

Minutes

Jubilee Council Meeting

June 10, 2026

Present: Kye Andrews (Music School), John Barr (Finance), Susan-Jane Bynoe (Vice-Chair), Spencer Clinton (Christian Development), Cher Colford (Jubilee Cares), Fran Crabe (UCW), Christine Crosby (Facilities), Rev. Anne Dionisio (Minister), Deborah Johnston (Secretary), André Latchman (Worship), Pam Lock (Outreach/Regional Representative), Jeanette May (Chair), Gary Norris (Treasurer), Rev. Norm Seli (Minister), Bill Watson (Trustees), Valerie Winters (Property)

Regrets: Doris Doidge (Member-at-Large)

Call to Order

Jeanette called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. after a social gathering in appreciation for the commitment of all the Council members.

Agenda Review

No changes were made to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes of Council Meeting on May 13, 2026

Moved by Val Winters and seconded by Spencer Clinton that the minutes of the May 13, 2026 Council meeting be approved.
Carried

Business Arising from May 13, 2026, Minutes

- Norm is planning to speak with Marty about the advisability of posting on Threads and will update Council at a later date.

ACTION: Norm will update Council regarding the decision on posting on Threads.

Ministers' Reports

Rev. Norm Seli

- Muffin church and Pride Sunday went very well.
- Twenty people attended the Seeds of Hope Breakfast and Janice Meighan's presentation on Legacy giving as part of Legacy Giving Month. There was good discussion and the questions indicated a real interest in legacy giving. A list of those who have made legacy gifts will be added to the website.
- The Brown Bag and Bible discussion group continues on the second Sunday of each month after church.
- Nicole Joy Fraser will participate in the Indigenous Prayer Sunday on June 21. There will be smudging, drumming and song as part of the service.
- Anne and Norm will be around this summer, either both or at least one of them.
- An Emancipation Weekend BBQ will be held after church on Sunday, August 2.
- Ulterior Worship and services at Donway Place will continue through the summer, but Bible Study will take a break in July and August.

- Drew and Norm are planning a Definitely NOT Church event sometime this summer
- Norm is currently planning an Allyship event for Jubilee in the fall to focus on being stronger allies with the 2SLGBTQ communities.

Rev. Anne Dionisio

- May's Path of the Wise Woman workshop was well received, and the final workshop of the season will be on June 20 with Roz Espin and Anne facilitating. The Path of the Wise Woman sessions will continue in the fall.
- Dianne Clare has set up a Zeffy account for Jubilee to provide an online ticketing system
- Women's Bible Study will be paused for the summer.
- The June 7 Common Ground was postponed until July 5 and will focus on some of the favourite music from the past year and include a dessert potluck.
- Ukulele Camp has recruited a number of volunteers. The theme is "Letting your light shine." The camp will be shaped by the number, age and skill levels of kids registered.
- 20 Somethings will be meeting June 28 and again in July and August. There are seven core members and one newer young person who is excited to join.
- Anne is working with Kye to experiment with adding a music element to Godly Play.
- Anne thanked Spencer for his leadership with the confirmation class and his meeting with the young people.
- Pastoral Care provided across different mediums and circumstances: at coffee, over the phone, in office, on Sunday mornings, hospital visits, and people emailing to make the ministers aware of persons in need of care.

Committee Reports

Outreach

Pam Lock

- Jubilee folks continue to support the local Community Share Food Bank by depositing non-perishable food items in the bin in the Garden Room. Christine Crosby co-ordinates pickups and delivery with 33 Division of the Toronto Police Service. Items most requested include beans, chickpeas, lentils, and pasta, as well as personal care products.
- Many congregants give donations designated for food banks through PAR and envelopes on Sundays. As of March 30, 2026, Gary sent \$1,315 each to Community Share Food Bank, the Scott Mission, and Toronto Urban Native Ministry.
- The semi-annual lecture series, "Be Informed, Be Entertained, Be Inspired", will resume in November on Mondays, November 9, 16, 23. Details will be provided in September.
- The congregation continues to give generously to the national Mission and Service fund. As of March 30, 2026, Gary sent \$11,955 to M&S (covering the end of 2025 to January 31, 2026). In the coming issue of *Jubilation*, there will be information about supporting M&S through gifts in the *Gifts with Vision* catalogue.

Property

Val Winters

- Marcus has stepped down as the Building Upgrades Coordinator and will now volunteer on the Property Committee.
- HVAC replacement will be deferred for another year to allow more time to evaluate the church's needs.
- Velocity Air Systems evaluated the HVAC system, finding two heat exchangers with cracks that need to be replaced. Work on the ducts is also required.
- A grant application was made through BOMA but was denied as churches are ineligible.
- There is a need for an occupied indicator on the accessible washroom and replacement of the push-button door openers with touchless ones.
- The walkway around the outdoor cross in the front of the church has been levelled, and name plates of the amalgamated churches will be mounted on the wall.

- Val and Barb Secord are working on a Property Manual to document contractors and service providers' contact information, schedules and activities.
- A suggestion was made that the Green Team be reactivated to focus on energy efficiency and sustainability, and Emily from the Burning Bush Ministry could be involved as a resource.

Grove Music School

Kye Andrews

- Kye reported that the Music School year ended with 70 students enrolled in private lessons and ensembles.
- The spring recital had 34 students participating.
- The Music School Board approved a modest increase in tuition to support sustainability.
- The Jubilee Kids Open Mic event, which was held on April 11, had 18 participants.
- Plans for other community events are tentatively scheduled for the first Saturday in November, February, and May, in collaboration with Jubilee Cares.
- There was discussion about the possibility of making the community concert a free-will donation event, considering various methods of accepting donations.
- Summer programming includes a band ensemble, Ukelele Camp, and approximately 20 students taking private lessons.
- An informal gathering for the adult students to share their gifts was well received.
- A community concert and BBQ will be held on July 30 focusing on Adele's album '21'

ACTION: Kye will provide Bill Watson with the details of the music instructors for 2026-2027 and will ensure that the contracts are signed prior to the start of the fall term.

Next Meeting Dates

- Jeanette reminded members that Council does not meet during July and August. Any issues that arise during the summer months will be dealt with by the Council Executive (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, M&P and Trustee), but all Council members will be notified of any scheduled meeting and can choose to attend if they wish.
- It was agreed that meetings will continue to be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm., with the exception of December due to a conflict in scheduling.
- The fall meetings are scheduled as follows:
 - September 9
 - October 14
 - November 11
 - December 2

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Approved September 9, 2026

Jeanette May