

Minutes

Jubilee Council Meeting

March 12, 2025

Present: Kye Andrews (Music School), Fran Crabe (UCW), Doris Doidge (Member-at-Large), Deborah Johnston (Secretary), Pam Lock (Outreach/Regional Representative), Jeanette May (Chair), Gary Norris (Treasurer), Christine Petrie (Finance), Barbara Rutherford (Facilities), Rev. Norm Seli (Minister), Bill Watson (Trustees), Valerie Winters (AIC-Property)

Regrets: Susan-Jane Bynoe (Worship), Cher Colford (Jubilee Cares), Kevin Collins (Past Chair), Kathy Coats (M&P), Rev. Anne Dionisio (Minister), Pat Lansche (Fundraising and Event Support)

Guest: John Barr (Congregant)

Call to Order

Jeanette May

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

Agenda Review

'Visioning Priorities Survey' and 'Extension of Term for Chair of Council' were added to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes of Council Meeting on February 12, 2025

Moved by Fran Crabe and seconded by Gary Norris that the minutes of the February 12, 2025 Council meeting be approved.

Carried

Business Arising from the February 12, 2025 Minutes

- Norm reported that the Photo Directory draft is expected to be received by March 17, 2025, at which time it will be proofread and finalized.
- Norm stated that Shining Waters did not receive the number of responses they were expecting to the Regional Priorities Survey. As a result, they are reconsidering the project and Jubilee does not need to respond unless asked again at a later date.
- Norm and Valerie planned the lunch for the Annual General Meeting, posted it on the Sign-Up program and have received a good response.

ACTION: Norm will discuss the logistics of the table set-up for the AGM at the Staff Meeting.

ACTION: Val will make an announcement about volunteers on Sunday and request assistance in any areas that have not been filled for the AGM.

- There was discussion about the feasibility of remote participation in the AGM. Kye is trying new technology for remote participation for the upcoming UCW meeting, and a decision can be made later regarding using this technology for other meetings.
- There was agreement to record the AGM for those who cannot attend in person and make it available on YouTube.

ACTION: Kye will arrange to record the AGM and post it on YouTube.

- There were no requests for taxi chits for voting in the election, but the use of taxi chits in general has increased.

Minister's Reports

Norm Seli

- The Lent Book Study began on March 11 with 21 people registered and 19 in attendance.
- Norm is also facilitating the *Questions Welcome* theological discussion group that meets monthly on Zoom and attendance is about 12 people.
- The Scarborough Village Players trip is a success with 31 tickets sold.
- Twenty attended the Ash Wednesday service and several more for drive by ashes.
- Anne has begun an initiative for those aged 20-35 and will meet for lunch after church this Sunday.
- In the past month, there were five deaths which took up much of the pastoral care focus, and a number of folks needed support due to the political and economic uncertainty.

Visioning Priorities Survey

Norm Seli

- Norm presented the results of the visioning survey and talked about his analysis of the feedback.
- There was discussion about different ways to interpret the results, such as people voting for the existing programs that they like best versus the voting for potential investment in new initiatives. Norm clarified that both interpretations represented programs that people value.
- It was agreed that the survey results would be sent to committee chairs/program leads to share with their committees/groups to obtain their interpretations. Council will review their feedback at the May Council meeting and could present their analysis to the congregation in June.

ACTION: Jeanette will send the survey results to the committee chairs/program leads and ask them to send their interpretation of the results to her by April 30. A discussion of the feedback will be added to the May Council agenda.

Outreach/Regional Council

Pam Lock (see attached report)

- Pam introduced a charity called *Soles for Souls* that accepts used footwear. She will bring more details to the April Council meeting.
- Val suggested that Jubilee donate any leftover shoes from the Garage Sale to this charity.

UCW

Fran Crabe

- Fran held a luncheon meeting on March 3 for those interested in the UCW, noting that 34 women attended, 19 of whom were current UCW members and 15 were not members.
- They discussed the future direction of the UCW, with suggestions for upcoming meetings.
- Fran would like to organize smaller groups for various activities and needs to generate interest in leadership.
- It was decided that the meetings in April, May, and June will be held as a large group, with lunch and speakers. In June, there will be a discussion on how the UCW will move forward.

Other Business

25th Anniversary and Stewardship Campaign

Norm Seli and Bill Watson

- Norm acknowledged that 2025 marks the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada and Jubilee's 25th anniversary.
- He suggested that a kick-off event could be held in June, and that a month be set aside, possibly October, for the 25th anniversary celebrations.
- A planning committee is being formed with representatives from Council, Trustees and the congregation. Members to date are Pam Lock, Pat Lansche, Sue Hawton, and Jean Probyn. Doris Doidge also volunteered to sit on the committee.
- A 2020 fund was established for Jubilee's 20th anniversary, but was not used due to COVID, so those funds are available for the celebrations.
- The Trustees believe in defining a vision and ways to finance Jubilee beyond the 10-year amalgamation plan.
- Bill stated that this celebratory year provided a good opportunity to activate a stewardship campaign, which could include the encouragement of bequests and a special anniversary fundraising campaign. A 25th Anniversary Fund and has been established to receive donations for these celebrations, and Bill encouraged Council and Trustees to show their support of this stewardship campaign.
- The Trustees suggested an initiative where congregants are asked to share in a Sunday service what Jubilee means to them.

ACTION: Bill will ask one of the Trustee volunteers for this planning committee to call the first meeting.

ACTION: Jeanette will mention at the AGM that we are looking for two more volunteers to sit on the 25th/100th Anniversary Committee.

Extension of Term for Chair of Council

Norm Seli

- Norm proposed extending Jeanette's term as Chair of Council by one year to allow time to recruit a candidate for Vice Chair. Jeanette was in agreement with this proposal.

Moved by Norm Seli and seconded by Bill Watson that Jeanette May's term as Council Chair be extended by one year.

Carried

Next Meeting Dates

April 9 at 7pm

May 14

June 11

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

Approved April 9, 2025

Jeanette May