

Woodlawn United Church
Minutes of Council Meeting
7pm in Sam's Room
September 17, 2025

In attendance:

Rev. Kevin Little, Rev. Bethe Benjamin Cameron, Keith Musselman(Chair),
Margo Macleod (M&P), Bev Wicks (A&M), Craig Finney (Treasurer), Barry Zwicker(Trustees),
Faye Gunter (Past Chair), Allan Eddy (M&P) via zoom, Marie Banfield(secretary)

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Keith Musselman.

Minutes recorded by: Marie Banfield

Opening prayer: Keith Musselman

Approval of previous minutes of May 25, 2025 have been approved and will be sent to the office to be entered on the website.

Updates:

A&M: Bev Wicks: addition of signatures for CIBC accounts completed.

Budget time is approaching: Bev will send out budget requests to teams and committees in October.

Rental season has started: The Rental Committee met on August 28th. A&M is glad to have Evelyn Webber on board. She will look after the rentals and help out with telling this year. The Infrastructure Circle is scheduled to meet with Council in November

Treasurer: Financial Reports are not ready for tonight. Craig will send them out electronically as soon as they are prepared.

M&P: Margo: the contract with June Rigden was renewed for 10 months, she takes the summer months of July and August off.

Staff appreciation was held in June and went well.

Trustee: Barry: update on the alarm system. After the repair was completed the alarm system is working well.

Repainting the parking lot lines : the pavement is in need of repairs, so a quote for both repairs and repainting the lines will be obtained.

Dunfry plowing during the winter months will be renewed with a 3% increase.

Ministers:

Rev. Bethe:

Sunday School went all summer with many new families attending.

Jess Hussey will be taking over the control of the youth group.

Things in the works are as follows:

Dinner theatre planned for the spring

Braiding Sweetgrass study has started

Women Retreat to be planned

Senior lunch and learn

Praise with pizza

Birthday party for Jesus at Christmas.

Rev. Kevin:

Blogs are being sent out everyday

Study groups both daytime and evenings are starting

Five more welcome forms were filled out on Sunday

Oct 19th will be the Anniversary Service, this year is a planned dialogue with Karen Dowing from Margaret House

A suggestion was made to have a Treasurers report for the congregation in October/November.

Region 15:

Bonnie Coffin and Kaitlin Casselman will attend with updates at the next meeting.

Old and New Business:

Fundraising/Events: Allan Eddy via zoom.

The goal this year was \$15,000.00 Three events were held, a lobster take out dinner, chowder dine-in dinner, chowder take outs. These have raised \$7660.00

The "Let there be Light" has raised \$4100.00 so far and is on going.

A yard sale lead by Barry will be held in the spring instead of the fall as originally planned.

April 9,10,17,18, 2026 are the dates for the dinner theatre next spring. This project requires \$3000.00 float, for set designs, tickets, and \$2000.00 for Jim Petrie's fee.

This was passed by consensus of council.

Signing authorities for Scotiabank have been completed.

Vacant positions:

Vice Chair for council

Stewardship Chair

Safety presentation: this has been postponed.

New Business:

Fundraiser Ham Dinner will not happen this fall.

Healing pathways as a ministry:

This is part of the United Church of Canada. There was a course held, and 20 people attended. Healing pathways of Canada is a program that Woodlawn united Church proudly supports.

The council agreed by consensus to approve this continued ministry.

Outcomes between A&M and Rev. Bethe:

Self Help Connections is a private non-profit organization dedicated to fostering mental wellness. Woodlawn has been renting space to them for their various programs. They been advised that they will lose their funding from the Provincial Government and they will be closing down. Over the years this group has accumulated a sum of funds.

(approx. \$15,000). They are looking to turn over these funds to an organization that would continue to offer programs for as long as the funds hold out. Rev. Bethe would like this partnership to continue, including space in the Rainbow Room. Council agreed by consensus to accept this proposal if offered by Self Help Connections.

AST Program for lay member: There were 5 Woodlawn individuals who signed up for the discipleship program. Their total cost for this program is \$1300. Bethe has asked if there were any funds available to offset some of the costs. There is \$700. In the bursary fund. Motion: to give \$700.00 from the bursary fund to help cover the costs of discipleship program.

Moved by: Margo Macleod

Seconded by: Bev Wicks

Motion: Carried

Next meeting: October 15th 2025. 1900-2100.

Closing prayer: Rev Kevin

Adjournment: Keith Musselman 2100.