indicating the opportunity to change how they want their name displayed.
 - A Town Hall meeting is to occur following worship, Sun, May 31, to update the COF regarding stewardship."
 - Thank you cards – were passed around. The intention is to hand write appreciation to all who financially support our church. Asked for help to hand write these notes. The labels will be printed.
- **FINANCE – Lori Hyatt: Refer to Income & Expenses – (attached)**
 - Discussion on payment received from group using GBP during Winter Carnival. A Damage Deposit cheque had been received. Deb Gill will follow up.
- **WOW – Roger Hyatt:** No further report.
- **FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH – Lois Gill:**
 - Deb mentioned what a valuable outreach program Caring Casseroles is.
 - Deb suggested that the "Pop-up" fundraiser planned for May be delayed until the lift is functioning.

- **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Brenda Heath:**
 - Deb congratulated the team on the success of receiving the Summer Student grant.
 - Further to the initiative to have “A panel of speakers”, it was suggested to contact the System Navigator at the GBACHC.

 - **WORSHIP & MUSIC – Karen Etherington:** No further report.

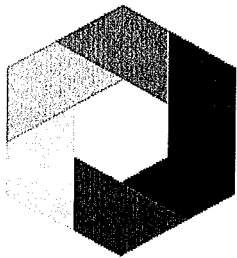
 - **GRAND BEND PLACE – Janice Sinker:**
 - Janice encouraged all of us to work on promoting the concerts as a full house could result in up to \$30,000 profit. The team is working on a lot more media promotion.

 - **MINISTRY & PERSONNEL – Bill Weber:** No further report.

 - **TRUSTEES – Glen Miller:** Explained that there has been a Provincial ruling change resulting in Scotia Bank no longer holding the trust. There will be a transfer to CIBC. The cemetery’s name will never change from Grand Bend United Church Cemetery. Glen asked that this transfer process be done using our office computer with the help of himself, Donna Lovie (trustee treasurer) and Christine. Also to use our charitable status.
- 11. EQUITY MONITOR – Well behaved!**
- 12. NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**
- 14. MOTION to adjourn at approximately 12:50 p.m.**

Deb Gill,
Council Chair

Mary McFadden
Council Secretary



GRAND BEND PLACE
Centre for the Living Arts

GRAND BEND PLACE (GBP)

2026-2027 Facility Usage

Agreement

Revised April 2026

IMPORTANT: To confirm your booking, this completed/signed application and **post-dated cheque in the amount of \$250 (refundable damage retainer)** must be received by the Booking Coordinator **at least two weeks before the booking date.**

DATE COMPLETED: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Prov:** _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

USAGE INFORMATION

Purpose of Usage:

Number of people expected: _____

ROOM(S) & SERVICES REQUESTED:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fellowship Hall Downstairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen Upstairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gathering Place/Sanctuary Upstairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenway Chapel Upstairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wi-Fi | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Cathedral Outside |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Audio Visual in the Fellowship Hall | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Living Room Outside |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Audio Visual in the Gathering Place/ | <input type="checkbox"/> Servery Downstairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Piano | |



GBP Facility Usage Agreement

ONE-TIME USAGE (full donation due with agreement)

Date: _____

Start time: _____ End time: _____

(Includes set up and clean up time)

ONGOING USAGE

(one week donation due with agreement to hold your dates)

Start date:

End date: _____

Start time: _____

End time: _____

Excluded dates:

_____/_____/_____

_____/_____/_____

Please list any dates during this time period that you will NOT require use of the room including stat holidays, summer break, etc. Thank you!

GBP FACILITY USAGE AGREEMENT 2025-2026: TERMS AND CONDITIONS

As Grand Bend Place at Huron Shores United Church is a non-profit community organization, we try to keep our usage rates reasonable. To keep our costs down we rely on our users to follow our terms and conditions. When using the Gathering Place/Sanctuary you may wish to move the Pulpit and/or Communion Table. Both are on wheels and easily moved. It is not necessary to disconnect the microphone cord to the pulpit/lectern, as it can be rolled back to the wall remaining connected. If the microphone must be disconnected, please advise the church so that a sound technician can be advised or asked. Please initial each item below:

Facilities and equipment will be left tidy and clean, and in the same condition as found: _____

If tables and chairs are used, they will be returned to their proper location: _____

Additional costs may be charged for any extra cleaning or damages incurred if the facilities are not left in the same condition as found: _____

Activities will be kept to the areas specified in this usage agreement: _____

Use of the facilities will be limited to the time(s) specified in this agreement unless special arrangements have been made: _____

Third party liability insurance is required, with a copy provided to the church office at least one week prior to, or at time of usage: _____

Lottery and gambling are not permitted: _____

Alcohol may be permitted with proof of liability and licensing: _____

Smoking in any part of the building is prohibited by law: _____

Nothing of an inflammatory or discriminatory nature will be permitted in the church building: _____

In compliance with Health Unit Regulations all outside food brought into the church and served to the public must be recorded in the binder labeled for this purpose and located in the kitchen. This record must include the date, the name of the person bringing the food, and where the food came from, ie., the grocery store, home baking, the farmers' market, a catering company, etc: _____

GBP and HSUC, its employees, volunteers and officers, will not be held responsible for personal injury, damage to personal items, or for the loss or theft of any items belonging to the user or persons attending the event: _____

I have carefully read the facility usage terms and conditions and I/we agree on behalf of my group that I/we will abide by the terms and conditions of the Grand Bend Place Facility Usage Agreement.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ / _____ / _____

Printed Name

Representative of Grand Bend Place

GBP Facility Usage Agreement

PLEASE NOTE: Only blue painters' tape is allowed to affix anything on our walls in any of the locations above!

Kitchen and Fellowship Hall After-Use Checklist:

- Fridge, kitchen and fellowship hall are empty of all belongings brought in
- Countertops and serving carts have been wiped down with soap and water first. Then disinfected with the prepared bleach sanitizer
- All used dishes, utensils, pots and pans, bowls, coffee urns, etc., to have been returned to their proper place, ensuring that they have been properly cleaned before storing
- Dishwasher has been shut down properly, drained and the water supply tap has been turned off, with all washing racks replaced and the door left open for air drying
- Exhaust system must be turned off
- Stoves are cleaned and the stoves and burners are all turned off
- Sink drains have been cleaned of food waste
- Electrical appliances used are left unplugged
- Floors swept and or mopped
- Garbage and recycling removed to the bins that are stored outside on the north side of the building tables and chairs are returned to original location
- If tablecloths used, place them together in the kitchen and be sure the laundry fee is paid
- Used tea towels and dish cloths, are taken for laundering and returned if belonging to the church
- Breakage reported to the Office Administrator
- Roller shutter pulled down and locked in place
- Lights turned off in the kitchen, fellowship hall and hallways

Grand Bend Place Representative

Facility Usage Representative

GBP Facility Usage Agreement

Sanctuary and Servery After-Use Checklist:

- Servery fridge is empty of all belongings
- Countertops and serving carts have been wiped down
- All used dishes, utensils, pots and pans, bowls, coffee urns, etc., have been returned to their proper place, ensuring that they have been properly cleaned before storing
- Dishwasher has been loaded and started
- Sink drains have been cleaned of food waste
- Electrical appliances are left unplugged
- Floors swept and or mopped
- Garbage/recycling removed to the bins stored outside on the north side of the building
- Used tea towels and washcloths are taken for laundering and returned to the church
- Breakage reported to the Office Administrator
- Tables and chairs are returned to original location
- Sanctuary furniture including baptismal font, pulpit, communion table, Christ candle returned
- Hanging mikes returned and screen lifted if used
- All sound equipment and computer returned and turned off
- Window blinds returned to the way they found them
- Lights are turned off in the sanctuary, servery, hallways
- Exterior doors are locked
- Washrooms inspected for cleanliness to make sure everything is ok with them
- Fire doors are closed at the top of the stairs and at the bottom of the stairs

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Grand Bend Place Facility Usage Agreement

Grand Bend Place at HSUC Facility Usage
At Huron Shores United Church
25 Main Street, Grand Bend, Ont. N0M 1T0 (519) 238-2402

Event Date _____ Event Time _____ to _____

Requested By _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

Non-profit community/GBP event YES__ NO__ Charitable registration # (if applicable): _____

Please explain details including admission/ticket price and registration, proceeds handling, GBP volunteers needed, if any, and any other details you need the GBP team to know:

Suggested Donations:

Use of Gathering Place/Sanctuary Only	\$150.00
Use of Kitchen/Servery (appliances, dishes, etc.)	\$100.00
Use of Fellowship Hall Only	\$150.00

Additional Services Required:

Furniture Set-Up/Take-Down (tables, chairs) (if you are not completing your own set-up)	\$100 per person, up to 3 hours
Custodial Services (if you are not completing your own clean-up)	\$50 per person, per hour
Audio-Visual Technician (<u>Inside</u> Building)	\$100 per person, up to 2 hours (\$50 per person per hour after 2 hours)
Audio-Visual Technician (<u>Outside</u> Building)	\$150 per person up to 2 hours; (\$50 per hour after 2 hours)

Musician Fee

*Please contact the Music Director for other events and/or further details
(janicewindyhill@gmail.com)*

*Please contact our Office Administrator directly to answer any questions: 519-238-2402
(Please make cheque payable to: Huron Shores United Church
and add Grand Bend Place to the Subject Line*

Total \$ _____

PLEASE SPECIFY ADDITIONAL NEEDS IN THE CHART ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE.

GBP Facility Usage Agreement

Additional Personnel Support Needs:

Personnel	Equipment/Communication <i>(Microphone/Piano/ Zoom Link/ Powerpoint, etc)</i>	Hours	Fee	Office Use

- All activities and events at GBP at HSUC must be in compliance with municipal, provincial & federal law.
- Fire Regulations: All persons using church facilities must familiarize themselves with the church evacuation plans posted in the hall and exits. All exits and driveways must be kept free from obstruction in case of fire.
- Chairs and tables owned by the church will be made available as required. User is liable for any damages and should not move the furniture without prior consent (ie., Pulpit/Piano...). It remains the user's responsibility to set up and remove whatever chairs and tables are required.
- The applicant, and specifically the adult supervisor, shall be financially and otherwise responsible for all damage to the property of the church or the loss of any of the contents therein during the time the usage was in effect. Tables and chairs are not permitted to leave the building/property.
- The applicant shall save and hold harmless Grand Bend Place from any liabilities and/or responsibilities arising during the occupancy of the building and its related areas, including sickness or death that occurs as a result of a pandemic.
- The Grand Bend Place Team reserves the right, through its representatives, to close any function for failure to observe proper conduct or for failure to comply with any of the above provisions.

I, the applicant, hereby acknowledge that I am 21 years of age or older, and have read and will honour the conditions for usage as outlined in the attached document. I understand that I will be responsible for all the monetary obligations as agreed upon.

Signature

GBP Representative Signature

Date and Time: _____

Payment Received: ____cheque/ ____cash

Copy to GBP Chair: ____ Office Initials ____





COUNCIL MEETING TEAM REPORTS

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FUNDRAISING – Deb Gill:

- **Action Completed:**
 - Fundraising team meeting March 31
 - Tickets and posters printed and out for distribution
 - Takeout team, pastry/pie making, ticket sales, silent auction assembled
- **Action Pending:** decoration, set up, kitchen, bussing, dishwashing and servers to be assembled
- **Motion/Discussion:** Need your help

PROPERTY – Debbie Procter:

- **Actions Pending:**
 - The west side church sidewalk needs lifting, estimated at \$1,000. Dan G. has a proposed approach to resolving the unevenness of the sidewalk.
 - A quote has been received from Great Blue Cleaning and Maintenance (formerly 519 Windows) for window cleaning at the church. The total amount is \$751.45 (\$665.00 + HST). This company provided their services last year. The property working group recommends hiring this company to do the window cleaning.
 - It is recommended that the Emergency Preparedness Protocol be reviewed. Copies of this document will be handed out at our Council meeting.
 - It is recommended that touch-up painting be performed throughout the building. There are multiple areas showing signs of wear and tear. Acquisition of paint will be necessary to carry out this work.
 - Refresh yellow safety lines on steps, walkway, and parking lot as soon as the weather permits. The cost of this special paint will be approximately \$125.00.
 - The Property working group is suggesting that a **reserve fund** dedicated to ongoing servicing, maintenance, and repairs of the facility be established. Anticipated expenses for the next number of years include: replacement of the flat roof on the new addition (which has a 20-year life expectancy); replacing the rooftop units (with a 10-year warranty); upcoming maintenance and repairs for the boiler system (which is already requiring some repairs); and servicing the in-floor heating system by replacing the glycol fluid & snow melt sensor (which has a 10-year life expectancy and is a problem already). Plus, the regular maintenance and repairs of our building. As of now, all our estimated repair and maintenance expenses for right now will come in at about \$10,000.
 - Reviewing of our service contracts with Schindler Elevators (Skyline Elevators), B & E Steeper Snowplowing and Salting, Inglewood Mechanical (Boiler and HVAC), Georgian Bay and Fire Safety, (annual building fire inspection & kitchen suppression system), Action First Aid (AED unit), and Live Green Maintenance & Service (irrigation and water bottle refilling station).
 - **A Proposal** to increase the maintenance and repair bill spending limit for the Property Chair from \$500 to \$800 prior to requiring approval from the finance working group.

- **Maintenance and Repairs- Dan, Roger and Chris**

- **Actions Completed:**

- Inglewood Mechanical has completed our quarterly servicing of the HVAC system, with the total cost being \$401.78.
- Finance approval was received for Inglewood Mechanical to install an Inducer Motor Assembly and Control Board for \$2,965.00 + HST on the boiler system to prevent winter shutdowns. This follows the replacement of two circulating pumps: invoice pending. Price estimate is between \$700-\$800.
- Inglewood Mechanical has provided a quote of \$2,420.00 + HST for replacement of the snow melt sensor at the Queen's Ave. entrance. This issue was identified during prior servicing of the boiler and in-floor heating systems. The property working group recommends deferring this repair until autumn. The estimate is valid for 30 days.
- Ongoing consultations are being held with Michael Brevetti, Schindler's District Manager, concerning the unresolved lift issues at Queen's Ave. entrance. Technician Marc visited on April 7 and found a possible limiter switch problem on the top floor. The property team requested quotes for both top and bottom floor limiter switches, as the middle one has already been replaced. They also asked Marc to check the cab keypad lock receptacle. It failed to operate when he tried it. The control panel lock receptacle broke upon removal. We are awaiting repair quotes and will proceed if approved. The repair will be costly and is expected to take several weeks. Estimate cost \$2,000-\$3,000.
- A new battery for the AED machine is required, as the current battery expires at the end of this month. The projected cost is \$188.00 + HST. Action First Aid will manage the servicing of the AED. A new representative will be appointed following Stacey Palen's departure.
- Our Fire & Safety Security system required two new batteries, which were installed by Georgian Bay Fire and Safety Protection Co. on April 4. The service was an emergency call due to an ongoing alarm going off. The approximate cost of this service could be between \$400-& \$500.
- Georgian Bay Fire and Safety conducted our annual fire suppression system inspection on Apr. 9, which passed. The estimated cost is \$300.

- **Green Team WG – Lois, Debbie, Dan, Roger and Chris**

- **Actions Pending:**

- Spring clean-up of flower beds and property has begun. Further clean up dates will be posed in Shorelines.
- Two rain barrels for garden watering will be set around our building. Roger H. can provide another one if needed. Garden hoses will be attached to the outside water taps for emergency watering.
- The sunshade sails and roller blinds will be installed prior to the commencement of outdoor summer services.
- The stage, walkways, and benches require power washing once the weather warms up.
- Tri-County Tree Services provided a quote of \$785.35 (\$695.00 + HST) to trim the two maple trees in the Community Living Room at the front of the church. The estimate is valid for 30 days. The property working groups can do this job, saving us \$\$\$.
- Chris B. repaired the NE, NW, and E outdoor taps for spring startup. He saved us hundreds of dollars in repair costs.

- The Property Working Group suggests not using the irrigation system this summer. They also recommend monitoring the refilling station's water pressure to investigate the reason behind last summer's \$500 increase in the water bill. The group will take care of blowing out the water line to the refilling station this fall, saving \$130 compared to hiring Live Green for the job at season's end. Furthermore, if water is not supplied to the refilling station, it could save roughly \$500 based on previous bills. This issue is open for discussion.
- **Food Pantry- Lois and Debbie**
 - **Actions Completed:** A Wi-Fi enabled electronic lock has been installed on the Food Pantry Shed door, allowing the Operations Manager remote access if required. The chair of the Community Advisory Council, the chair of Property, and another property volunteer have also had the program installed on their phones. The approximate cost of this \$900 expense was paid for by the Food Pantry funds.
 - **Actions Pending:**
 - Leah, manager at Rona, has offered two staff members to assist with digging and forming the walkway for cement installation. Dan G. will organize this project for the property working group. The cost of the cement for this project will be donated by McCann Redi Mix.
 - Discussions have occurred among the chairpersons of the Food Pantry Advisory Council, Finance Working Group, and Stewardship & Fund raising regarding a proposed increase in Food Pantry monetary donations. A report from the finance team will be presented to Council.
 - Over the coming year, the Food Pantry Executive will explore options to relocate operations from the church to another community location.
- **Storage – Debbie**
 - **Completed:** Cardboard and paper supplies from a recently closed restaurant were donated to the church for use during dinners, Caring Casseroles, and the Food Pantry. These items have been appropriately stored in the kitchen closet.
- **Parking – Debbie, Dan, Roger and Chris**
 - **Completed:** One car was parked overnight; a notice was placed stating this is not allowed.
 - **Pending:**
 - Continue monitoring parking over summer.
 - **Proposal:** Move two parking boxes to the Community Living Room for year-round donation collection; store the remaining box for future use. The Property Working Group proposes installing a sign on the donation pole that states, "Your donations help" or "Your donations are appreciated. Thank you."

STEWARDSHIP & FUNDRAISING & – Peter & Trish Challen:

- **Completed:** *Audacious Dreamers* Donor Recognition Display is removed from hallway.
- **Pending:**
 - *Audacious Dreamers* DRD may be phased out, and a current donor recognition display is being considered.
 - Thank-you cards are to be sent out to current donors.
 - Spring Report to Community of Faith is to be published in Shorelines and PowerPoint Announcements.
 - Testimonials are to occur each month starting, April 19.
 - Estate Planning is being organized.
 - Stewardship articles are to appear in Shorelines.

- **Motions to Council:**

- The Council is to immediately take over, from Stewardship & Fundraising, all fundraising activities in 2026.
- The DRD Working Group is to be moved immediately from the Finance Team to the Stewardship & Fundraising Team.
- Verbal motions may occur.

FINANCE – Lori Hyatt: Refer to Income & Expenses – (attached)

- **Actions Completed:** Review of boiler repair quote. Approval given to Property to proceed with necessary repairs
- **Actions Pending and In Progress:** Review of GBCFP monthly usage payment to HSUC
- **Discussion Topics:** There has been no facility usage donation received pertaining to the GB Winter Carnival. Why?
- **Motions/Recommendations to Council:** None at time of submission
- **Continued follow up:** None

WOW – Roger Hyatt:

- I'm slowly gathering an understanding of the WOW Regional Council.
- An item that might be of interest to some is the Governance Document for WOW.
- Attached is a link if you are interested in learning more.

2602-WOWRC-Governance-Handbook
PDF Document · 6.8 MB

- The WOW Spring Meeting is scheduled for May 22nd to 24th with the theme "Stop and Listen"

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH – Lois Gill:

- **Caring Casseroles**
 - **Actions completed:** Last session: March 27th. Words quoted from a grateful recipient, "As a recipient of the Caring Casseroles, it is an outreach program that feeds the soul, mind and spirit.
 - **Actions pending:** Next session: Friday, April 24th.
- **Prayer Shawls**
 - **Actions completed:**
 - Monday meetings continue every two weeks in Fellowship Hall.
 - More items have been sent to "Tumbler Ridge" by this group. An appeal was made to help with shipping costs.

- **Free Store**
 - **Actions completed:**
 - A planning meeting for upcoming "Free Store" was held on Thursday, April 2nd
 - Lots of volunteers signed up for various shifts and distribute posters. Students will be involved again this year.
 - **Actions pending:** Free Store Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2.
- **Membership – Mary McFadden:**
 - **Actions Completed:** We will be having a New Members Sunday on June 7, 2026.
 - **Actions Pending:** We will have a list of names for a motion of approval for the May Council meeting.
- **Other Happenings:**
 - Grand Bend Place/Huron shores application for summer student has been accepted by the CSSJ program again this year. More details to follow. Please start thinking of suitable jobs the student can help with.
 - Pop-up fundraiser for May? Carrot cake or cupcakes available for purchase after church. Proceeds to operating funds.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Brenda Heath:

- **Actions Completed:**
 - The Annual Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday June 28 at the Pavillion near the Legion.
 - Our regular church service will be held there at 10:00 a.m. and then games and activities (Nancy's favourite part).
 - This will be followed by a pot-luck lunch and a time of visiting. The Pavillion is being booked for the time period by Dan Gill.
- **Actions Pending:**
 - Plans are underway to arrange a panel of speakers in the early fall.
 - We are planning our theme around "Finding help and resources for loved ones within the home". (Not the decided title...)
 - We are sourcing folks from the Health Centre, Jessica's House, nursing care at home, care-sitters, relief for the primary care giver, etc. We'd welcome any contacts you may have or other resources for in-home care.
 - We are waiting to hear about a summer student again this year and plan to run (possibly) a 2-day camp in July. More to come.

WORSHIP & MUSIC – Karen Etherington:

- **Actions completed:**
 - March 29 - Palm Sunday
 - April 1 - 3 - Lenten walk
 - Good Friday service @ 10 a.m.
 - April 5 - Easter Sunday with offering collected\
 - Appropriate decor arranged by the embellishment crew
 - April 12 – communion
 - April 19 - Earth Sunday

• **Actions pending:**

- April 26 - continuing Easter
 - May 3 - Music Sunday
 - May 10 - Mother's and others Sunday with anthem by the Huron Shores Singers men
 - May 17 - 9 a.m. start! Holy Humour Sunday
 - May 24 - Pentecost
 - May 31 - "What's in Your hand?" Sunday
 - June 7 - Pride Sunday and new members
 - June 14
 - June 21 - Father's and fellas Sunday and Huron Sores Singers "Sunday Best" concert in the service
- **Next meeting** May 12 @ 3:30 on Zoom

GRAND BEND PLACE – Janice Sinker:

• **Items Completed:**

- March 29th concert with Take 3 & Company was a great success!
- Sunset Cinema showed Wicked For Good on April 9: good turn-out
- New Grand Bend Place sign has been ordered for Main St. side of church
- 2027 Season Planning in progress with some great shows

• **Items Pending:**

- Fresh Horses, Garth Brooks Tribute, April 24th half sold so far
- Jazz Vespers on April 29th with Theresa Wallis Trio 7 p.m., by donation
- Sunset Cinema on May 7th featuring "The Choral" featuring Ralph Fiennes
- May 29th: The Wonder of Stevie featuring Denise Pelley & her Band

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL – Bill Weber: no report

TRUSTEES – Glen Miller: There will be a verbal report on the Grand Bend Cemetery

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		Current Period	Current Budget	YTD Percentage	Annual Budget
FIXED EXPENSES					
SALARIES & HONORARIUMS	5050	\$31,916.19	\$33,731.22	94.62%	\$134,924.99
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE					
Technology/Social Media	5414	1,010.10	1,125.00	89.79%	4,500.00
Bank Charges	5420	468.65	500.01	93.73%	2,000.00
Legal & Audit	5421	0.00	312.51	0.00%	1,250.00
Office Supplies	5430	207.44	312.51	66.38%	1,250.00
Postage	5440	130.70	125.01	104.55%	500.00
Church Phones	5517	483.06	500.01	96.61%	2,000.00
Copier Lease	5583	627.70	549.99	114.13%	2,200.00
Community Wellness Exp	5585	23.43	0.00	0.00%	0.00
Subtotal Administrative Expense		2,951.08	3,425.04	86.16%	13,700.00
BUILDING & GROUNDS					
Electricity and Water	5635	3,097.60	2,499.99	123.90%	10,000.00
Gas	5655	1,004.74	699.99	143.54%	2,800.00
Building Maint & Repair	5701	0.00	500.01	0.00%	2,000.00
Equipment Maint & Repair	5702	0.00	500.01	0.00%	2,000.00
Lift Maint & Repair	5703	272.50	800.01	34.06%	3,200.00
Kitchen Working Group	5705	64.40	75.00	85.87%	300.00
Supplies & Services	5710	592.04	75.00	789.39%	300.00
Municipal Fees/Taxes	5715	113.00	37.50	301.33%	150.00
Service Contracts	5720	915.24	600.00	152.54%	2,400.00
Support Contracts	5726	0.00	75.00	0.00%	300.00
Insurance	5760	2,400.00	2,375.01	101.05%	9,500.00
Landscaping	5810	0.00	75.00	0.00%	300.00
Lawn Service	5820	0.00	24.99	0.00%	100.00
Outside Working Group	5830	0.00	75.00	0.00%	300.00
Subtotal Building & Grounds		8,459.52	8,412.51	100.56%	33,650.00
Subtotal Fixed Expenses		43,326.79	45,568.77	95.08%	182,274.99

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INCOME					
FUNDS DEVELOPMENT					
Operating	4030	\$27,822.34	\$35,000.01	79.49%	\$140,000.00
Stewardship Appeals	4045	0.00	3,750.00	0.00%	15,000.00
Grocery Card Prgm	4055	1,638.00	1,250.01	131.04%	5,000.00
Fundraising Event Income	4065	1,836.05	4,374.99	41.97%	17,500.00
Subtotal Funds Development		31,296.39	44,375.01	70.53%	177,500.00
GRAND BEND PLACE					
GBP Ticket Sales	4110	0.00	8,750.01	0.00%	35,000.00
GBP Donations & Sponsors	4110-00	5,750.00	1,875.00	306.67%	7,500.00
GBP Other Income	4110-00	37.15	125.01	29.72%	500.00
GBP Jazz Vespers	4110-00	0.00	500.01	0.00%	2,000.00
GBP Sunset Cinema	4110-00	288.20	500.01	57.64%	2,000.00
Subtotal Grand Bend Place		6,075.35	11,750.04	51.70%	47,000.00
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED					
Community Outreach	4205	100.00	249.99	40.00%	1,000.00
Food Bank Receipts	4210-10	225.00	300.00	75.00%	1,200.00
Mission & Service	4220-10	3,354.05	3,000.00	111.80%	12,000.00
Subtotal Temporarily Restricted		3,679.05	3,549.99	103.64%	14,200.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME					
Bldg & Debt Retirement	4615	5,923.00	9,375.00	63.18%	37,500.00
Weddings/Funerals	4620	715.00	125.01	571.95%	500.00
Usage Fees & Misc.	4621	2,575.00	1,250.01	206.00%	5,000.00
Subtotal Miscellaneous Income		9,213.00	10,750.02	85.70%	43,000.00
TOTAL INCOME		50,263.79	70,425.06	71.37%	281,700.00

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DEPARTMENTS/COMMITTEES					
COF SUPPORT					
Congregational Care	6040	0.00	37.50	0.00%	150.00
Weddings/Funerals	6041	342.35	125.01	273.86%	500.00
Card Ministry (postage)	6050	0.00	24.99	0.00%	100.00
Subtotal Cof Support		342.35	187.50	182.59%	750.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION					
Other	6211	0.00	50.01	0.00%	200.00
Adult Opportunities	6212	0.00	99.99	0.00%	400.00
Camps	6225	0.00	99.99	0.00%	400.00
Church Picnic	6226	0.00	50.01	0.00%	200.00
Subtotal Christian Education		0.00	300.00	0.00%	1,200.00
WORSHIP					
Sanctuary Supplies	6278	113.71	62.49	181.97%	250.00
Music Supplies	6285	737.54	375.00	196.68%	1,500.00
Worship Special Projects	6298	431.03	87.51	492.55%	350.00
Embellishment Group	6299	0.00	50.01	0.00%	200.00
Subtotal Worship		1,282.28	575.01	223.00%	2,300.00
MISSION & OUTREACH					
Community Outreach	6320	587.00	287.49	204.18%	1,150.00
Prayer Shawl	6340	150.00	37.50	400.00%	150.00
Food Bank	6360	0.00	300.00	0.00%	1,200.00
Subtotal Mission & Outreach		737.00	624.99	117.92%	2,500.00
GRAND BEND PLACE					
GBP Performers	6401	6,781.12	4,687.50	144.66%	18,750.00
GBP Advertising	6402	676.64	249.99	270.67%	1,000.00
GBP Food & Lodging	6403	76.63	699.99	10.95%	2,800.00
GBP Fees & Licenses	6405	745.59	2,319.99	32.14%	9,280.00
GBP Tech/Social Media	6406	290.00	249.99	116.00%	1,000.00
GBP Other	6407	0.00	500.01	0.00%	2,000.00
GBP Jazz Vespers	6408	0.00	187.50	0.00%	750.00
GBP Sunset Cinema	6409	0.00	24.99	0.00%	100.00
Subtotal Grand Bend Place		8,569.98	8,919.96	96.08%	35,680.00
FUNDS DEVELOPMENT					
Stewardship	6430	110.66	125.01	88.52%	500.00
Mission and Service	6460	3,354.06	3,000.00	111.80%	12,000.00
OTHER EXP-COUNCIL					
Right Relations	6609	0.00	125.01	0.00%	500.00
Council Discretionary	6610	30.38	125.01	24.30%	500.00
Minister Discretionary	6611	43.00	125.01	34.40%	500.00
Affirming	6612	0.00	62.49	0.00%	250.00
Accessibility	6613	0.00	62.49	0.00%	250.00
Anniversary Projects	6614	660.36	125.01	528.25%	500.00
Debenture Payments	6615	0.00	2,499.99	0.00%	10,000.00
Debenture Interest Cost	6615-00	0.00	849.99	0.00%	3,400.00
Denomination Assessment	6620	0.00	2,124.99	0.00%	8,500.00
UCC Loan Payment	6630	5,040.00	5,040.00	100.00%	20,160.00
Fundraising Event Expense	6665	685.67	0.00	0.00%	0.00
Subtotal Other Exp-council		6,459.41	11,139.99	57.98%	44,560.00
Subtotal Departments/committees		20,855.74	24,872.46	83.85%	99,490.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		64,182.53	70,441.23	91.12%	281,764.99

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EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	-\$13,918.74	-\$16.17	86077.55%	-\$64.99