

**MINUTES OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD
OF SYDENHAM-HERITAGE UNITED CHURCH
On Wednesday, February 9, 2022**

Present: Sharon Davidson, Norma Janzen, BJ Leighton, Larry Pickard, Darrell Picketts, Jacquie Scatcherd, Rev. Paul Shepherd, Ron Stinson, Verna Timpener, Lorne White, Yvonne Wright

Regrets: Andrew Advincula, Terry Matheson

Sharon called the meeting to order and extended Happy New Year message to all.

Land Acknowledgement offered by Sharon

Devotion offered on behalf of Terry Matheson by Jacquie “Building a Quilt of Belonging; Patricia Watson teaches about Black History through a variety of artistic expressions”

Congregational Health – no items

Motion to accept the agenda moved by Darrell Picketts and seconded by Ron Stinson. Carried.

Motion to accept the Minutes of January 12, 2022 moved by Lorne White and seconded by Norma Janzen. Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes - none

Minister Report

- Shared concern brought to him by a congregant who did not have a sense how finances work at SHUC
- Have assumed role of Pastoral Chair at St. George United Church
- Paul brought forward the mileage from Brantford to St. George – could be paid by Region or SHUC
- **Decision:** Larry and Ron determined the mileage will be paid by SHUC
- With COVID restrictions lifting we need to begin to think about how to manage this ‘new normal’
- Provided a LED light training to a youth in congregation

Correspondence - none

Planning for Annual General Meeting

- March 6, 2022 at noon
- Will be hybrid meeting format in Sanctuary – online, in person and via phone
- Technical assistance will be needed to have questions posted during meeting
- Meeting date, time and format will be shared from pulpit, in Snippets and on website
- **Nominating Committee** – Sharon confirmed the following members: Sonny Sinclair, Maureen Hall-Gilmore, Cynthia Advincula
- Aileen will be sending contact information for current Board Members to the committee before the end of this week
- **Annual Report** – Chairs of committees have provided their reports to Aileen as per timeline
- Annual reports will be available at least two weeks in advance via the website, Snippets, Email, pick up at church office and through mail if requested
- **Church Profile draft** will be included in Annual Report for people to review. Approval of the congregation will be required before posting on United Church of Canada Website/HUB

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- Yvonne did check in with the region who indicated the Profile Draft is in keeping with what they would hope to have included
- There was discussion about the provision of statistics and financial information to the United Church of Canada and which details should be placed alongside the Profile
- Yvonne will follow up on this question and bring back to Board
- **Visioning for SHUC** – interactive component of the Annual General Meeting linked to Profile as ‘next steps’
- Sharon will pull some questions to facilitate conversation – will ensure these are made available in advance of Annual General Meeting via Snippets
- **Financial Report and Review** – ready for submission to Aileen this week
- Report and 2021 Financial Statements will be reviewed by Tammy Crayne prior to Annual General Meeting and prior to Congregation being asked to approve the 2022 Budget
- Question – was the previous letter provided by Tammie Crayne with respect to the previous years financial statements amended as per request of Board?
- Answer – no it was not amended. Will ask that the letter for 2021 financial statements reflect the original request to Ms Crayne

CRA Inquiry

- Yvonne shared she had received a call from CRA wishing to share some information
- The caller was redirected to Norma and Lorne
- The call highlighted that the contact names alongside SHUC’s account required updating
- Norma committed to updating the contact list with CRA

Committee Reports

Spiritual

Worship

- Communion dates set for 2022
- Conversation about how to enhance the worship experience

Pastoral Care

- Continue to do amazing work on behalf of the congregation

Youth – no report

Outreach/Stewardship

- Please take the time to read Yvonne’s blog, it is moving and very honest
- Connecting with Roger Boyd to share clothing that may be appropriate to his street ministry
- Darrell, Paul and Verna met with “Home Hub” – an initiative looking for space for ‘senior day care’ program – SHUC could not offer the programming but there may be opportunity to rent space – will bring back to Board should there be tangible interest from this group

M&P – no report

- Board was reminded that concerns regarding any paid employee must come to M&P in written format
- Board reminded to not engage in gossip/hearsay conversation

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Communication

- Spring/Lenten newsletter articles due February 20th
- Committee asked about any updates to share about in person worship changes
- Discussion
- Decision: we will continue to monitor updates from the Federal and Provincial Governments and Brant County Health Unit – a conversation/update will occur at the Annual General Meeting

Property

- Two quotes received for electronic sign to date: \$31,000 plus HST; \$27,000 plus HST. Awaiting third quote
- It was suggested Property check with Bylaw Department to determine if an electronic sign is permitted in the proposed space outside the church before proceeding with project
- Fix-it Club changing name to Fix-it Crew
- Moving ahead with an auction April 9th

Trustees – no report

Treasurers Report

- Report circulated to Board today
- Both summary and detailed report will be made available in the Annual Report
- 2021 deficit was \$78,921.00 – due to the following
- General givings down \$10,000
- Fundraising was non-existent which accounted for another \$10,000 decrease
- Bell Lane and Loose Offering did not occur which accounted for \$5,000 decrease
- Cost of sound system exceeded donations by \$8,481
- Largest costs are in salary and Property lines
- Expenses were \$219,000 Income was \$140,000
- Investments have been covering the deficit and costs, concern is this is not infinite money and should not be considered a solution for deficits
- There have been no updates to congregation in terms of financial situation this year, the often increase of giving at the holiday season did not occur this year
- The anticipated deficit for 2022 is \$81,600

Edge – no update

Faith Profile – no update

Horseshoe Falls

- Annual General Meeting May 27, 28 and 29 in person
- General Council begins noon hour on February 13th and continues to August 7th, 2022 with theme “Who Do You Say I Am?”

Shared Ministries

- The chair has resigned and the committee seems in limbo

Motion to accept all reports moved by Ron Stinson and seconded by Yvonne Wright. Carried.

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 9th, 2022

Yvonne offered her regrets for next meeting

Verna offered her regrets for Annual General Meeting

Devotion: Larry Pickard

Paul closed the meeting with prayer

Sharon Davidson, Co-Chairperson

Darrell Picketts, Co-Chairperson

Jacquie Scatcherd, Secretary