

# **Minutes**

## **Jubilee Council Meeting**

### **May 13, 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), Jeanette May (Chair), Gary Norris (Treasurer), Rev. Norm Seli (Minister), Bill Watson (Trustees), Valerie Winters (AIC-Property)

Regrets: Doris Doidge (Member-at-Large), André Latchman (Worship), Pam Lock (Outreach/Regional Representative)

#### **Call to Order**

Jeanette called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Agenda Review**

UCW added to the Committee reports

#### **Approval of Minutes of Council Meeting on April 8, 2026**

*Moved by Val Winters and seconded by Cher Colford that the minutes of the April 8, 2026 Council meeting be approved.*

*Carried*

#### **Business Arising from April 8, 2026 Minutes**

Rev. Norm Seli

- Pat Lansche and Norm met on May 30 after Church with others invited to share ideas about fundraising or other events that could be held at Jubilee.
- There were some resources and assets that became known, and some ideas that might be relevant to pastoral care or to Jubilee Cares.
- People had ideas, but they didn't want to run the event.
- Pat will take any ideas to Council for approval.
- These meetings will be held occasionally - the next one sometime in the fall.

#### **Ministers' Reports**

Rev. Anne Dionisio

- 20 Somethings are planning to meet on May 17 and will continue through the summer.
- Roz facilitated a Path of the Wise Woman event on April 18 and the next workshops will be on May 16, one more in June and then continuing in the fall.
- Common Ground took place on May 3 and was very well received. The final Common Ground for this season is on June 7. Favourite music from the past year will be highlighted.
- There will be three more Bible Study sessions and then a break in July and August.
- Ukulele Camp Registration is up and running. The theme is letting your light shine.
- The freezer meal ministry continues to provide meals for folks for many different reasons.
- It was a pleasure to have Rev. Emily Gordon at Jubilee on April 26. Emily is a tremendous liturgist and preacher, and was very well received.

Rev. Norm Seli

- Jubilee is seeing a lot of folks who are new to the faith or have no church upbringing at all, but are looking for something. These people come and go as they explore. Staying or going is not a sign of Jubilee's quality, but of the appropriateness of the connection.
- The digital numbers remain strong and very consistent, suggesting community. Norm meets with some of the digital followers from time to time. Some come to join Jubilee in person after checking us out for a year or two. Some remain connected to other churches socially, but draw their spiritual connection through Jubilee.
- Marty is doing good work with Jubilee's digital material, but logarithms are changing and he has recommended ways to increase the numbers significantly. This summer, Marty and Norm will spend some time considering Jubilee's position (which is strong if not reaching full potential) and consider ways to increase the impact of our digital outreach.
- It was suggested that Jubilee consider posting on Threads as a platform and, if appropriate, set up cross-posting of Instagram content there.
- Ulterior Worship, Common Ground and Worship at Donway Place continue with enthusiasm.
- 32 folks from Jubilee went to see Emma at Scarborough Village Theatre. Most attended the Stone Cottage Pub after and a great time was had by all. A Fall outing is being planned.
- Rev. Emily Gordon will be back on September 26. The Burningbush ministry is now housed within Jubilee's administrative structure.
- A breakfast will be held on May 30, led by Janice Meighan, to discuss legacy giving.
- Pride Sunday will be held on May 31.
- There will be a Muffin Church on June 7.
- Diane Leah will be providing music leadership with the choir on June 14.
- Norm is waiting to hear from Nicole Joy Fraser about her leading Worship on June 21, which is Indigenous Prayer Day.

**ACTION:** Norm will speak with Marty about the advisability of posting on Threads.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Treasurer's Q1 Quarterly Report**

Gary Norris (see attached reports)

- Gary stated that envelopes and PAR givings are significantly under budget.
- The Grove Music School is covering 80-90% of its costs, reducing the need for subsidies and indicating strong participation.
- Marcus' contract will not be renewed as of June 3 at his request. This will reduce the salary expenses from June through December as he will not be replaced. He said he will volunteer to sit on the Property Committee.
- Norm confirmed that Marty's contract continues unless it is renegotiated.
- Some iPads for the choir have been purchased using the amalgamation budget, supporting modernization efforts.
- There was discussion on the pros and cons of setting a minimum for Tap payments, ultimately agreeing that accepting small Tap payments is necessary to accommodate modern payment habits.
- Tap machines for donations were also discussed, but will need to go to the Trustees first.

## **Jubilee Cares**

Cher Colford

- Jubilee Cares families helped the Property Committee with Cleanup Day. Over 30 people attended and ended the event with a hot dog lunch.
- Approximately 25 people attended the pizza and movie night on April 26 and watched "My Big Fat Greek Wedding."
- Upcoming events include:
  - a pizza and movie night on June 28 to watch "Hairspray"
  - a line dancing event on June 13, followed by Community Table
  - further events throughout the summer.
- A registration fee of \$10 is being suggested to offset costs, but financial support will still be available for those who need it.

## **Outreach Report**

Pam Lock (see attached report)

- Jeanette highlighted Pam's report on Outreach activities, mentioning a well-attended Speaker Series with topics on gut health, avoiding scams, and the history of Chinese in Toronto. There was discussion about adding another telephone number to Jubilee for posting lectures from Outreach.
- The fall Speaker Series is booked for November 9, 16, and 23, with topics yet to be determined.
- Jubilee continues to support the local food bank with Christine Crosby's assistance, given her role at 33 division of the Toronto Police Service.
- Pam receives emails from the United Church of Canada and forwards those that she thinks might be of interest to Council or committees.

## **Christian Development**

Spencer Clinton

- Spencer stated that the confirmation program that has been running for five consecutive Sundays was initially planned for ten weeks. The schedule is flexible, and more sessions may be added if needed, and depending on the participants' availability.

## **UCW**

Fran Crabe

- The UCW donated \$2,000 to Camp Scugog, which is a summer camp that is supported by the United Church.
- Kye spoke at the recent UCW meeting, providing information about his role at Jubilee and the Grove Music School.

## **Other Business**

### **Garage Sale**

Valerie Winters

- Over 100 volunteers participated in the garage sale, some coming on all three days.
- The garage sale saw increased sales in most sections, except for treasures and sports.
- The garage sale netted a profit of approximately \$22,500.

## **Next Meeting Dates**

June 10 at 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Approved June 10, 2026

*Jeanette May*