

Humbercrest United Church

Approved Minutes of Church Council Meeting

March 25 2025

(commenced 7:00 pm.)

Attendance: Dianna Seth, Marg Garrie, Linda Steggles, Rev. Diane Mugambi, Howard Gaskin, Charlie Evans, Dorothy Lothian, Barbara Pattison, Aileen McGregor

Regrets: Brian Packham

Gathering, Land Acknowledgement, Welcome

Welcome and land acknowledgement by Rev. Diane

Inclusivity check list Linda

Prayer : Aileen

1. Administrative Ministry of the Church

Motion: Howard/Dorothy

That Council Approve the Minutes of February 25 2025 Council Meeting **CARRIED**

Motion : Dianna/Aileen

That the Agenda for the meeting be approved as circulated **CARRIED**

Correspondence: Congregational Statistics and Sound from Graham

Graham wrote to us to explain his views of our membership, active and inactive as well as adherents and how this information is recorded in powerchurch. He also had concerns regarding our sound system.

Chair Report Linda

This month I worked on the Shrove Tuesday Potluck held March 4. Twenty-five people gathered together to enjoy a delicious variety of food, followed by a simple Ash Service and Communion led by Rev. Diane, assisted by Brian. Rev. Diane shared her Plan for Lenten Prayer, Fasting, and Giving Initiative (Na-Me-Res).

Many thanks to Barb P. (Congregational Life) and to Dorothy and Barb G. who helped set up as well as to everyone who helped tidy up afterwards.

I also worked with Chris re preparation for the Annual Mtg and have also sent him the edits required since Sunday's meeting. A revised version will be sent out.

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I have also been working with Barb P. And Kento re the Extravaganza this Sunday afternoon. Please spread the word and plan to attend.

Follow up and New Business

1. Update on revised plans for Service February 23 and on Gospel Extravaganza

The logistics and administrative details for the Extravaganza were discussed. We are ready.

2. Update on UCC Anniversary plans

Plans for Humbercrest are still in discussion/planning stage. Kento has emailed some ideas. Rev. Diane will explore a joint service

3. Motion to approve November Joint Concert in Principle

After discussion this motion was tabled.

4. Motion Dianna/Dorothy

Carried

To approve the concert on Mother's Day based on our understanding of the expected contribution from Humbercrest.

5. Screen meeting update Howard and Brian

Howard reported that there was good discussion at the meeting. Needs, possible usage, detriments were discussed. Objectives, guidance and action plans would be the first draft. A proposal would be forthcoming.

Sean will contact RP Dynamics, the sound company directly.

6. Hearing info session update deferred until April

Stewardship of our Resources Charlie

Motion : Charlie/Dianna

Carried

That the financial reports and cheque register for the month of February 2025 be approved as circulated.

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Our Shared Ministries

Community Team Barb

The Care and Welcoming Committee met yesterday March 24, 2025. Plans are being made to purchase tulip plants for the sanctuary for Easter. Further details regarding congregation participation in purchasing plants will be in the Beacon.

Devotion Team Brian

No report

Facilities Team Howard

Centre door lock replacement has been ordered with an estimated installation window of second half of April

Estimate signed for Heritage Hall south eavestrough repair damaged by ice buildup start date to be determined.

Flush kits for Boilers 2 and 3 ordered with date to do work pending arrival of the kits.

Boiler 1 heat exchanger replacement pending shutdown of heat for the season

Room 15 ready to rent

Mission Dianna

A cheque for \$500 was sent to Roncesvalles for Kindred Kitchen for the food programme for Easter celebrations.

Our fund-raising walk on April 5th will support The Sharing Place.

The World Day of Prayer was held on March 8th at Morningside Presbyterian Church.

Resources Marg

Rental Committee Report

Use of Halls

Extra choir rehearsal March 23

Concert Mar 29

Long Term rentals

KEYS has received a grant towards a program to encourage those who show some aptitude for cooking to receive extra training. To facilitate this, they would like to buy a new under the counter dishwasher. Next steps are to have a plumber investigate if this is feasible. Unfortunately, we have a sewer pipe running the length of the room which takes up about 1/4 to 1/3rd of the cupboard. It is unclear yet whether the installation cost is theirs as well. The old portable machine is still working.

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The two new air conditioning/heat pumps will be installed in the east hall when the temperature outside is 15 degrees for at least one week. This is a shared cost between HUC and KEYS.

Stage Coach has reduced their hours of use significantly on Saturdays due to reduced enrolment.

Trustees Howard

No report

Ministry and Personnel Aileen

Following up on last month's proposal to address increased cleaning needs, references for the company North Star Cleaning Services have been checked. Natalia Silva and her cleaning company come highly recommended.

By mutual agreement, Felix Kelon will finish working for us on March 31, 2025.

A service contract has been signed with Natalia Silva of North Star Cleaning Services to commence on April 1, 2025 at a negotiated rate of \$2000/month.

We look forward to working with this dynamic mother and daughter duo (Vera/Natalia).

They will start with evening cleaning visits on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to begin with and they will adjust/adapt the frequency as needed.

Minister's Report

Rev Diane asked us to identify how we are becoming relevant to different groups. There was a number of suggestions regarding community outreach. There has been a meeting with two women who also have some ideas. Our Council Chair will discuss with Rev Diane our next steps. Sitting back and doing nothing could see the closing of our church. Rev Diane would like to hold a Yoga service as well as an outdoor service at the Humber. Runnymede United is holding an Easter Morning sunrise service and have invited Humbercrest to join.

Meeting adjourned at 9.15 pm

The next meeting of Council is April 22nd at 7 pm in person

L. Steggles – Council Chair

D Seth – Secretary

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