

Greenbank United Church

Local Church Board Meeting

April 29, 2026

Voting Members Present: Debbie Watson (Chair), Joanne Olivero (Trustee), Kelly Monkman (UCW), Mark Puckrin (Stewards), Barb Ward (Session), Emmy Ihome (ECORC), Patrick Dwyer (M&P), Doug Watson (Secretary/Treasurer)

Non-Voting Members present: Minister Ian Wilgus, Rev Anne Meredith (Supervisory Minister), Wilma & Ted Smith.

- Debbie Watson called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM and welcomed everyone.
- Min. Ian opened in prayer.
- Doug confirmed quorum.
- The minutes of the January 27, 2026 had been circulated prior. ***Motion to accept the minutes as presented by Barb Ward, seconded by Mark Puckrin. Carried.***

Doug Watson reviewed the operating statement and Balance Sheet for the first quarter ending March 31, 2026. The results for the quarter were better than anticipated due largely to the receipt of 2 grants and donations exceeding budget and expenses remaining in check. ***These were accepted as presented on a motion by Patrick Dwyer, seconded by Barb Ward. Carried.***

Correspondence: Doug read a letter from Graham McGregor, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism thanking us and approving our application to the Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant.

Business Arising from Minutes:

- Mark updated the Board on the Emergency Safety Plan. Working with Monsma Electric for installation of emergency exit signs, Acord Fire Prevention for extinguisher and dedicated lock box. Smoke detectors to be updated, a chair to be used to assist safe evacuation from the sanctuary, and a keyable lock for the front door.
- ***Motion: Upon approval of our Emergency Safety Plan by the Scugog Fire Prevention Officer, Stewards will proceed with the plan to a maximum of \$4,000. Moved by Mark Puckrin, seconded by Joanne Olivero. Carried.***
- Mark further updated the Board on the window cladding. ***Motion that the Board recommend to the Trustees that the aluminum cladding be done in all upper windows within the next 12 months with the Trustees providing the timeline when the work can be done. Moved by Mark Puckrin, seconded by Kelly Monkman. Carried.***
- Mark also mentioned that the roof had been repaired.

New Business:

- ***The joint Session moved the recommendation that worship services for the Pastoral Charge be paused from July 5 to July 26 inclusive. Moved by Barb Ward, seconded by Pat Dwyer. Carried.***

Debbie to contact SUC's Board Chair and this would be before the Unified Board for final approval.

- **Wilma Smith moved that up to \$1000 be spend to modify the existing doors to sliding doors on the west side of the kitchen. Seconded by Joanne Olivero. Carried.**
- Further discussion on a screen available in the choir loft to the choir could see the powerpoint presentation real time. **Moved that Debbie investigate the TV and cabling cost to accomplish this. Seconded by Patrick Dwyer. Carried.**
- Ian Wilgus and Doug Watson presented a brief summary of Project 2035. Ian reviewed the neighbourhood profile that Tori, Growth Animator provided. Over the next 6 months, each group was asked to go back to their committees and start the necessary discussions. See if some strategic initiatives could be presented back to the Board for their next meeting with possibly a facilitator assisting the further development of a strategic plan in 6 months time.

Reports:

- **Minister Report:** Ian is working toward his ordination with a schedule June interview for approval for ordination.
 - Ian will be taking a one week Study leave in August to attend Collective, a youth gathering
 - Karen Croxall has applied to be a VAM for our Pastoral Charge. Ian looks forward to working with her
- **Session:** Barb Ward: Report appended to minutes
- **Stewards:** Mark Puckrin: report appended
- **Trustees:** Joanne Olivero: Susan Duivesteyn resigned her position as Trustee and Emmy IHEME was elected as a Trustee at the March AGM.
- **UCW:** Kelly Monkman updated the activities of the group
- **M&P:** Pat Dwyer: M&P had recommended to Session the pausing of worship services in July
 - At their last meeting, a motion in support of Ian Wilgus to be given a call to our Pastoral Charge subject to ordination was passed
 - Currently working out music arrangements between Kyle and Val
 - Working on obtaining a sign person
- **ECORC:** Emmy IHEME: Ian will be in attendance at the spring meeting

Next meeting: September 16, 2026 @ 7 PM @ GUC

Debbie reminded everyone of the Joint Congregational meeting on May 19 @ 7 PM @ GUC

Min. Ian closed in prayer.

Barb Ward moved adjournment at 8:56 PM

Debbie Watson
Chair

Doug Watson
Secretary Treasurer