

**St. Paul's United Church Orillia
Leadership Team Minutes
June 8, 2022**

Attending: Eric Sayle (Acting Chair), Mary Phelps, Ted Reeve (Minister), Chris Atkinson (Secretary), Fred Kallin, Harvey Watt, Mary Johnston

Regrets: Kathy Duncan, Peggy Goddard

1. **Welcome:** Eric called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming.

2. **Review and adoption of the May 4, 2022 minutes:**

Fred Kallin enquired if there was any further information on the McDonald Hall Piano Insurance. This information is still being researched. Waiting for appraisal. Eric will ask Blair to contact our Piano tuner for appraisal.

May 4, 2022 Minutes were adopted as written by Harvey Watt and seconded by Mary Johnston.

Children & family programming:

Email from Michelle Thorn read by Mary Johnston –

Objectives: Create a safe and welcoming space for children and family to connect.

Teach through example about giving back to our community both wide and local.

Create space for learning and exploring Christian knowledge and stories. Four events – September 17th, 2022 Sparrow Lake Family camp (Worship committee to be explore possibility of Sunday service at Sparrow Lake instead of at Church with a lunch following)

Family picnic in June 2023 – next year (all inclusive)

2 services with children participation.

A Sunrise ceremony on Tuesday, June 21/22 @ 5:00 am will be held at Couchiching Park with Elder Rice.

Children and any of the congregation are invited to meet at the church on Tuesday, June 21/22 @ 6:00 pm when the orange ribbons commemorating the lives of “children who died in Residential Schools” will be buried near the Reconciliation post and a flag will be raised to commemorate Reconciliation.

Financial Report;

Deficit at the end of April \$28,000.00. Anniversary appeal \$5000 has been collected. piano costs to be covered by a donor. An anonymous donor from the congregation is donating \$2000 (over and above a contribution already given) for the water station. Funding for dishwasher not approved.

Stewardship:

- a. Anniversary Appeal – no further update
- b. Garage Sale – June 24 drop off items; June 25 sale
- c. Feast & Silent Auction – Sept 24, 2022 evening; Don, Cathy & Eric to have meeting re: setting up auction.

Worship & Rituals

- d. Update on AV – Due to Lighting hit (nearby) computer system was damaged (\$1000), security system affected in Great Hall.
- e. Update on Summer Services – a schedule worked out for services down in the banquet hall July and August. Cathy Brown is coordinating music and leading services. No live streaming – informal worship.
- f. Rick online stats – few people watching/attending: post pandemic (50-80 people), prior to covid (80-120). Need to look at services in the fall to rejuvenate attendance. Possibility – once a month do an Intergenerational service, more family oriented “kids” time during service downstairs. Bring a friend Sunday – lots of music with food afterwards Ted to take to Worship Committee.
- g. Monday night Education forums in September. The Brian Adams talks on Mental Health in June were well attended.

Piano discussion: Mary – general consensus – selling would not be ideal but recognize the need for money. Moving into Parlour would be good alternative. Choir to meet tomorrow night. Mary to ask feedback from Blair. Get choir feedback, appraisal, bring back to Leadership. Buyer needs to be found who would offer a larger amount.

Concert & Introduction to the Commons – Sept. 10, 2022

Involved (Ted, Anna, Harvey, Gloria, Mary). Ted has agreed to convene a meeting with the Team in order to have information available by the end of June.

Meeting (LT) and Get together Sept 7, 2022 at Mary’s home.

Opportunity for leadership to spend time together and interface with Chairs, and Co-ordinators. Mary will send out invitations. Eric to send list of people to Mary. Time of meeting to be determined at a later date.

Adjournment Harvey Watt

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 @ 4:30pm. Follow with a dinner.

Date of Approval: September 8, 2022

Chair of Leadership Team _____

Secretary: _____