

Congregational Minutes of Seagrave United Church

February 21, 2024

The Congregational Meeting began in the Seagrave United Church at 7:00 p.m. There were 16 people in attendance: John Olivero, Chairperson, Don and Betty Lou Beacock, Darlene Hallett, Wyn Hughes, Doug Watson, a guest from Greenbank, Terry and Tara Taylor, Brad Sinclair, Rick McAskill, Brooke Acton, Betty Somerville, Donna Kent, Eleanor Sturman, Carol Coleman, Treasurer and Reverend Anne Meredith our Supervisor.

John Olivero welcomed everybody and read an article called Holy Manners to us.

Rev. Anne Meredith opened the meeting with prayer.

Motion #1 by Tara Taylor seconded by Don Beacock to allow all adherents voting privileges on temporal matters at this meeting. – CARRIED

Motion #2 by Brooke Acton, seconded by Don Beacock that the Agenda (with 2 additions) be accepted. CARRIED

Business Arising from the last Meeting, Sept, 25, 2023:

Motion #3 by Tara Taylor, seconded by Rick McAskill that the Minutes of the Sept. 25, 2023 meeting by adopted. CARRIED

Doug Watson from our Ministry & Personnel Committee was asked to speak about his research on the need for one Website between Greenbank and Seagrave Churches which was presented at the January 2024 Unified Board Meeting. Seagrave people are asked to contact John Olivero, Website Assistant for any item(s) needed to be put on the Website and John will contact Karl Higeli, Web Master to have the item(s) added to the Greenbank/Seagrave Website.

Carol Coleman handed out (copy appended) of the Annual 2023 Financial Report for Seagrave United Church and the Budget for 2024.

Motion #4 by Brooke Acton, seconded by Wyn Hughes to approve this Financial Report. ACCEPTED

Motion #5 by Donna Kent, seconded by Terry Taylor that the 2024 Budget found in the Financial Report (which was appended) be approved. CARRIED

Eleanor Sturman mentioned that her report of the Hospitality Committee is missing from this Annual Report so John Olivero will look after adding it in the near future.

Motion #6 by Tara Taylor, seconded by Brad Sinclair that the \$15.00 fee for Seagrave's Website be paid. CARRIED Future payments will be made by the Pastoral Charge.

New Business

John Olivero brought up the issue of Opening the Seagrave Church every Sunday as we have been alternating Sunday Services with Greenbank through the COVID years and since.

Motion #7 by Betty Somerville, seconded by Brad Sinclair that they would serve on a Study Group Committee to look into the future of Seagrave United Church – CARRIED

Motion #8 by Tara Taylor, seconded by Brooke Action to transfer signing Power of the Seagrave United Church Memorial Fund from Don Beacock and Elizabeth Redshaw to John Olivero and Wyn Hughes. CARRIED

Nominations were opened for the position of Chairperson of the new LOCAL BOARD and Secretary. No one in attendance is interested in holding this position at the present time, therefore someone will be announcing it to our entire congregation to try to fill this position.

John Olivero is stepping down from the Chairperson position of the Congregation, however we were told by the chair of M&P that the position no longer exists after this meeting.

Tara Taylor mentioned that at 1:30 p.m. on March 23rd there will be a short Affirming Celebration Service in the Seagrave sanctuary. Guests attending will be Sharon Woodward and Darren Liepold.

Eleanor Sturman announced our St. Patrick's dinner of Ham & Scalloped Potatoes on Saturday, March 9th. We hope to sell tickets 75 for Sit Down and 50 Take Out dinners. It has been advertised in the FOCUS.

Rev. Meredith closed our meeting with Prayer.

Tara Taylor moved the Adjournment.

John Olivero, Chairperson

Betty Lou Beacock, Acting Secretary

Receipts	Budget 2024	Budget 2023	2024	2023	2022
Benevolent Fund	200	200	0	300	0
Canvass	7,500	7,500	0	5,110	5,015
Catering Income	500	500	0	310	100
Concert Receipts	2,200	2200	0	2,437	2,150
Donations	5,000	5,000	270	3,825	4,190
Envelope Givings	12,000	10,000	1,450	13,343	9,218
Food Bank Fund	0	0	0	0	15
HST Recovered	1200	1500	0	1,349	1,609
Interest	5,000	2,000	0	6,180	4,964
Loose Collections	900	500	180	1,522	631
Memorial Donations Fund	1000	1000	0	1,640	1,015
Men's Group	1500		975	1,090	90
Miscellaneous/Vibe Income	0	0	0	0	0
Mission & Service	3,500	3,500	197	4,006	3,444
Out-To Lunch	500	500	0	1,069	0
Outreach Activities	500	500	0	0	300
PAR Receipts	5,700	7,200	475	7,495	7,325
Rental Income	500	500		450	200
Sound System Fund	0	500		133	6200
Sunday School	120	120	10	270	120
Talent Auction	8000	8000	0	75	10,575
Meal Event	9,000	2000	0	3,961	0
Yard Sale	11,000	10000	0	13,223	11,004
Total Income	75,820	63,220	3,557	67,788	68,165
Disbursements					
Accounting Fees	500	600	0	0	572
Advertising	100	160	0	0	0
Affirming Committee	1,000	1,000		100	45
Bank Charges	350	350	35	348	345
Benevolent Fund	3,000	3,000	1,025	556	200
Building Fund Exp	1,000	2,000	0	0	644
Catering Expenses	100	0	0	0	0
Computer & Internet Expense	2,000	2,000	312	1,739	2,003
Concert Expenses	500	500	0	0	500
Custodian	5,000	5,000	1,250	5,000	5,000
Equipment	1,000	1,000	0	0	0

Disbursements	Budget 2024	Budget 2023	2024	2023	2022
Sound System Equipment	100	100		0	3,871
Food Bank Expenses	150	350	0	0	0
Honoraria	1,500	1,500	0	1,200	825
HST expense	0	0	0	465	0
Insurance	4,674	6,000	776	5,464	5,620
Janitor Service	2,000	2,000	0	1,752	1,549
Men's Group	1500		1,025	1,000	1,000
Mission & Service	3,500	3,500	1,308	3,471	3,621
Memorial Donations Fund	1,000				
Office Expense	900	900	873	865	865
Office Stationery & Supplies	500	500	120	475	282
Organist	4,800	7,200	800	7,450	7,000
Out-To Lunch Expenses	200	200	0	92	156
Outreach Activities	500	500	0	242	70
Pastoral Charge Exp	29,600	40,700	4,933	40,700	30,149
Powerpoint Compensation	3,000	3,000		2,600	3,372
Repairs & Maintenance	5,000	3,000	342	3,773	1,544
Session	100	250	0		
Sunday School	50	50	0	0	0
Talent Auction	400	400	0	0	239
Treasurer's Compensation	2,500	2,500	625	2,500	2500
Meal Event Expense	1000	500	0	527	0
Enbridge Gas	3,500	3,500	915	3,386	3,142
Hydro	2,000	2,000	151	1,837	1,792
Telephone	900	875	147	882	865
Vibe/Misc Expense	300	300	0	0	0
Yard Sale Expense	2,000	2000	0	1,198	1,763
Total Expense	\$ 86,224	97,435	14,637	87,622	79,534
Balance	\$ (10,404)	-34,215	-11,080	-19,834	-11,369
Bank Balance - end of period			3,032	7,819	8,080

Investments - Edward Jones

GIC 1	\$25,000@5.11 matures Nov 18, 2025
GIC 2	\$25,000 @5.1% matures Nov 18, 2024
GIC 3	\$25,000 @ 5.5 matures August 8, 2024
GIC 4	\$77,386@4.20% matures Feb 6, 2028
Cash Account	\$42,449.24 @.5
	\$194,835

Memorial Fund	\$ 3,964.00			
Memorial Fund GIC	\$ 5,645.00			
Men's Group	770			

This is the last Congregation meeting from this date forward.

The new Greenbank Seagrave Pastoral Charge Governance Document Structure takes place as March 1, 2024.

The Governance Document Structure;

Local Governance Structure

Local Board

Each church will have its own local Board. The Board will be limited to the Ministry Personnel, the Chair of Stewards, the Clerk of Session, the Chair of Trustees, an M & P Representative, an ECORC representative, the chair of the UCW. Membership must consist of (5) five full members of the church and adherents to the church. The Chairperson must be a full member of the church.

The Board of each church must meet at least four (4) times per year. Quorum for Board meetings is the Ministry Personnel plus 60% (4) of the membership with all members being urged to attend all meetings where possible.

The Chairperson and the Secretary will be elected from the membership at the Annual General Meeting of the Church each year.

The only time a Congregation meeting should be called is when the congregation has to make a full membership decision, such as to accept a new minister charge or a major improvement in the church structure. It is left up to the discretion of the Local chairperson to call one.