

Local Board Meeting,
Seagrave United Church,
February 4, 2026

Present: Eleanor Sturman, Don Beacock, Betty Lou Beacock (co-chair session), Keith Puckrin (chair), Carol Coleman (treasurer), Wendy Hudgins (co-chair session), Rick MaAskill (stewards), Terry Taylor (trustees), Tara Taylor, Brooke Acton, Ian Wilgus (minister), Linda Hunter (music director), Anne Meredith (supervisor), John Olivero, Darlene Hallett (recording secretary)

1. Keith welcomed everyone at 7:09 and invited Ian to begin our meeting with prayer.
2. Motion #1 That the provided agenda for this meeting be approved.
Acton/Hudgins Carried.
3. Motion #2 That the minutes from the September 15, 2025 meeting be accepted as presented
Acton/Hudgins Carried.
4. Business arising from the minutes: none
5. Carol presented the treasurers report and answered questions.
Motion # 3 that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented.
Olivero/Terry Taylor Carried.
6. Other Reports: Motion #4 that all reports be accepted as one motion
Tara Taylor Tabled
Minister's Report - he will be eligible for ordination at the end of June
- outlined courses he has signed up for
- outlined how he is learning more about the community
Session - working on updating cancellation phone list
- Eleanor Sturman is replacing Linda Buscher on session
- review of upcoming services
- Ian taking continuing education course Aug. 11-16/26
- discussion of how to handle services for inclement weather and illness of minister forthcoming
- discussion of returning to weekly services at S.U.C. forthcoming
- supplies will be available for young people at time of service in lieu of formal Sunday School
Stewards - reviewed recent past activities
- noted that financial situation at end of 2025 was favourable

- upcoming plans included new door in upper hall and improvements to lower entrance.
 - Music - working on Easter theme
 - looking forward to the rest of the year
 - ECORC - spring meeting is May 1 & 2 at Trinity, Cobourg
 - Mark Sturman will be ordained at this meeting
 - Trustees - combined meetings of stewards & trustees are more efficient
 - upcoming plans include work on the church windows, installing the illuminated outdoor sign and monitoring and maintaining the conditions of the facility
 - the support given to the committee is appreciated
- Motion #4 was taken off the table. That all reports be accepted as presented. Tara Taylor/Acton Carried
7. New Business:
- i. Rick asked for thoughts on allowing a fund raising euchre for a local lacrosse group where a bar would be available. The stewards had already declined this suggestion. A lengthy discussion followed. Motion #5 That we decline hosting events involving alcohol until further investigations. Taylor/Taylor Carried
 Note: This issue is already being investigated by Betty Somerville. When her report is received a policy will be created
 - ii. Discussion around holding a 'Ham & Scalloped Potatoes' dinner was held.
 Motion # 6 That we hold a Ham & Scalloped Potatoes on Mar. 15
 Sturman/Tara Taylor Carried.
 - iii. John Olivero asked that we reconsider how to handle the monies in the Memorial Fund.
 - iv. The handling of the minutes of committee and board meetings was discussed. They should be passed to John Olivero who will then forward them to Karl Hegali. A copy of all minutes and accompanying reports should be placed in the appropriate binder that is in one of our filing cabinets.
8. Next meeting: June 10, 2026 7:00
9. The meeting adjourned on a motions from Tara Taylor.

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 Chairperson

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 Secretary

These minutes are in draft format until passed at the June 10/26 meeting.

SEAGRAVE SESSION REPORT TO THE LOCAL BOARD Feb. 4, 2026

1. We are working on further updates to our Emergency Church Service Cancellation Procedure. I still need information on Kevin Antoni Kings Bay
2. One of our members has come off Session due to ill health. I have found a replacement and I wish to nominate her this evening. Aly M.
3. Our Minister, Ian is planning the following services for this Spring:
 - a. Healing Service after our regular service Feb. 8 @ 1130
 - b. Messy Church end of April
 - c. Black History Church
 - d. Ash Wednesday
 - e. Good Friday and Easter
4. Our Organist/Pianist, Linda Hunter is planning a Hymn Sing service Feb. 22nd. Thanks to Linda we have enjoyed special music most Sundays which has been very uplifting.
5. We had a 6 week Study Group entitled 21 Things You Didn't Know About the Indian Act (4 participants). Thanks Ian for leading this discussion.
6. We held successful events this Fall – Talent Auction, Craft Sale and a Beef Supper and Concert
7. We had a Christmas Eve Service and Horse Drawn Wagon Rides before the service.
8. Ian has requested Continuing Education time for Aug 11 – 16th. Supply

Betty Lou Beacock, Co-Clerk of Seagrave Session

Seagrave United Church Balance Sheet

		2026	2025
ASSETS:	Cash & Bank	8,963	6,525
	Benevolent Fund	1,480	1,280
	Memorium	5,364	4,839
	Men's Group	1,245	1,245
	Lift Fund	145	145
	KeyBoard Fund	481	775
	Sales Tax rebate receivable	0	0
	Short Term GIC's		
	Edward Jones Investments 3.11% matures Dec 24, 2026	27,787	25,000
	Cash Account @.5	106,136	109,918
	Memorium - @2.3% matures June 10, 2026	5,679	6,004
	Accrued Interest Receivable	2,458	2,458
	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	859,554	858,005
LIABILI	Accounts Payable	0	0
EQUITY	Restricted Net Assets	77,386	77,386
	Unrestricted Net Assets	779,841	779,841
	Net Income	2,327	778
	TOTAL EQUITY	859,554	858,005
	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	859,554	858,005

Seagrave United Church Budget and Interim Report January 31, 2026

Receipts	Budget 2026	Budget 2025	2026	2025
Benevolent	200	200	0	1,480
Canvass	5,000	5,000	0	4,455
Catering Income	800	500	750	0
Concert Receipts	0	0	0	0
Craft Show	1,400	1,500	0	1,115
Donations	5,000	5,000	1,822	10,860
Envelope Givings	12,000	12,000	570	13,548
Food Bank Fund	0	0	0	0
Fundscript	200	0	0	215
HST Recovered	1,200	1,200	0	0
Interest	4,000	5,000	0	4,032
Keyboard (Choir)Fund	0	0	0	481
Lift	0	0	0	0
Loose Collections	1,000	1,200	15	1,275
Meal Event	9,500	9,500	0	9,484
Memorial Donations	500	1,000	200	370
Men's Group	1,500	1,500	90	2,093
Miscellaneous/Vibe Income	0	0	0	0
Mission & Service	3,500	3,500	242	3,419
Out-To Lunch	0	0	0	0
Outreach Activities	500	500	0	0
PAR Receipts	9,800	5,540	1,085	10,165
Ramp Fund	0			4,629
Rental Income	1,000	900	750	1,175
Sound System Fund	0	0	0	0
Sunday School	0	120		190
Talent Auction	8,500	8,000		10,210
Yard Sale	13,000	12,000		14,899
Total Income	\$ 78,600	74,160	5,524	94,095
Disbursements				
Accounting Fees	500	500	0	0
Advertising	100	100	0	0
Affirming Committee	1,000	1,000	0	0
Bank Charges	400	300	31	426
Benevolent Fund	3,000	3,000	0	1,100
Building Fund Exp	1,000	1,000	0	0
Catering Expenses	100	100	0	0

Choir	500		0	
Computer Expense/Tech Team	1,000	500	0	908
Concert Expenses	0	0	0	0
Craft Show			0	0
Custodian	5,000	5,000	1,250	5,000
Equipment	1,000	1,000	0	0
Keyboard Fund	0	100	0	0
Food Bank Expenses	0	0	0	0
Honoraria	1,000	1,500	0	1,300
HST expense	100	75	0	2,681
Insurance	4,674	4,674	419	4,962
Janitor Service	1,500	2,000	113	1,125
Men's Group	1,500	1,825	0	1,498
Mission & Service	3,500	3,500	0	3,419
Memorial Donations F	500	1,000	0	0
Office Expense	1,400	1,050	0	0
Office Stationery & Supplies	500	500	71	1,319
Organist	9,100	9,100	0	8,800
Out-To Lunch Expenses	0	0	0	0
Outreach Activities	500	500	0	0
Pastoral Charge Exp	41,076	38,724	0	38,724
Powerpoint Compensation	3,000	3,000	0	2,400
Ramp Building Exp	0		0	4,732
Repairs & Maint	5,000	5,000	0	1,188
Session	100	100	0	0
Sunday School	50	50	0	0
Talent Auction	400	400	0	0
Treasurer's Comp.	2,500	2,500	625	2,500
Meal Event Expense	1,700	1,700	0	2,022
Enbridge Gas	3,500	3,500	371	3,100
Hydro	2,000	2,000	208	1,981
Telephone/Internet	1,295	1,295	109	276
Misc Expense	500	500	0	2,217
Yard Sale Expense	2,000	2,000	0	1,639
Total Expense	\$ 100,995	99,093	3,197	93,317
Balance	\$ (22,395)	-\$24,933	2,327	778

Stewards yearly report February 2026

By Rick McAskill

The year 2025 has been quite a successful year, the number of fund raisers that were held this past year generated a good source of money

This year the old concrete steps were removed and a wooden ramp and steps built, for better access, one new light installed on ceiling of the lower door entry, a hand rail installed on the right side of the steps, possible a new more efficient door leading into the top floor of the building from the new steps, steps are under way to improve looks of the lower floor entry by the furnaces, increasing the size of the doorway, expand the furnace rooms and add a new ceiling.

Seagrave United Church – Trustees Year-End Report

The Trustees are pleased to share an update on our work over the past year. As both Trustees and Stewards of Seagrave United Church, our responsibilities overlap in caring for the church's

property, finances, and long-term well-being. To support this shared ministry, our meetings

were combined throughout the year, allowing for better coordination and more efficient

decision-making.

A major accomplishment this year was the installation of the new front entrance ramp. This improvement allowed us to safely remove the aging stone steps while making the church more accessible for all who enter. It reflects our ongoing commitment to ensuring that our building remains welcoming and safe for every member of the congregation and community.

Looking ahead to 2026, we have several important projects planned. These include continued maintenance of the church windows, renovations to the downstairs entrance, and the installation of the new illuminated Seagrave United Church sign generously donated by Scugog

Island United Church. Each of these projects supports the long-term care of our building and

enhances the visibility and accessibility of our church.

Throughout the year, we also continued to monitor the condition of the church property, addressed routine maintenance needs, and ensured that our insurance and property requirements remained up to date. These efforts help us plan responsibly for future needs and maintain the health of our facilities.

We are deeply grateful to the volunteers and congregation members who offered their time,

skills, and support. Your contributions — whether through hands-on help, advice, or financial

generosity — make a meaningful difference in the life of our church.

As we move into the coming year, the Trustees remain committed to responsible stewardship and to supporting the ongoing ministry of Seagrave United Church. Thank you for your trust and for walking with us as we care for this special place.