

**MINUTES OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD  
OF SYDENHAM-HERITAGE UNITED CHURCH  
On Wednesday, May 12, 2021**

Present: Andrew Advincula, Sharon Davidson, BJ Leighton, Larry Pickard, Darrell Picketts, Jacquie Scatcherd, Rev. Paul Shepherd, Ron Stinson, Lorne White, Yvonne Wright

Absent: Shelley Grisdale

Darrell called the meeting to order.

Paul offered the **Land Acknowledgement**

**Devotion** offered by Sharon – shared a reflection she authored on the Pandemic and Outreach

**Congregational Health**

Concerns had been expressed by community people who do not know where to drop off newspapers  
Discussion

**Action:** Property will post a sign identifying where newspapers can be dropped

**Motion to accept the agenda moved by Larry Pickard and seconded by Ron Stinson. Carried.**

Only correction is to the current date

**Motion to accept the Minutes of April 14, 2021 moved by Yvonne Wright and seconded by Ron Stinson. Carried.**

With the following corrections:

- Correct date to April 14<sup>th</sup>
- Under Business Arising, should read “loved one not love one”

Yvonne welcomed Andrew to his first board meeting representing Youth

Ted Smith of Horseshoe Region joined the meeting at this point

- Planning is in place to covenant between Paul and Sydenham-Heritage as well as between Horseshoe Falls Region and Sydenham-Heritage June 13, 2021
- Ted is very excited about these steps being taken by Sydenham-Heritage
- Recognize the challenges COVID has presented to these covenant services
- Congregation and minister select symbols to represent ministry
- Team has liturgy and power point from other covenanting services that can be utilized as resources
- Ted looks forward to being part of the service as do the Horseshoe Region reps to the Search Committee
- Ted left the meeting at this time

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

**1. Inquiry about provincial grants for Places of Worship in response to the pandemic** – Norma has heard nothing to date, will continue to monitor

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**Minister Report**

- Wedding in April
- Region is highlighting training with respect to Indigenous issues
- Healing Circles are going well
- Paul has forwarded his holiday plan to Darrell and Worship Committee
- Mid-summer planning for a workshop in progress
- Paul was asked about the Sharing Ministry Committee stated intention to develop a joint discussion group; he indicated he had not received any contact to date

**Correspondence** - none

**Committee Reports**

***Youth***

- Thanks to Andrew for his willingness to take on this role
- He will ensure he connects with Trevor to coordinate efforts
- Horseshoe Falls Website has resources on Christian Education and Youth Engagement
- Opportunity to reach out to other congregations to share efforts

***Outreach & Social*** – no report

***Stewardship*** – no report

***Communication***

- Facebook page and Snippetts are being well utilized
- Facebook posts related to people in congregation receive the most responses
- Jean Maich faithfully posts several times a day, inspirational messages
- Summer Newsletter in progress

***M&P***

- PA's continue to be focus, while we hoped to complete in face to face setting the lockdown has meant these will be completed virtually
- Conversations occurring about how Pastoral Care looks at Sydenham-Heritage

***Property***

- Solar panels – cost of repairs will be received when panels can be assessed
- Norma indicated there is \$3,000 in Newspaper fund intended for an environmental projects/expenses
- Discussion
- **Action:** the money in the Newspaper account will be applied to the repairs/enhancements needed for the solar panels
- The quote has been received for the Dundas Street entrance ceiling repair
- The committee and the company that will do the repair work has decided that Tom Hunt will build the scaffolding contrary to the concern for safety and liability expressed at the previous meeting

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**Spiritual**

***Worship***

- No May meeting
- Planning underway for Covenanting Service June 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm
- Notice will be placed in the Newsletter
- Board members are asked to consider what symbols they would like included in the service
- Jennifer Canning and Mike Wyatt who are Regional Reps to Search Committee will participate
- The Search Committee will be officially released at the service
- Paul has submitted his vacation schedule, the Sundays he is away will be covered by congregation members

***Pastoral Care***

- Continue to work hard on behalf of Sydenham-Heritage

***Membership***

- Will be updated once the Profile Committee work is completed

***Trustees***

- There previously was \$20,000 approved by the Board to transfer to Operating account
- Wood Gundy requires 3-5 days to facilitate transfer
- Norma explained the shortage was caused by an uneven flow of money
- She has agreed to provide more notice in the future
- Does board wish to ensure there is a motion in place should another transfer in the future be required
- Discussion

**Motion that the Trustees be authorized to release up to \$20,000 to the General Account at the request of the treasurer moved by Norma Janzen and seconded by Ron Stinson. Carried.**

***Finance***

- No report
- Exploring how to address the need to make purchases from Staples now that they have discontinued their credit card, Ron and Norma are exploring if Aileen would be able to utilize CIBC credit card for office purchases
- Auditor is engaged for the reviews, but has not started work yet
- Concern expressed that Trevor has had to wait for his pay
- This is being problem solved so it does not occur again

***Horseshoe Falls***

- Regional meeting May 27 and 29

***Edge Committee*** – no report

***Re-Opening Committee*** – no report

***Profile Committee***

- Second questionnaire has been distributed
- 50% response rate to the first questionnaire
- If any Board Members wish a copy of summary report please make request to Terry

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***Sharing Ministry Committee***

- Next meeting May 20<sup>th</sup>
- Regions Stewardship Presentation – four session program
- Darrell, Verna, Gail and Paul are participating

**New Business**

**1. Governance Structure**

- Board members have received the document that was created at Amalgamation
- Our task is to look at what is working, what needs to be changed to reflect how we have adapted the model over the past several years
- As the item didn't get on the agenda this evening, will be placed early on next agenda for fulsome conversation
- It is worth reviewing and updating to ensure it reflects current practice

**2. Outreach concerns**

- Significant concern expressed about the lack of Outreach since March 2020
- No presence at Board meetings
- Sydenham-Heritage does not have an active presence in our community at this time, when outreach is so needed
- To be brought forward for further discussion at next meeting

**Next Meeting:** June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

**Devotions:** Yvonne Wright

Paul offered a closing prayer

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Sharon Davidson, Co-Chairperson

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Darrell Picketts, Co-Chairperson

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Jacque Scatcherd, Secretary