

St. Paul's United Church, Richmond Ontario Council Meeting Minutes - April 2, 2025

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

Present: Rev. Rachel Robinson, Carmel Dalgleish, Sandy Smith, Kim McKay, Ellen Sheepway

Absent: Marlene Walker

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Carmel, D. Seconded by Kim M. All approved

Approval of Minutes from March 11, 2025: Motion by Sandy S. Seconded by Ellen S. All approved.

Business Arising from March 11 Minutes:

Elevator usage: signage for elevator usage will be posted on both levels and inside the elevator. To be undertaken by Kim M.

Water Testing: each Council member will take a turn administering a water test and taking it to the lab on a quarterly basis. Kim M. agreed to conduct this test in June 2025. Rev. Rachel to send each council member the procedure.

New Business:

Finance: Books and Accounts information has been given to our bookkeeper Sandra Hall. Rev. Rachel will follow up with her

Easter Services:

April 13th - Palm Sunday at 10 a.m. Rev. Rachel has purchased palm branches

April 17th - Maundy Thursday 6 p.m. Potluck in the lower hall to be advertised in Sunday bulletins with an invitation for the congregation to bring a guest if desired.

April 18th - Ecumenical Good Friday Service; refreshments to be served in the Sanctuary prior to the service. Carmel D. to organize and delegate. Communion will also be available for those wishing to partake.

April 20th - Easter Sunday at 10 a.m. the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed. Rev. Rachel to orchestrate servers.

M & P Update

Rev. Rachel Robinson has been offered and has accepted her reappointment as Ministry personnel at St. Paul's United Church, Richmond. This new appointment will begin on July 1, 2025.

Communication Update:

Church Membership Lists: Rev. Rachel distributed updated email, phone and historical membership lists. Council reviewed and further revised these lists and thanked Rev. Rachel for the many hours it took to update this information.

St. Paul's Website - Rev. Rachel is organizing a new website for the church. Funds needed for creation of the website will come from St. Paul's Operating budget. Sandy Smith made a motion to approve funds up to \$1,000. Seconded by Carmel Dalgleish. All approved.

Church Manse (3462 McBean St., Richmond):

Rev. Rachel to notify the church trustees of Council's decision to sell the Manse this year. Rev. Rachel will then notify the current tenant of the Manse, of the church's decision to sell. Ellen Sheepway to contact James Stewart (Royal Lepage Realty) to determine his interest in selling the property in future.

Church Fundraising Events:

Quilt Luncheon: Carmel Dagleish to determine whether the Richmond Quilting group is interested in hosting their luncheon in our hall this June 2025.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 1 p.m. in the church hall.