

Minutes

Jubilee Council Meeting

September 10, 2025

Present: Kye Andrews (Music School), Spencer Clinton (Christian Development), Kathy Coats (M&P), Cher Colford (Jubilee Cares), Fran Crabe (UCW), Christine Crosby (Facilities), Rev. Anne Dionisio (Minister), Deborah Johnston (Secretary), Pam Lock (Outreach/Regional Representative), Barb M. (Worship), Jeanette May (Chair), Gary Norris (Treasurer), Rev. Norm Seli (Minister), Bill Watson (Trustees), Valerie Winters (AIC-Property)

Regrets: John Barr (Finance), Susan-Jane Bynoe (Worship), Christine Petrie (Finance), Doris Doidge (Member-at-Large), Pat Lansche (Fundraising and Event Support)

Call to Order

Jeanette May

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with a welcome and prayer.

Kye explained that he was testing the OWL recording system which tracks 360 degrees and could be used for hybrid (in-person and Zoom) meetings. There was agreement that the meeting could be recorded.

Agenda Review

Q2 Treasurer's Report – Gary Norris was added to the Committee Reports.

Approval of Minutes of Council Meeting on June 11, 2025

Moved by Pam Lock and seconded by Rev. Norm Seli that the minutes of the June 11, 2025 Council meeting be approved.

Carried

Business Arising from the June 11, 2025 Minutes

- Photo Directory: Norm reported that the photo directory has finally been received and is being distributed. The company provided all the digital files so Jubilee will be able to print more copies, if necessary.
- New Hymn Book: Jeannie Wyse and Rev Norm have been reviewing the new hymn book, *Together we Sing*, and are recommending that Jubilee not order copies at this time. Jeanie and Norm are continuing to assess it. Jeannie may select individual pieces for use in the choir for anthems. Council agreed that there would be no mass purchase of *Together We Sing*, and will not reconsider its purchase before 2026.
- First Aid/CPR: A few staff and volunteers completed CPR, AED, and Naloxone training this summer. Kye Andrews and Haley Brown are planning to complete the training.
- Communication Strategy: Anne introduced a proposal for a monthly "Spotlight" during worship and in the Jubilation newsletter to highlight under-recognized ministries (e.g. Jubilee Fitness, Collections – food, etc.)

ACTION: Council members will send Rev. Anne their ideas for programs to Spotlight.

Ministers' Reports

Anne Dionisio

- The Ukelele camp ran smoothly with 12 campers and strong volunteer support. The theme was *Neighbourliness*.
- The first Common Ground Worship Service of the season was held on September 7. In July, Kye and Anne invited a group of people to brainstorm about the service. Common Ground Worship will be held at 7pm on the 1st Sunday of each month from September through June.
- The Women's Bible Study group has restarted and will continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.
- The 20-Somethings Group is transitioning to a Wednesday evening schedule.
- The Path of the Wise Woman Retreat, which will be held on October 17–19 at Five Oaks Retreat Centre, has 14 registrations to date.
- Rev. Anne continues to make Pastoral Care connections, over the phone, by email and in person.

Norm Seli

- Summer Worship attendance remained strong, with consistent online engagement and Ulterior Worship participation.
- Chancel acoustic treatment scheduled for this summer has been delayed to summer 2026.
- The Giving Board is now up in the corridor opposite the Auditorium. This is a way for people to offer items or services free of charge and for individuals to access these items. Norm will be populating the board and promoting it beginning next week.
- Jubilee is beginning a new relationship with a program 'From You to Them'. This is a non-profit organization that collects clothes and shoes from all over Toronto, sorts them and makes them available at no cost through a variety of pop-ups at food banks and other events. Jubilee folks will be welcome to participate.
- Jubilee's 25th Anniversary Celebrations will take place in October–November and will include: guest preacher Rev. Malcolm Sinclair (Oct. 5); relaxed Thanksgiving service (Oct. 12); Pride and Praise Choir and BBQ (Oct. 19); Sparkling Evening fundraiser (Oct. 24); Witches Brew lunch after church (Oct 26); Tea and Trivia (October 29); and Greatest Church Lunch (Nov. 2). Pat Lansche has prepared an updated Jubilee history to be distributed digitally, with potential for print copies. The children in Godly Play are making a Creation Time banner project with the 25th anniversary theme. Branded merchandise will be for sale.
- Rev. Norm is dealing with multiple members in hospital and palliative care, with ongoing weekly pastoral contacts.

ACTION: Norm will give Gary an idea of the funds needed for the anniversary celebrations.

Outreach Report

Pam Lock (see attached report)

- Pam reported on the launching of Jubilee's partnership with 'Soles for Souls'
- A new mini-series of presentations entitled, 'Making Decisions to Simplify and Enhance Your Life', will be held on Mondays: November 10, 17, and 24
- Brookbanks Grannies concert to be held on September 26

- As an acknowledgement of Council's commitment to social justice, Council agreed several years ago to utilize Fair Trade Coffee on Sundays after church
- Christine Crosby is working with 33 Division of the Toronto Police Service in managing Food Bank donations and financial contributions to community partners

Grove Music School Q2 Report

Kye Andrews (see attached reports)

- A May studio class and the spring recital fostered community and performance skills. Certificates for performances and recordings were introduced and well received.
- Ukelele Camp was promoted through church and local channels and was a joint effort with Rev. Anne.
- Promotion of the Music School is through posters distributed in local community centers. An application has been submitted to become an approved TDSB vendor.
- Joni Mitchell Blue concert was presented by Music School Instructors and was a huge success.
- Approximately 65 students have participated in the Music School this fall, with growth in adult participation.

Treasurer's Q2 Report

Gary Norris (see attached reports)

- The audit was completed on July 15.
- Gary noted that the grease trap needs to be replaced.
- He also mentioned the need to assess the number of Clover machines Jubilee has.

ACTION: Norm, Kye, and Val will advise Gary how to allocate funds for equipment purchased and used by the Music School and by Jubilee.

Coffee Team Leads

Val Winters

- Coffee service following Sunday services will start on September 21
- Pam volunteered to be responsible for checking coffee supplies each week
- Val asked each Committee Chair to sign up their committee to serve coffee for one month
- The Music Board volunteered to serve coffee on one Sunday
- Norm volunteered to train people on using the dishwasher on December 7.

ACTION: Committee chairs will check with their respective committees and advise Val what month they will sign up to serve coffee after the Sunday services.

Next Meeting Dates

October 8
November 12
December 3

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

Approved October 8, 2025

Jeanette May