

**CALVARY UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, September 13, 2016 7:00 P.M.**  
**MINUTES**

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PRESENT: John Moody, Donna Thorsen, Gerry Koshman, Arleen Koshman, David Knouse, Rob Dalziel, Ray Griffin, Harvey Agnew, Debbie McPherson, Rev. Nora Vedress, Alison Brooks-Starks, Shirley Stobbs, Staci Hayes, Marilyn Wicker, Dave Towers, Kathy Edwardsen, Clare Middleton

- 1 Call to Order and Opening Prayer – Rev. Nora Vedress 7:05 pm
2. Review of Minutes of June 14, 2016
3. Errors or Omissions  
Alison's title corrected in the motion.
4. Adoption of Minutes of June 14, 2016  
**MOTION** to accept the minutes as amended Dave Towers/Staci Hayes **CARRIED**
- 5 Business Arising from the Minutes of June 14, 2016  
No business arising
- 6 Review and Adoption of September 13, 2016 Agenda  
**MOTION** to adopt the agenda as circulated Rob Dalziel/Arleen Koshman  
**CARRIED**
- 7 Correspondence  
St. Andrews – REQUEST FOR US TO HOLD A ;College of Vocation Sunday”  
Pantry Box  
**MOTION** to accept the installation of The Little Free Pantry on church property.  
Rob Dalziel/Dave Towers **CARRIED**  
Alison Brooks-Starks letter re discernment  
**MOTION** to accept her request for discernment Claire Middleton/Ray Griffin  
**CARRIED**  
We need to find 2 people to participate in the process.
- 8 Staff Reflections  
Debbie  
We hit the ground running. Sept. 1 was a Thursday and since I don't work Fridays I had a lot to get done for the first Sunday service and the Welcome Back Postcard. I came in on August 31 so I could get the postcards to everyone's mailbox before Sunday. I think most people got them. I made it home to Ontario for 2 weeks in August and had a really good time. Touched base with a lot of family and friends. I went to the Ladies retreat at Camp Tapawingo and had a really good time. There have been a lot of changed addresses and phone numbers over the summer and I don't know how we get everyone to contact the church when there are changes. It's in every newsletter but they still don't manage to keep us in the loop. Any suggestions would be welcome. With 2 funerals and fall supper tickets on sale it has been very busy in the building. Before you know it I'll be organizing offering envelopes and tax receipts for year end. There is a Church Office Workers seminar this year in October which I will be attending and I am looking forward to reconnecting with the other ladies again.

## Alison

My first couple weeks have been a whirlwind of new and old faces and of planning and prepping. My first two Sundays with the large-group Sunday School went well, though planning for age 3 to grade 12 is new!

I have outlined the rest of 2016 with Nora and will ask the youth for their input and ideas as well. Potential upcoming projects to watch out for beyond monthly Youth and Junior Youth include:

- BAF (Bring a Friend Night) once a month for youth and friends
- Solo Time outside for grade 8 to older adults culminating in a 24 hour spiritual solo for the grade 12s at the end of the year
- Home Church for grade 12 to age 30 twice this semester
- Drop in times for youth to chat

All of this is pending youth needs.

My office hours are M/T/W with a flexed lunch on Tuesday to join Calvary's yoga. My 5th Sundays off this semester are October 2nd, Nov 20 and Dec 11.

I had a meeting with a former colleague about how she connects with youth, and also talked with Lorelei, the CE committee and Nora. I have created a professional facebook account (Alison Brooks-Starks). The CE committee has discussed using the Remind app or Whatsapp to group-text parents information about special Sunday School info (ie. Carnival, starting immediately communion weeks, pageant practice, etc) and I'm considering using snapchat and texts with the youth. Beginning this job, I feel it important to set up good online and phone boundaries, so I will discuss with M&P the best way to balance communication with boundaries.

Looking forward with excitement to the month ahead and the first youth group this Sunday where we plan to eat a lot of ice cream.

## Nora

We are nearly half way through September and things are going wonderfully well. The first two services of the season have been well attended and fun to plan and do. I'm looking forward to the next few weeks and what will unfold.

The hardest part of starting up again has been the funerals. It seems we may have reached that stage of our church family when the funerals we officiate at belong more to our church family than the wider community as has been the norm these past 11 years. I am deeply grateful to everyone who has pulled together to support our grieving members. As always the UCW has gone above and beyond. Thank you.

On a personal note I wanted you all to know that I will be heading to Ontario in October for 10 days give or take. The light reason is a homiletics course that is being offered in Toronto. The timing however will allow me to take my dad to an oncologist's appointment on the 26th. He is having surgery Oct 3 to remove four spots that seem to be cancer. We will know more on the 26th. I'd appreciate you all holding him and my mum (Jim and Helen) in your prayers.

Finally it is simply delightful to have Alison in the office. She has brought with her joy, enthusiasm, humour and some amazing ideas. She has some big shoes to fill and a big job to do. But I'm confident she's up to the task.

I think that is all I know for now.

Respectfully submitted Rev. Nora Vedress

## 9 Committee Reports

### 9.1 Trustees Rob Dalziel

Merv Benson's position needs to be filled.

9.2 Presbytery – Debbie McPherson  
No report Next full Presbytery meeting will be held in Hudson Bay in October.

9.3 Mission & Outreach – Kathy Edwardsen  
Meeting next week

9.4 Worship – Shirley Stobbs  
All went well this summer. Wesley was well attended by Calvary people .  
There were 3 funerals over the summer and a few weddings. One wedding is coming up in September.

There will be baptism on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION** to accept for baptism Braxton Simon Hoover, son of Shantelle Alexandersen and Shane Hoover. Dave Towers/Shirley Stobbs **CARRIED**

Nora will be away for October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and we will need pulpit supply.

9.5 Fellowship Donna Thorson  
-went over coffee schedule  
- Sept. 25 barbeque – Taits have once again donated all the burgers  
-Pot luck – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of October  
- Skills & Service Auction Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>

9.6 Stewardship/Finance Arleen Koshman  
We discussed and did some planning and organizing for the Clothing Sale on October 1, 2016. The sale will be from 9 am to 4 pm. Other committee members and members of the congregation will be asked to assist our committee with this sale. As well, we are wondering if any committee would like to run a bake sale or a hot dog sale or sell coffee and a muffin at the same time as the clothing sale.

We will be reading the information on the Congregational Giving Program :Salt and Light”. This program will be discussed at our next Stewardship meeting.

Harvey – financial statement up to July 31 was circulated

9.7 Christian Education Staci Hayes  
We are excited to begin a new Sunday school season and we are ecstatic to have Alison join our team!!! Sunday school got underway September 4 and 11 with registration and group activities. Formal classes will begin September 18. Thank you to our teachers who have volunteered their time to teach our children this year. Once we get a gauge of how big our class sizes are, we may be looking for volunteers to assist our teachers to ensure a safe and appropriate adult/child ratio. Our first big activity will be the Children's Carnival on October 30. We will be accepting any volunteers to help with this event and we will also again be collecting donations of small toys or child appropriate trinkets for our fish pond. Our next meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2016 after worship.

9.8 Property – Claire Middleton  
Met with janitors  
Office prep for Alison  
Roof repairs on sheds  
Edging for shrub beds  
Wooden chairs – don't need so many - approached Camp Tapawingo to see if they want chairs.

**MOTION** that if Tapawingo wants them we give them to the camp. Clare Middleton/Shirley Stobbs **CARRIED**  
Some items need to be obtained for the office.

9.9 **U.C.W** Shirley Stobbs

We have catered 2 funerals this last week. The fall supper is pretty well under control. I could use someone to cut cucumbers and tomatoes and refill cranberry and pickle bowls for 5:30, someone to help wash pots and pans in the basement at 5:30 and also someone to scrape dishes at 6:15  
Thanks to the property committee for putting up the tables and chairs for us for the funerals and the upcoming supper.

9.10 Adult Christian Education – Ray Griffin  
Adult bible study has started

9.11 Ministry and Personnel  
No one from the committee here

10 New Business

10.1 United Church Remits – how do we want to proceed  
5 remits have to be voted on by congregations

1. 3 council model
2. Elimination of transfer and settlement
3. Office of vocation
4. Funding of new model
5. (remit 6) Order of ministry (ecumenical)

How do we educate the congregation?

- 1,2,3,4 have to be voted on by June 2017
- 6-by Feb. 2018

11 Other Business

August funeral – what is the protocol when we are closed?

12 Benediction – Rev.Nora Vedress

13 Adjournment

**MOTION** Staci Hayes 8:35 pm

\*\*Next Council Meeting – October 11, 2016 @ 7 pm

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John Moody, Council Vice-Chair

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Debbie McPherson, Recording Secretary