

Greenbank / Seagrave Joint Session Meeting

Thursday June 20th 2024 at 2 p.m. Greenbank Church

Greenbank Members of Session: Barb Ward (Clerk) Margaret Ann Lamb, Wilma Smith, Carla Puckrin, Patrick Dwyer, Hilary Balmer and Supervisor Reverend Anne Meredith.

Seagrave Members of Session: Wendy Hudgins, Linda Buscher, Darlene Hallett, Betty Lou Beacock, Betty Somerville.

Volunteer to take minutes of this meeting: Patrick

Attendance:

Greenbank: Barb Ward, Margaret Ann Lamb, Carla Puckrin, Patrick Dwyer

Seagrave: Darlene Hallett, Wendy Hudgins, Betty Lou Beacock, Betty Somerville

Regrets: Wilma Smith, Linda Buscher, and Hilary Balmer

Call to Order: Welcome by Barb

Barb asked for a volunteer to take the Minutes. Patrick volunteered.

Opening prayer: Rev. Anne Meredith opened us in prayer.

Adoption of agenda for this meeting:

-moved by Margaret Ann and seconded by Carla. Carried.

Adoption of minutes from previous meeting March 22nd 2024

-moved by Darlene, seconded by Betty Somerville. Carried

Business arising from the minutes and discussion.

-N/A

Old Business:

Pastoral outreach: Phone calls, texts, emails

-discussion to be had later in the agenda

New Business:

Greenbank Food Bank update:

-Patrick stated the foodbank opened on Tuesday, May 28. It's being used with some regularity. Debbie recently completed \$600 shopping trip to stock up on items. Our current fund is approximately \$1492. We decided it will remain closed on Sundays due to lack of use. This provides volunteers with a break.

-food in a box at Seagrave

Affirming update for Greenbank:

-Patrick mentioned that the Affirming committee hosted a greeting card decorating booth at the Port Perry Pride Celebration on Saturday, June 8. It was well attended and enjoyed by the community. We're considering starting a family game night in the fall to bring in more people from the community. The committee is exploring opportunities to meet our mandate of supporting mental health in the community.

Affirming update for Seagrave:

-No update at this time.

Sunday School Greenbank update:

-Patrick discussed the magic show on Sunday, May 5 at 12pm. The show was enjoyed by approximately 24 children. Pizza and a magic themed cake made by Kelly Thompson and sponsored by Debbie Watson was enjoyed by all who attended.

-The Sunday School will celebrate their final day with ice cream sundaes on Sunday, June 23rd.

-Val and Tom Hunter offered to host a Sunday school end-of-year celebration on their property at their cabin and pond. This will occur in July with more details to follow. All members of the congregation are welcome.

Summer Camp Greenbank update: August 6th to 9th – Patrick

-Registration for summer camp continues. It will run from 9am to 12pm. We have 23 children registered so far. The theme is Faith and Fitness. Children will play games, complete fitness activities, crafts, and other fun. We have a fitness instructor coming for one day of camp to host a fitness class for children.

Blessing of Pet Service:

-hold off on this service and potentially do it later. The roots of the history is the first Sunday in October. Considered looking at October or next spring.

Anniversary Service for Seagrave:

-October 20 at 10am

Anniversary Service for Greenbank:

-October 27 at 10am

Affirming Service for Greenbank:

-on hold until we know about our minister

September 29th in Greenbank:

- National day for truth and reconciliation(Orange shirt day)

October 6th in Seagrave : World Communion Service

-will need an ordained minister for that date. Discussion on if new minister had started whether we have someone only for communion or a guest speaker who is ordained. This will be addressed ASAP.

October 13th in Greenbank: Thanksgiving Service

November 10th in Greenbank : Remembrance Day Service

Seagrave Clerk of Session update:

-Betty Lou and Wendy proposed to be co-clerks of session

-needs to be voted on at Seagrave's local board meeting on September 11th

Session Duties and Responsibilities discussion

-reviewed materials provided by John Oliverio and Barb Martin

-copies will be provided to members. This will help guide session members on their responsibilities.

List of each member when they started on session

-Patrick Dwyer March 2023

- Wendy June 2021
- Darlene March 2022
- Betty Lou November 2022
- Linda March 2023
- Betty March 2024
- Margaret Anne May 2021
- Carla March 2023
- Hilary March 2024
- Wilma March 2021
- Barb March 2021 and clerk March 2022
- three year terms but eligible to do another three year term if you'd like
- on session for a year for a clerk and two year term for a clerk
- can do an additional two-year term for clerk

Update Seagrave and Greenbank Pastoral Care Phone Calling

- each do our own work on this list
- asking Debbie Watson for new list for Greenbank
- looking for new phone list
- each church can work on this independently
- suggestion to call after we have a new minister

Update Emergency Phone list for Cancellation of Church Service.

- getting new list from Debbie for Greenbank
- Seagrave to update their list

Other Business to be added:

- none

Tabled Items: A chance to come forward with tabled items from previous meetings.

- item from Betty Lou Beacock from John Oliverio – a letter from Port Perry Print regarding purchasing a place on a map of Scugog
- the publication is free to anyone coming to Scugog and 15,000 copies strategically placed throughout the year
- church directory for name, number, address, email, website, and other information if you'd like
- \$25 – can add previous listing if you'd like
- email was received on June 17
- It was mentioned that Greenbank United Church is not on google maps. We will ask John and Carl about this.

Date and Time and place of next meeting:

-September 19 at 2pm in Greenbank

Closing Prayer by Anne Meredith

Motion to Adjourn by Margaret Ann

Volunteer Secretary: Patrick Dwyer

Chair: Barb Ward