

Annual General Meeting,
Seagrave United Church,
February 19, 2025

Present: Rev. Anne Meredith, (supervisor), Doug Watson, (visitor) Wyn Hughes, Terry Taylor, Betty Lou Beacock, Don Beacock, Donna Kent, Eleanor Sturman, Betty Somerville, Chris Acton, Debbie Watson (visitor), Brooke Acton (chair), Carol Coleman (treasurer), Darlene Hallett

1. Our minister, Ian Wilgus, opened our meeting with a prayer.
2. Motion # 2 That the agenda for tonight's meeting be accepted as presented.
D. Beacock/Hughes Carried.
3. Motion #3 That adherents be allowed to vote at tonight's meeting.
C. Acton/Hughes Carried.
4. Betty Somerville presented the final report of the Future Planning Committee. A copy is attached to these minutes. She asked for volunteers to work on a steering committee. Wynn Hughes volunteered. More required.
Motion #4 That the Future Planning Committee's report be accepted as presented.
Hughes/Taylor Carried.
The report consists of two parts - 1. Community Engagement & 2. Broadly Based Congregational Stewardship.
5. Financial Reports: The reports and proposed budget for the upcoming year were circulated and discussed. They are attached to these minutes.
Motion # 5 That the reports and proposed budget for 2025 be accepted as presented.
Sturman/Hughes Carried.
5. Committee Reports
 - i. Trustees: Their report is what is included in the 2024 Annual Report.
 - ii. Session: Betty Lou asked for clarification on remuneration for a trumpet player that will be part of our Easter service and for a singer that will take part in National Day of Truth & Reconciliation service.
Motion #6 That these guests be paid \$150 each. Funds to come from the budget line 'Honourarium'.
D. Beacock/Taylor Carried.
The committee is looking at creating/updating policies for weddings, funerals, used of the church, and rentals of the building. Greenbank United has already done this. We will use their policies as a guideline.
Discussion was held regarding the lighting of a candle during service to recognize the death of someone from our congregation.
Motion # 7 That a memorial candle be lit for 2 consecutive Sundays at the death

of a member of Seagrave United. BL Beacock/Coleman Carried.
iii. Ministry & Personnel. The nominations part of M&P had 4 positions to fill.
Motion #8 That Barb Sinclair join Ministry & Personnel Committee

Kent/Hughes Carried.

Motion #9 That Brad Sinclair join Steward Committee.

Kent/C.Acton Carried

Motion #10 That Keith Puckrin become the chair of local board.

Kent/Hughes Carried.

Motion #11 That Darlene Hallett be secretary for this meeting.

Hughes/C.Acton Carried.

Motion #12 That the names presented become part of the Local Board of Seagrave United.

Kent/Taylor Carried.

iv. ECORC Tabled

v. Stewards: Brooke presented the following work of the committee -

- Rick McAskill is researching having our news added to the local newspaper

- Rental rates have been decided as follows: Fellowship hall - \$250/half day, wedding in sanctuary \$500, funeral in sanctuary \$300, organist \$175-\$220.

Lunch \$10-\$15 per person.

- Mar. 16 St. Patrick's Day Ham & Scalloped Potato Dinner

- April Take-out Beef Supper

- May 22-24 Yard Sale

- June Strawberry Social

- Sept. 7 Corn Roast & BBQ

- Oct. Choir Event

- Nov. 22 Talent Auction

- Nov. 29 Craft Sale

- Estimate of \$26,000 + installation cost to replace windows

6. Motion #13 That the committee reports from pages 13 to 17 in the Annual Report booklet be accepted. D. Beacock/Hughes Carried.

7. Chairman's Remarks: Brooke shared his thoughts regarding continuing to work towards keeping Seagrave United open and the possibility of amalgamating with Greenbank United.

8. Ian, our minister, closed our meeting with prayer.

9. Motion #14 That the meeting adjourn. D. Beacock.

Next Meeting of the Local Board and the next Annual General Meeting: T.B.A.

Future planning and Focus areas
for
Seagrave United Church

To: Brooke Acton & Keith Puckrin
Co-chairs of the Congregational Board

Subject: Final report re future planning

In the congregation's Feb 2024 Annual Meeting, a small committee (Betty & Brad) was formed to examine ideas for the future, recognizing the pattern of recurring deficits and declining membership.

After the arrival of our new Minister and new Director of Music, we held two focus groups in November 2024. In both sessions we recognized the things we did pre-pandemic, the things we're doing now that continue to support our work and mission in our community, and we brainstormed things we might undertake that would allow the congregation to continue to flourish. There was some overlap of ideas between the two sessions, and a consolidated list of over 30 items was developed, and posted on the pastoral charge's website.

Through December and January, we have been refining that list with the assistance of Rev Ian Wilgus, Rev Torri Mullin, Congregational Growth Animator for Eastern Ontario and Rev Roger Janes, Stewardship Resource Minister for our region.

The attached resulting focus areas, goals and initiatives were endorsed by Seagrave's Committee of Stewards in their January 2025 meeting with the provision that exact timing and responsibility for each item would be considered if the congregation accepted these recommendations.

We are hereby submitting them to you for discussion and approval in the Feb 19, 2025 Annual Meeting of the congregation.

Recommended Strategic focus areas for 2025 and 2026

- A) Community Engagement
- B) Broadly-based Congregational Stewardship

Proposed Goals for each Strategic focus area:

- A) ___ events per year ___ new members per year
- B) to reduce the \$10,000 per year operating deficit by 50% (\$5,000 per year) in each of 2025 and 2026, leading to a balanced budget in 2027.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Somerville & Brad Sinclair
Feb 5, 2024

Strategic Focus Area:

Community Engagement

Proposed Goals:

2025

___ events per year ___ new members per year

2026

___ events per year ___ new members per year

2027 and onward

to continue to flourish as a family of God in this community

	Recommended Actions	Responsibility	Beginning	Target Completion
1	Provide Congregational approval in principle for rentals of the church hall to allow liquor licences. - details and policies to be finalized	Betty/Brooke/Keith	April 2025	
2	Resume soup lunches - quarterly?			
3	Host a few Community outreach programs - one evening event per quarter - offer our facilities to LGBTQ community as a safe space			
4	Membership drive - Approach/invite/re-engage previous church members still living in the community - New members/special service or event	Session		
5	Enhanced communication/publication of church activities - social media - Port Perry print - Sign on Simcoe St			
6	Leverage our music program and resources	Seagrave Choir & Director of Music, Linda Hunter		

Strategic Focus Area:

Broadly-based Congregational Stewardship

Proposed Goals:

2025	reduce Operating deficit by \$5,000 per year
2026	reduce Operating Deficit by further \$5,000 per year
2027 and onward	balanced Operating budget

	Recommended Actions	Responsibility	Beginning	Target Completion
1	Participate in cash card (Fundscrip or other) purchase program in conjunction with Greenbank United	Project Team – Sinclairs + Taylors	March 2, 2025	
2	Investigate available grants for church programs - VIBE - After school - Community fellowship	Stewardship committee		
3	Undertake the Congregational Stewardship program "Called to be the Church" from United Church of Canada. Using program resources, prepare and conduct an every member Visitation to: - Identify personal gifts to share with the church family - Discuss community engagement as per previous page - Possible pledge cards for 2026	Steering committee, Rev R Janes	March 11 2025 1:30 pm webinar	Fall 2025
4	Provide regular communication regarding status of the operating budget throughout the year	Carol		
5	Continue looking for ways to share expenses and resources with Greenbank United	Board Chairs		
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Seagrave United Church Balance Sheet

		2025	2024
ASSETS:	Cash & Bank	10,254	7,448
	Memorium	4,794	3,964
	Men's Group	650	820
	Lift Fund	145	
	KeyBoard Fund	775	
	Sales Tax rebate receivable	0	523
	Short Term GIC's		
	General	121,149	125,975
	Cash Account 117,449 @.5		
	Edward Jones Investment		
	Memorium - @4.05% matures June 10, 2025	5,458	5,816
	Accrued Interest Receivable	3,901	3,901
	Long Term Investment Edward Jones @4.2 matures Feb 6, 2028	77,386	77,386
	Capital Assets - Land & Building	622,430	622,430
	TOTAL ASSETS	846,942	848,263
LIABILI	Accounts Payable		
EQUITY	Restricted Net Assets	77,386	77,386
	Unrestricted Net Assets	770,877	770,877
	Net Income	-1,321	
	TOTAL EQUITY	846,942	848,263
	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	846,942	848,263

Jan 31/25

Seagrave United Church Budget and Interim Report December 31, 2					
Receipts	Budget 2025	Budget 2024	Budget 2023	2025	2024
Benevolent Fund	200	200	200		160
Canvass	5,000	7,500	7,500		3,140
Catering Income	500	500	500		575
Concert Receipts	0	2,200	2200		0
Craft Show	1,500				1,321
Donations	5,000	5,000	5,000	275	5,730
Envelope Givings	12,000	12,000	10,000	1,185	14,303
Food Bank Fund	0	0	0		0
HST Recovered	1,200	1200	1500		700
Interest	5,000	5,000	2,000		0
Keyboard Fund	0			200	1,275
Lift	0				145
Loose Collections	1,200	900	500	65	1,663
Meal Event	9,500	9,000	2000		10,752
Memorial Donations Fund	1,000	1000	1000		475
Men's Group	1,500	1500			1,835
Miscellaneous/Vibe Income	0	0	0		759
Mission & Service	3,500	3,500	3,500	236	2,557
Out-To Lunch	0	500	500		0
Outreach Activities	500	500	500		0
PAR Receipts	5,540	5,700	7,200	510	6,050
Rental Income	900	500	500		900
Sound System Fund	0	0	500		1,000
Sunday School	120	120	120	10	270
Talent Auction	8,000	8000	8000		8,259

Yard Sale	12,000	11,000	10000		15,976
Total Income	74160	75,820	63,220	2,481	77,845
Disbursements					
Accounting Fees	500	500	600		0
Advertising	100	100	160		25
Affirming Committee	1,000	1,000	1,000		596
Bank Charges	300	350	350		297
Benevolent Fund	3,000	3,000	3,000		1,025
Building Fund Exp	1,000	1,000	2,000		0
Catering Expenses	100	100	0		0

Computer Expense/Tech Team	500	2,000	2,000		1,698
Concert Expenses	0	500	500		0
Custodian	5,000	5,000	5,000	1,250	5,000
Equipment	1,000	1,000	1,000		0
Fund Amounts	100	100	100		1,275
Food Bank Expenses	0	150	350		0
Honoraria	1,500	1,500	1,500		200
HST expense	75	0	0		74
Insurance	4,674	4,674	6,000	412	4,252
Janitor Service	2,000	2,000	2,000		1,507
Men's Group	1,825	1500			1,835
Mission & Service	3,500	3,500	3,500		2,507
Memorial Donations Fund	1,000	1,000			475
Office Expense	1,050	900	900	1,020	873
Office Stationery & Supplies	500	500	500		525
Organist	9,100	4,800	7,200		6,200
Out-To Lunch Expenses	0	200	200		0
Outreach Activities	500	500	500		0
Pastoral Charge Exp	38,724	29,600	40,700		29,600
Powerpoint Compensation	3,000	3,000	3,000		2,700
Repairs & Maintenance	5,000	5,000	3,000		1,261
Session	100	100	250		50
Sunday School	50	50	50		0
Talent Auction	400	400	400		339
Treasurer's Compensation	2,500	2,500	2,500	625	2,500
Meal Event Expense	1,700	1000	500		1,624
Enbridge Gas	3,500	3,500	3,500	396	2,655
Hydro	2,000	2,000	2,000		1,451
Telephone/Internet	1,295	900	875	99	743
Misc Expense	500	300	300		939
Yard Sale Expense	2,000	2,000	2000		1,455
Total Expense	99093	\$ 86,224	97,435	3,802	73,681
Balance	-24933	\$ (10,404)	-34,215	-1,321	4,164
Bank Balance - end of period				10,254	6,796

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Seagrave United Church Statement of Operations

		2024	2023
INCOME:	Donations:		
	General	33,781	31,978
	Mission & Service	2,557	4,006
	Memorium	680	1,340
	Men's Group	1,835	1,090
	Total Donations:		
	Fundraising Income	38,453	20,686
	Interest Income	7,537	6,180
	Rental Income	1,000	450
	Sales Tax Rebate	2,077	2,991
	Total Income	\$ 87,920	68,721
EXPENSES:	Charitable Contributions		
	Various	800	700
	UCC Mission & Service	2,919	3,471
	Total Charitable Contributions:	3,719	4,171
	Ministry Expenses		
	Pastoral Charge	29,600	40,700
	Organist & Honoraria	7,500	8,450
	Commputer & technology	1,698	0
	Other	139	100
	Total Ministry Expenses	38,937	49,250
	Occupancy Costs		
	Insurance	4,293	5,464
	Repair & Maintenance	10,714	10,525
	Telephone	828	882
	Utilities	4,623	5,223
	Total Occupancy Costs	20,458	22,094
	Office & General		
	Bookkeeping & Accounting	2,700	2,500
	Computer & Internet	2,900	4,339
	Office Supplies & Advertising	1,846	1,571
	Total Office & General	7,446	8,410
	Other Expenses		
	Fundraising Costs	3,518	1,817
	Outreach	2,255	1198
	Service Charges	375	348
	Total Other Expenses	6,148	3,363
	Total Expenses	76,708	87,288
	Total Operating Income	\$11,212	-\$18,567

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ASSETS:	Cash & Bank	10,148	11,372
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	Men's Group	650	820
	Sales Tax rebate receivable	1,448	526
	Short Term GIC's		
	General	117,449	117,449
	Memorium	5,458	5,816
	Accrued Interest Receivable	3,901	3,901
	Long Term Investment	77,386	77,386
	Capital Assets - Land & Building	622,130	622,130
	TOTAL ASSETS	843,364	843,364
LIABILITIES	Accounts Payable		
EQUITY:	Restricted Net Assets	77,386	77,386
	Unrestricted Net Assets	765,978	765,978
	TOTAL EQUITY	843,364	843,364
	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	843,364	843,364

