

MAY 2, 2018

Executive:

Chair	Brad Mackey
Vice-Chair	Barb Baxter
Past Chair	Bryce McGarvey
Secretary	Diana Fisher
Treasurer	Paul Cooper
Ministry	Brad Morrison
	Pat Morrison x
	Eric Page x

Committee Representatives:

AOTS
 Christian Development
 Communications
 Congregational Care & Growth
 Finance
 Lay Presbytery
 Outreach
 Ministry & Personnel
 Planning
 Property
 Proclamation and Special Events
 Trustees
 UCW
 Worship

Bill Palmer
 Shirley Willis x
 Christopher Cooke
 Iris Murtha
 Paul Cooper
 Nick Monsour
 Earl Kilner x
 Laura Black
 Kirk Wilson x
 Steve Siklosi x
 Minister(s)
 Bill Palmer
 X
 Bryce McGarvey

x = absent

The Meeting was held at Grace United Church as per adjournment, and began at 7:00pm. There was a quorum.

1. Devotion

From Worship; Val Adamson read from the book 'The Treasurer Friendship' regarding friendship, followed by a prayer.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Bryce McGarvey and seconded by Paul Cooper that the agenda be approved. Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Bryce and seconded by Val Adamson that the minutes of APRIL 4 , 2018 be approved. Carried.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

5. Correspondence

Letter from Pauline Henderson-Ferguson to request the lock be changed on the freezer room and the large kitchen as items have gone missing that belong to L4L program. Donations for the L4L program are now being used to replace missing items and food.

Council has agreed that more keys or restriction of keys is not the solution. We will look at reconfiguration of the freezer room and possibly relocate items to free up space to install locked cabinets/shelves for L4L supplies.

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6. New Business

Email from Lori regarding items available from High Park UC. Tables, chairs, tablecloths, etc. will be auctioned. Is Grace UC interested in any items before the auction? Perhaps each committee can discuss if interested in any items and report back to council.

Brian Mackey will reach out to secretary &/or Marie Nicholson of High Park UC to determine if there is a list of items. Possibly ask Diane Werezak to visit High Park UC to view the items. If any interest from Grace UC, contact Brian Mackey.

7. Pastoral Team Reports and Teaching:

Ministry Reports

Brad Morrison

Eric Page and Michelle have left for the west on Monday.

Submitted application to Presbytery for next intern to start September 2018.

Pulpit supply budget to help with worship schedule.

Pat Morrison

No report.

8. Key Ministry Committee Reports:

Worship

Memorial Fund Usage and Parameters: The Worship Committee is continuing to work through relevant documents and with Finance and the Office staff to develop the process through which the Worship Committee will assume responsibility for management of the Memorial Fund. Once completed, a recommendation will be brought to Council to recommend changes to the relevant section of the Constitution.

Projector Bulbs: Thanks are extended to George Vero for arranging for projector bulb replacements and to John Scott for assisting Avolution with the logistics.

Music at Grace: Glenn Parsons will be attending the Homiletics Festival in Washington DC from May 21-25. The Grace choir has been invited to a choral concert that will be held on May 27 at Central Baptist Church, to which all are invited to attend.

Val Adamson

Christian Development

No report

*MAY 2, 2018***Congregational Care & Growth**

The "Guess Who's Coming for Dinner" event took place April 28, 2018

Easter flowers were delivered to 37 people on March 27th to those who are in nursing homes, are shut in, or have had a bereavement in the past year.

Rose Lanning sewed prayer blankets that were given at baptism.

Membership:

Jean Kern, died April 2, 2018. Her name was removed from the membership roll - #403
Rev. Adam Kilner presided at her funeral.

Evelyn Berger, died March 25, 2018. Her name was removed from the membership roll - #2729. Rev. Dr. Brad Morrison presided at her funeral.
Iris Murtha

Outreach

- a) About 105 clients served at the IOGS in March and 120 clients served in April.
- b) Grace is partnering with Central Baptist Church for 2018 Habitat For Humanity (HFH).
 - Build on Guthrie Drive which will be 5 seniors units.
 - Intent is to share fund raising target of \$3800 and staffing/volunteers for 'Build Days'.
 - We have been assigned **August 25th** as our build day.
 - Help will be required for the build as well as providing a lunch and breaks for the volunteers.
 - Those interested in volunteering need to complete the safety training, on-line.
 - Thanks to Brad for the interview-sermon with executive director Sarah Reaume.
- c) March soup luncheon raised over \$2400 for the HUB. April soup luncheon raised about \$2300 for HFH.
- d) The Outreach Committee would like to sponsor an evening meal for Circles, sponsored by the County of Lambton, helping people out of poverty. More information will be placed in the bulletin when the date is finalized.
- e) Pauline is planning to do a fundraiser event for Lambton Center in May or June. More details to come.
- f) L4L activities continue at a significant level – lots of opportunities for volunteering.

Congratulations to Sue and Jim as well as Karen and Jim on becoming grandparents, and to Edna for becoming a great grandparent.
submitted by Paul Cooper

Proclamation and Special Events

No report

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9. Governance and Support Committee Reports:

Planning

Planning committee last month and have been active in working on the upcoming affirming planning meeting scheduled for May 6. John Barnfield graciously agreed to act as facilitator for the meeting. Meeting to be held after church with lunch provided as well as childcare.

Kirk Wilson

Growth and Giving

We continue to meet about once per month. We are now focusing on 2 options for the gym floor: Epoxy Coating & Pulastic (Polyurethane over rubber base). We are evaluating the 2 options in detail before making a recommendation. Current funds available to spend: \$38,936.

John Cooke

Finance

Here is the comparison of the operating budget data for 2018 and 2017 up to the end of March.

	2018	2017	Difference
Total Revenue	\$112,600	\$109,000	+\$3,600 (3.2%)
Total Expense	\$103,800	\$ 95,300	+\$ 8,500 (8.9%)
Net Income	+\$ 8,800	+\$13,700	

Total revenue was higher in 2018 versus 2017. Givings were up by \$3400 or about 3%. Expenses were higher in 2018 versus 2017 due to increased staffing costs – mainly due to having an intern position in 2018. Other expenses were up about 4% or \$1000. Your continued support of the operating budget is appreciated.

Paul Cooper

Communications

Working on the Photo Directory.

Chris Cooke

Property

No report

Trustees

Bill Palmer

No report

Ministry & Personnel

John Scott has submitted the paperwork for moving the ministers’ salary to the new payroll system.

Laura Black

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Lay Presbytery

UC of Canada is going thru restructuring and should be completed by year end. This continues to be a chaotic time.

UCW

No report

AOTS

The regular morning breakfast meeting of AOTS was held on Sunday, April 29, 2018, at 8:00 AM, in the gym of Grace United. Guest speaker was Jane Anema, Executive Director of The Sarnia Community Foundation, who did a presentation that updated the members of AOTS regarding the current status, and work, of the Foundation, and detailed the opportunities for legacy building offered by the various Funds held within the Foundation. ---- Bill Palmer

10. Adjournment: 7:50 pm

Meeting adjourned.

Moved by Paul Cooper, second Bill Palmer. Carried

11. Closing Prayer

Brad Morrison

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, JUNE 6, 2018.

Devotion Responsibility:

MAY – Worship

JUNE – CD

JULY – CC&G

AUGUST – AOTS

SEPT – COMMUNICATIONS

OCT – FINANCE

NOV – OUTREACH

DEC – M&P

Sunday Lock-up Responsibility:

Brian Mackey, Chair

Diana Fisher, Secretary