

Greenbank United Church

Local Church Board Meeting

May 1, 2024

Voting Members Present: Debbie Watson (Chair), Emmy IHEME (ECORC), Jim Thomson (Trustee), Kelly Monkman (M&P), Jim Ferguson (Stewards), Wilma Smith (UCW), Barb Ward (Session), Doug Watson (Secretary/Treasurer)

Non-Voting Members present: Kim Thomson, Joanne Olivero, Ted Smith, Pat Dwyer, and Rev Anne Meredith (Supervisory Minister)

- Debbie Watson called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM
- Rev. Anne Meredith opened in prayer
- Debbie read a Land Acknowledgement
- Debbie reminded all groups to forward copies of their meeting minutes for publication on the Church Website
- Doug Watson reviewed GUC's Statement of Income & Expenses, and Balance sheet as at March 31, 2024. ***Wilma Smith moved acceptance of Treasurer's report, seconded by Emmy IHEME. Carried***
- Emmy IHEME provided a report from ECORC. Remit 1 passed. Report is appended to minutes
- Kelly Monkman provided a report from M&P. They met the previous night, welcomed a newly elected member Pat Dwyer, and Kelly was elected as Chair of M&P
- Barb Ward provided a report from Session. Reminded everyone the need for scripture readers. Question was asked whether Session should be active in pastoral care phone calls to keep in touch, much the same as was done during COVID, during this period of time without a Minister. Pat Dwyer talked about the Magic show happening at GUC this coming Sunday. Joint Session Minutes of March 12, 2024 are posted.
- Jim Ferguson provided the Steward's report. Ted Smith talked about the recent Energy Audit and upgrade programme available. \$20K of funding is available if we invest \$10K for things such as insulation, ceiling fans, caulking, weather proofing, water heaters, heat pumps, dishwasher. An addition \$10K funding is available if we install heat pumps. Question raised about lack of heat in minister's office. Other noteworthy items in report are lack of signage at rear of church, a community shared digital sign. Next steps are to get quotes on above items.
 - Flag pole has been purchased. Waiting on locates and then installation will occur
 - Kim Thomson spoke on behalf of the fundraising committee. Have events planned throughout the year and are always looking for new ideas. Are looking into a lottery licence
 - Minutes of the Steward's meeting of April 9, 2024 is posted
- Jim Thomson provided the Trustee Report. Currently working on a rental agreement for the church. Minutes of the February 12, 2024 meeting of Trustees are posted.
- Wilma Smith reported on UCW. Minutes of the April 5, 2024 meeting are posted.

New Business:

- Pat Dwyer spoke on environmental stewardship. Need to transition from use of plastic water bottles to a cooler type system. Need to be conscious of our green efforts. Emmy to follow up with cooler
- Doug Watson led a discussion on 2 questions from the Community of Faith questionnaire that was used as a basis for the formation of our Community Faith Profile on the Hub. The 2 questions focused on were Alternating Church services and the Structure of the Pastoral Charge, 2 years and 5 years out and options
 - Need for strategic planning for the future
 - Seagrave at their AGM formed a Joint Committee to look at the future viability and options basically related to SUC.
 - Many options available
 - ***Motion by Wilma Smith, seconded by Kelly Monkman to continue with alternating Sunday services at GUC until the February 2025 AGM at which point it will be reevaluated. Carried.***
- Search & Selection Team are working hard and currently interviewing candidates. They will keep the congregations informed through announcements on Sunday mornings.
- Unified Board meeting is June 26 @ GUC @ 7 PM
- Next GUC Local Board meeting will be Wednesday, Aug 14 @ GUC @ 7 PM
- ***Motion to Adjourn by Kelly Monkman @ 8:25 pm***

Debbie Watson
Chair

Doug Watson
Secretary Treasurer