

Humbercrest United Church
Approved Minutes of Church Council Meeting
April 22nd 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 : Linda

1. Administrative Ministry of the Church

Motion: Howard/Dorothy

That Council Approve the Minutes of March 25, 2025, Council Meeting **CARRIED**

Motion : Barb/Aileen

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

Correspondence: No correspondence

Chair Report Linda

Many thanks to Rev. Diane for the meaningful daily Lenten meditations and encouragement to make some sacrifice as well as to be generous during this time of Reflection.

I hope to be able to announce the amount raised for Na-Me-Res by the time we meet.

Thanks to the Devotion Team for organizing the Maundy Thursday Potluck, and Brian for leading us into Good Friday. Just over 20 people attended, and Rev. Diane and Blessing made it too!

A huge debt of gratitude goes to Brian and Kento for their leadership in Worship across Holy Week while Rev. Diane was on leave. We welcome her back and hope that her return to work has been gentle and smooth. We also appreciate pulpit supply Rev. Sung Ran Kim for preaching and presiding on very short notice on April 6. Many thanks Aileen for your support in securing her services.

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Thanks also to Barb P. Of Congregational Life and Fern for the Easter Sunday Tea and Coffee Time. Much appreciation goes to the Visitation Team for the distribution of cheerful tulips to certain folks.

Thanks Rev. Diane, Brian, Kento, Chris and Barb P. For making the Gospel Extravaganza on March 30 a community success. It was also a constructive learning experience in many respects regarding organization and planning. Please see the break down of costs provided by Chris, door receipts and difference as a separate document.

I have worked on making the Great Lakes Philharmonic Orchestra May 11 Concert poster more inclusive and ready to distribute this week, in consultation with Kento and Chris. It will be distributed on Shining Waters Community Events page, on social media, in the Beacon and on a few hydro poles. (Thanks Howard!). Thanks in advance to the Choir for taking responsibility for a simple time of fellowship after the Concert. It is Mother's Day after all.

Follow up and New Business

1.Update Gospel Extravaganza

The concert was very enjoyable and a success for the community even if there was a shortfall financially.

2. Update on UCC Anniversary plans

Rev. Diane is waiting feedback from other churches

3. May 11th Concert with Great Lakes Philharmonic Orchestra Update

Plans are confirmed but it was decided that maybe there was no need for a reception after concert. Dorothy would consult with Kento.

4. Screen meeting update Howard and Brian

Howard reported that Sean was investigating and there would be discussion with the Worship Committee as it all tied in with the possible screens in sanctuary.

5. Hearing info session update

Barb reported that the Hearing info session would be held on May 26th at 2 pm at the church.

Stewardship of our Resources Charlie

Motion : Charlie/Rev. Diane

Carried

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

Charlie reported that there was an extra cost for the replacement of the eaves troughs which had been damaged in the ice storm. It is hoped that we can get donations to support these extra costs. He would, on behalf of Stewardship, put a note in the Beacon.

Our Shared Ministries

Community Team Barb

The Hearing Loss and the Effects of Aging Workshop has been finalized. The free workshop will be held on May 26, 2025, from 2 - 3 p.m. in the Friendship Room, and will be presented by Dr. Stephanie Bergman, audiologist. Details by poster will be in the beacon, on our website, Shining Waters Region Community Events page and social media platforms. It will be a great way to welcome the community into our church.

Twenty-seven tulips were delivered after the Easter Sunday Service.

Devotion Team Brian

WORSHIP:

Sunday Celebrating Leading Worship

April 27 Easter 2 Rev. Diane

May 4 Easter 3 Brian

May 11 Easter 4 Rev. Sheila Murray

May 18 Easter 5 Rev. Sheila Murray

Rev. Diane, Kento and I will be meeting this coming week to do some long-range planning for the rest of the calendar year. Afterwards, we will be bringing information to the Devotion Team for approval. More details about worship related information to come.

A team has been set to look at why we need screens, what kind of screens and who will look after screens for the sanctuary. Howard is leading this team and can share any details so far.

AFFIRM:

The Affirm team will be meeting as soon as Rev Diane and Donna get back from vacation.

FAITH FORMATION:

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More details to come on faith formation ideas after our meeting this coming week with Rev. Diane and Kento.

Facilities Team Howard

Eavestrough repair complete w/o Apr 14

New vacuum on order for church. More portable for the stairs.

Door lock is in house and Thomas will install in next few weeks.

May/June

Flushing of two boilers, install of new heat exchanger to happen in May/June

Keys will share the installation costs of a undercounter dishwasher 50/50 with HUC

Mission Dianna

A cheque for \$1475 was delivered to the Sharing Place. The walk on 5th April was very enjoyable despite rainy weather.

Lenten programme has so far raised \$180 for Na-Me-Res. We will remind people that they are able to donate for another few weeks.

Resources Marg

There was one rental in April

Trustees Howard

No report

Ministry and Personnel Aileen

Aileen reported that we are very pleased with the new cleaning service., She expressed condolences on behalf of Council to Rev Diane on the death of her close family members in Kenya.

Minister's Report

Rev. Diane celebrated the events we have shared so far this year. Lenten Programme, Sweet Hour of prayer, potluck dinners, gospel extravaganza, mission fundraisers, Roof fundraiser. We have the upcoming May11th concert. Future ideas include Teen craft sale, participating in the November Baby its Cold Outside event in the community, actively reach out to particular communities and challenge to each of us.

Encourage one person to join us for worship in October.

Meeting adjourned at 8.26 pm

The next meeting of Council is May 27th at 7 pm in person

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L. Steggles – *Council Chair* D Seth – *Secretary*