

**St Paul's United Church Richmond
Council Meeting March 11, 2;30 Minutes**

Mission Statement: *We strive to be a warm, welcoming community of faith.*

Present Rev. Rachel, Carmel Dagleish, Sandy Smith, Ellen Sheepway, Kim McKay, Marlene Walker

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Sandy S. Seconded by Kim M. All approved

Approval of Minutes from June 19 2024: Motion by Marlene W., Seconded by Kim; All approved

Approval of Minutes from Nov. 20. 2024: Motion by Marlene W., Seconded by Carmel; All approved

Business arising from the Minutes: Since St. Paul's has now hired a new book keeper, we did not purchase a new accounting software program as planned in the Nov. Meeting.

New Business:

Finance: Mary Jo has resigned as Treasurer after serving faithfully for 3 years. Rev. Rachel will review current financial files for the new book keeper.

We plan to count Sunday offerings only on the last Sunday of the month. Carmel will confirm if Darrell Dagleish will be the consistent counter. A roster of 2 people each month will be prepared. The other Sundays the offerings will be put in the safe.

We need to ensure all users know how to operate the elevator properly or ensure someone is available to assist.

Property: Council members will each take a quarterly turn to submit St. Paul's UC water test to the city of Ottawa. The city requires this test done four times a year. Currently we are compliant.

St. Paul's Website is no longer active. We need to buy a new license and we will need an experienced person to run it.

Outdoor Sign: David George will be asked to do this. Allowing Linda Moore to step down.

Wall Sign Update: Janet Bilodeau is looking into this action with a local supplier

St. Paul's has received the notice it is our turn to host the Good Friday Ecumenical Service with a lunch to follow. We will host the service with coffee in the sanctuary before the service.

Approval to not serve a lunch on Good Friday Ecumenical Service: Motion by Carmel, Seconded by Marlene; All approved

Discussion was held to best decide our Ministry at St. Paul's after June 30. That is the date for the renewal of Rev. Rachel's contract. We need the congregation's input before we, the Council and Rev. Rachel, make any decisions.

We decided a note to the congregation outlining our options going forward and the relevant facts would be a useful starting point.

Rev. Rachel agreed to prepare this document.

Rev. Rachel will not be present when the congregation does discuss these options.

Marlene Walker Secretary