

**St. Paul's United Church, Richmond Ontario
Council Meeting Minutes - June 17, 2025**

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

Present: Rev. Rachel Robinson, Carmel Dalglish, Sandy Smith, Kim McKay, Marlene Walker, Ellen Sheepway (s)

Review of the Agenda - no additions made

Approval of Minutes from May 13, 2025: Motion by Sandy S. Seconded by Marlene W. All approved.

New Business:

Finance:

Motion to accept the financial statement made by Sandy S. Seconded by Marlene W. Council is getting our financial books in order prior to seeking a new bookkeeper. Charitable tax return is due June 30, 2025.

Motion made by Kim M. to transfer church accounts to TD Bank in Richmond from Scotiabank in Stittsville due to bank service issues. Seconded by Ellen S.

Ministry and Personnel:

Carmel D. to follow up with employee contracts in September

Communications Update:

Website creation is in process. Rachel to share with the council at a later date, some potential domain names.

Manse Update:

To date our lawyer (Hunter Graves) has not contacted us. Rachel to follow up with him.

A Draft of Sale was sent to EORR Futures in Property Committee, and approved. It is now waiting for final approval with the EORR Executive. Once that has been approved, a For Sale sign will be erected on the Manse property.

Property Update:

Church Signage- Carmel D. has been working with Golden Triangle Signs to create new signage for the front of the church.

Motion to approve sign suggested was made by Kim M. and Seconded by Sandy S. All approved. An additional sign will hang below with the name of the minister.

Rev. Rachel to contact a plumber for a quote on a new double sink for the kitchen.

Rev. Rachel located an inventory list of items in the church (dated 2018). The Property Committee will review and update this list in the fall of 2025.

Cafe Style Worship Service and Discussion (May 25, 2025)

The discussion led to some interesting findings. Rev. Rachel collated the findings and shared them with council. The congregation's interest in renting the church for outside community events was mixed, with some in favour and others not in favour. A group interested in pursuing future rentals of our church space include: Catherine Court, Rheel Bilodeau, Tina Melvin and Carmel Dalglish. We await their findings.

100 Anniversary of the United Church of Canada - June 15, 2025

St. Paul's conducted their own service to commemorate the 100th Anniversary followed by a well attended Pot-luck Luncheon. 25 members of the congregation attended the lunch with photographs taken and others shared of some of the history of our church. Rev. Rachel created a printout of Memorable Dates of the United Church which proved of great interest.

Next Meeting: TBA