



COUNCIL MEETING TEAM REPORTS

April 28, 2022

SEARCH TEAM – Janice Sinker: Verbal report.

TRUSTEES – Rev. Laurie O’Leary:

- The Trustees met on April 19th, 2022 via ZOOM. At that meeting, Rev. Laurie O’Leary, Pastoral Charge Supervisor, became the chair of the Trustees until Rev. Gail Fricker begins her supply appointment. At that time, Rev. Fricker will become the chair of the Trustees. Rev. Laurie was also needed to be the recording secretary of the meeting.
- The Grand Bend United Church Cemetery Board was also appointed: Dan Gill, Glenn Miller, Mathew Miller, Douglas Russell, Larry Taylor (Chair), Donna Lovie (Secretary/Treasurer).
- The Trustees also reviewed the 2021 plan and believe it is in order and will be updated to reflect the current year. A copy of that plan is **attached** for the Council’s information.

WOW – Bob Illman, Ruth Ann Eagleson and Rosalind MacDonald:

- **Spring Regional Council** - May 6 to May 7, 2022
 - “**Our Words Matter**” is the theme for the spring meeting. There will be time to reflect on our language usage and to think how the words we use:
 - *connect us with others,*
 - *help us to support each other,*
 - *how language changes and transforms over time, and*
 - *how we need to create space to see how the words we use impact those around us.*
- **General Council 44**
 - The next meetings are scheduled for the weekend of June 17-19, 2022, in two-2hour sessions,
 - Here is the link for free registration. <https://pheedloop.com/register/UCGC44/attendee/>
 - To keep up with the news on the General Council you can sign up at <https://gc43.us3.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=b0da86fe49>

LAY PASTORAL MINISTER – Rosalind MacDonald:

• Actions Completed:

- **Pastoral Visits:** ongoing calls and visits

• Actions Pending

- Creating a Prayer Ribbon is on hold pending the arrival of Rev Fricker
- Assisting Right Relations on a grant “Legacy Spaces”
- Assisted on sending a child to Camp Bimini this summer
- Ukrainian Fundraising Dinner April 30

Notice of Motion: Move that Huron Shores United Church donates \$250 to Camp Bimini from the Parking Donations collected in 2022.

ACCESSIBILITY – Vince Bury:

- Welcome to Donna Frim
- Grab bars for both sides of toilet for those that need it. See attached document with photos.
- Storage in cabinetry instead of on floor of bathrooms.
- You can find us in “About Us”, “Forms” on our front page of our web site.
- ADP – Assistive Device Program is set up to give grants.
- Donna has her Aunt's wheelchair which she has offered to the church.
 - We will ask permission of council for placing it beside book cupboard downstairs near front entrance or where they would like to store it.
 - Make signs at front and rear entrance identifying where wheelchair is stored.
- Check on chrome book with internet built in.
- Check out chair risers for legs. (Medox or Mobility In Motion or Mobility 1.). See attached Document and photos.
- Ear phones replacing ear buds. Can wear without removing hearing aids.
- Phone No's: Paul Seagrave 238-8811; Dan Gill 238-5871

PROPERTY – Deb Gill:

- **Action completed:**
 - sanctuary windows have arrived
 - CLR open house planned June 4
 - volunteers organized for Ukraine dinner fundraiser
 - spring cleanup posted
 - green team watering volunteers schedule completed
- **Actions pending:**
 - stained glass out next week
 - windows in May 2-6
 - Sunday morning free parking permission
- **Discussion/ Motion**
 - when do we need to use parking cones?
 - when do we need property meeting?
 - lawn mower and snow blower update?

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

AFFIRMING TEAM – Janice Sinker: No report.

NOMINATIONS W.G. – Janice Sinker: No report.

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL: Steve Northey:

- Exciting news this month is that we have hired a new Supply Minister as of June 26th, 2022. Rev. Gail Fricker has accepted the appointment. Her contract will run through to January, 2024. Negotiated terms have been accepted by both Gail and HSUC.
- Our second announcement this month is that effective April 30th, 2022 Carey Eddy will be retiring as Par – Envelope Coordinator for HSUC. During the past year Carey has been working with her replacement and teaching her the ropes. Effective May 1, 2022 Rhonda Manore will assume these duties. A very special Thank You to Carey for all her years of dedicated service on behalf of HSUC. And a big welcome to Rhonda.
- Janna and her family were able to get away on a two week vacation in April. In her absence Melodie Northey covered Janna's duties.

WORSHIP REPORT – Ruth Ann Eagleson and Wilma Harris

• Actions Completed

- Attended rehearsals
- Attended CRWG
- Attended Accessibility Team meeting
- Attended special Council meeting
- Attended Covenanting service for Council and Search Team
- Attended Annual Congregational meeting
- Planned and chaired Worship Planning Meeting
- Met with John Scott re Indigenous Heritage service
- Met with Christian Education Team re Church Picnic
- Met with Rosalind MacDonald
- Corresponded with all Worship Leaders
- Completed Google doc for services
- Shopped for Communion cups
- Prepared Communion
- Assisted in organizing Lenten Gardens and display
- Arranged Greeters and Ushers

• Actions Pending

- Co-ordinating May services
- Revising June services as needed
- Meeting with Rev. Gail Fricker

CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT – Virginia Scott:

- We are planning a congregational picnic/service on June 26th at 11 am. at the Ruth Anne & Ken Eagleson's farm. Bring your own lunch, drinks, chairs. Rain or shine. More details to follow.
- We are looking into having a children's summer camp. No Kids in the Kitchen. 1/2 day. Game time, craft time, story time. Pre-packaged snack & drinks for the children. More details to follow.

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

• Actions Completed:

- Organized Lenten garden project. 11 gardens ordered. Pictures sent in to "Shorelines" and were posted on Facebook. Some were displayed Easter Sunday at church.
- Attended a planning meeting for Fundraising for Ukraine Dinner and some members will volunteer for event.

• Actions Pending:

- Spring Free Store: Being held May 6th and 7th after a 2 year absence due to the pandemic.
- Hoping to organize a meal making session in May to have available for people who are going through tough times, to be kept in freezer for times needed.
- Organize a group of people interested in helping with the food bank (local outreach)
- Cards of Care: Ongoing
- Congregational Visitors: Ongoing
- Rights Relations: no report. ongoing meetings to resume

FINANCE – Bryan Beattie: Refer to Operating Summary – (attached)

The March financial summary was reviewed and the revised format for reporting Capital projects and Debt retirement was approved.

The March summary shows a surplus of \$3,500 for the three months. Primary contributor to a positive result is the much reduced expenditure in personnel, primarily due to no cost for a full time Minister and the costs of Pulpit supply and Lay Pastoral Minister being absorbed by the fund created with the proceeds of the short term disability benefit relating to Rev Kate's initial down time. Also other areas of expenditure were below budget due to inactivity during the first quarter.

The following motions were passed.

1. That the accrued debenture funds be applied to redeem \$25,000 of the debentures on May 1, 2022
2. That the accrued debenture funds be applied to make the \$10,000 annual redemption of the largest debenture on May 1, 2022
3. That the March Financial Summary and the Capital Report be forwarded to Council for review at the meeting on April 28.
4. That the advance of \$5,000 to GBP be approved for use in covering prepaid costs required for the upcoming concert events. This temporary advance to be repaid when funds are available.

• GRAND BEND PLACE – Bob Illman: What can I say?

- Great work by all and supported well by the community, our first concert since "a while ago"!
- Thanks to Kathy and Karen with their back up musicians and singers for a superb performance. They are all really nice people.
- Dan Hill is sold out now and there continues to be tickets sold for the Elton John Tribute encourage those not to wait to purchase tickets. It will be a sell-out.
- We have our fall lineup almost complete, one date open. We are working on the Christmas show at the Playhouse, "a really big show" TBA.

- **GRAND BEND PLACE – Bob Illman – con't:**

- Also looking at 2023 now, Robbie Burns Dinner and celebration of culture. Mardi Gras celebration with the Dixie Demons, and encouraging a theme costume party with Cajun style appetizers and refreshments.
- The live streaming cameras and equipment install will be completed in early June and the theatrical lightning is scheduled to arrive in May.
- The theatrical lighting infrastructure is in place therefore hang the lighting fixtures and plug them in. We hope and are pushing for it to be in place for the Dan Hill concert.
- The Sunset Cinema projector and screen is scheduled to arrive in May as well it is also a simple install.
- We are finalizing financials this week for the past concert and the donations for space received to date in 2022.
- There will be a cash flow analysis to finance upcoming concert requirements and ongoing transfers to HSUC.
- We continue to receive more community bookings of our facility.
- The Grand Bend Public School are planning their commencement and after party at GBP in June.
- Probus Men have held three live/Zoom hybrid meetings and Probus Women will join in June as their place for meetings.
- Some other winter bookings will move outside in the better weather.
- We are pleased with our progress as our community comes alive.

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