

Minutes

Jubilee Council Meeting

October 8, 2025

Present: Kye Andrews (Music School), John Barr (Finance), 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), Valerie Winters (AIC-Property)

Regrets: Susan-Jane Bynoe (Worship), Doris Doidge (Member-at-Large), Pat Lansche (Fundraising and Event Support), Bill Watson (Trustees)

Call to Order

Jeanette May

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Jeanette explained that the OWL recording device is being used again to assist with note-taking and draft minutes.

Agenda Review

Jubilee Cares and Finance were added to the Committee Reports.

Approval of Minutes of Council Meeting on September 10, 2025

Moved by Val Winters and seconded by Christine Crosby that the minutes of the September 10, 2025 Council meeting be approved.

Carried

Business Arising from the September 10, 2025 Minutes

- There was further discussion about ideas for monthly spotlights on Jubilee's programs and ministries. Anne suggested adding a small form or poster to the Table of Opportunities so congregants can suggest topics. It was also suggested that Spotlights could be presented on the Jubilee Anniversary events in October, the Women's Bible Study, and the Path of the Wise Women series.
- Norm confirmed that major anniversary expenses were covered through existing sponsorships and proceeds from events such as the Sparkling Evening. Any remaining expenses are minor and expected to net to zero. Gary requested advance notice of any upcoming outlays to manage the cash flow. Norm advised that he can notify Gary at the beginning of each month regarding the expected expenses for that month.

ACTION: Gary and John will develop a procedure for advising the Treasurer about upcoming expenses and which accounts they will come from.

- Norm, Kye, and Val were going to advise Gary on how to allocate funds for various equipment that has been purchased and used by the Music School and by Jubilee. Norm explained that consultant discussions and restructuring are underway, which will inform how to allocate shared church/music school equipment purchases.

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

- All months for managing coffee service after the Sunday services have been assigned except for May. John Barr tentatively volunteered the Finance Committee for February, with Christian Development to assist, if needed.

ACTION: Val will confirm May's coffee coverage and finalize the 2025–26 schedule.

Confirmation of Council's Email Vote re Funding of Corner Stone Project

Jeanette May

Council confirmed the September 25, 2025 email vote approving the Corner Stone Working Group to proceed with the revised design and cost for the Corner Stone Project. Funding will be shared between the AIC and the Anniversary Fund, with the exact allocation will be determined by the AIC and Trustees. There are sufficient funds in these accounts to cover this expense without affecting any other projects. The emailed motion was as follows:

Moved by Val Winters and seconded by Rev. Norm Seli that Jubilee Council authorize the Corner Stone Working Group to proceed with the installation of the five cornerstones design and that the cost be shared between the Amalgamation Implementation Committee funds and the Anniversary Fund, as determined by the Amalgamation Implementation Committee and the Trustees.

Carried with 15 votes in favour on September 26, 2025

Ministers' Reports

Anne Dionisio

- Anne thanked Council members for attending her Covenanting Service and noted the strong participation from the choir and Grove Band.
- The Women's Bible Study group is looking at the book of Rebekah.
- Dates for the *20 Somethings* are October 26 (during/after Witch's Brew) and November 23. For December, they're considering a trip to the Farmer's Parade of Lights in Tyrone and then seeing the lights in Bowmanville.
- The Path of the Wise Woman Retreat will be held on October 17–19 at Five Oaks Retreat Centre and has 18 participants registered.

Norm Seli

- Anniversary celebrations are well underway. The following events are scheduled:
 - October 15 - Sing-along with Jeannie
 - October 19 - Pride and Joy choir performing at Jubilee's service and a BBQ after the service; also planning to dedicate the new Cornerstone Bench
 - October 24 – Sparkling Evening; Sponsorships have been received.
 - October 29 - Afternoon Tea and Trivia

- November 2 - The World's Greatest Church Lunch after the service.
- October 26 is the Witches' Brew potluck after church.
- On October 26th at 3pm, the Shining Waters Region will have their Celebration of Ministries service with seven people being ordained, commissioned or admitted to the United Church of Canada.
- Partnership with *From You to Them* begins in November; Jubilee will host storage and clothing sorting sessions.
- Volunteers have prepared chili and shepherd's pie for pastoral outreach, with more cooking days planned.
- The Men's Contemplation Group is back after a summer break. Meeting on Wednesday by Zoom and currently reading David Brooks book, "The Second Mountain".
- Anne and Norm are planning to share preaching for the Remembrance Day service on November 9 and Anne will lead an Intergenerational Service on November 16. Norm and Anne will be sharing leadership throughout Advent. The Christmas Pageant will be on December 21 and Pajama Church will be on Sunday, December 28.
- The Christmas concert will be on Saturday, November 29 featuring the Jubilee Choir and Jackie Richardson.
- The Christmas dinner will be provided by Gary and will be served on Friday, December 5.

Outreach Report

Pam Lock (see attached report)

- Pam confirmed the fall mini-series 'Making Decisions to Simplify and Enhance Your Life' will run on November 10, 17, and 24 at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary. Posters have been distributed, and neighbouring congregations invited.
- Pam stated that October is Clergy Appreciation Month and she gave some remarks to appreciate the great work of both Norm and Anne.

AIC/Property

Val Winters (see attached reports)

- Tiny Box Shed installation complete except for electrical hookup and air exchanger and the back two walls.
- Soffit & fascia and eavestroughs have been replaced.
- Water seepage noted in the library after heavy rainfall; Redpath is investigating drainage.
- Parging at bottom of downspouts – to be completed by Marcus in October.
- Cornerstone Bench construction began October 7 and is expected to complete by October 15.
- HVAC planning for 2026 replacement – Marcus to get 3 quotes for engineer design.
- Hot water tank has been replaced and a recirculatory pump has been added for optimal running of the hot water heater.
- Emergency removal of large maple tree and pruning of 2 other large maple trees.
- The grease trap in the kitchen has been replaced as the existing one was corroded beyond repair.
- Emergency lighting box replaced; awaiting inspection by Safety First.
- Numerous maintenance projects completed since April, including floor refinishing, carpet and chair cleaning, refrigerator and freezer replacement, and touch-up painting.

Jubilee Cares

Cher Colford

- The group continues to broaden activities beyond children's events, offering intergenerational outings such as visits to Planet Fun, local theatre, and Pingles Farm. A Christmas Party for all ages is scheduled for December 6, with planning underway for shared spaces and activities.

Finance

John Barr

- Budget preparation for 2026 has begun. Committee chairs will be contacted in October for budget input, with submissions due by the November 12 Council meeting. A draft budget will be presented in December.

ACTION: John will reach out to Committee chairs in the next 2 weeks regarding their budget needs.

ACTION: Committee chairs will provide budget projections to John by the November 12 Council meeting.

ACTION: John will prepare a summary of what each committee has spent in 2025 to date and will send it to the Committee chairs to assist with their budget preparation

Other Business

Correspondence – Appointment of Jeanette May

Council formally acknowledged the letter from the United Church of Canada dated September 2025 confirming Jeanette's appointment to the United Church of Canada Board of Vocation.

Next Meeting Dates

November 12

December 3

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

Approved November 12, 2025

Jeanette May