

03 16 2023 Brechin United Church Council MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 16, 2023 10:00 am In person

ATTENDANCE: Rob Russell (chair), Rev. Kris Jensen, Val Neilson, Linda Braid, Lynn Burrows, Marilyn Huffman, Darlene Darby, Kathy Torhjem (past chair), Grace Skomorowski, Gloria LeGal, Keith Allen, Susan Ward, Eileen Carolan.

Regrets: Rev. Tif McNaughton, Blaine Wilkins

WELCOME: by Rob Russell, Council Chair, who called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

DEVOTIONAL: By Marilyn Huffman, Read an excerpt from "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Add to new business: change to how reports are submitted and minute format.

Devotional be given by Marilyn Huffman

Date of Minutes to be adopted changed to February 16, 2023.

Motion: M/S Marilyn Huffman/ Linda Braid that the agenda is approved as amended. **Carried.**

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM FEB 16, 2023: M/S Valerie Neilson/ Grace Skomorowski that minutes are adopted. **Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE SENT: none.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Michael Blair, UCC re: category 3 remit.

Minister's Report – deferred until April due to illness.

Financial Report – Blaine Wilkins, see attached.

- Rob will clarify with Blaine why wages are lower this year than last.
- It was noted that weekly offering has increased since the move to the new building.

Pacific Mountain Region (PMRC) – Val Neilson, see attached.

- **Category 3 Remit** – vote deadline is March 31, 2024. This is a Category 3 Remit, and so requires a vote by every regional council and each pastoral charge's governing body. If a regional council or a pastoral charge does not register a vote, that is considered a vote against the proposal. Link to Study Guide: <https://generalcouncil44.ca/sites/default/files/2023-03/gc44-remit-1-study-guide-march-2023.pdf> If you have questions they can be submitted remits@united-church.ca
- Susan Ward will be submitting the PMRC report to Council from now on.
- Kathryn Baverstock is the alternate representative for PMRC and will be included in council emails.

Redevelopment – Val Neilson, see attached.

Many issues have been resolved and others are being attended to. The list is getting shorter!

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- Base board heating for the chapel and office administrator office will be installed in the next few months.
- Grand opening is set for April 29: Redevelopment team is organizing the invitation list. Pastoral Care has been asked to organize tea/ coffee and water.
- Clarification is needed on which surface parking spaces are designated for Brechin Church use.

Motion: M/S Linda Braid / Gloria LeGal that the above reports be accepted as presented.

Carried.

LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

Faith Formation and Spiritual Development (FF) - Darlene Darby, see attached.

- Grab Bags to be used if no Sunday School leader is available – will be created with help of others in the congregation and may inspire some to be involved in Sunday School.
- Darlene will be away March 26, April 2 and April 30. Linda volunteered to fill in for her if there are children at the services these days.
- Darlene will check with Tif to see if she knows where the children's library books are.

Ministry & Personnel – Linda Braid, see attached.

- Thanks to all who have been supportive of the staff and contractor. It has been a stressful time for all.
- Office administrator voice mail is working now. Cindy has started to work on rentals.
- La-Z-boy recliner in chapel is for anyone to use.

Brechin 4 ACTION – Lynn Burrows, see attached.

- Letter requesting RDN to increase area bus frequency on Sundays presented to Council chair for signature.
- Approval requested for use of church space for fall reconciliation events.
Dates: October 18, 2023, "Building Bridges" 8-5
November 15, 2023, "Paddling Together" 8-5

Motion: M/S Lynn Burrows/ Linda Braid that Council accept Brechin 4 ACTION team user application for fall reconciliation workshops Oct 18 and Nov 15, 2023. **Carried.**

- Marilyn Huffman clarified that "minute for mission" was a weekly feature in the past. Discussion about resuming this schedule by using video presentations. Worship team may have ideas and were asked for input. Further discussion deferred to a future Council meeting.
- Suggested of inclusivity/ cultural event at Brechin. Council agreed that conversation about this will be referred to the future visioning session which will allow Tif to be involved.

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Pastoral Care – Marilyn Huffman, see attached.

- Potluck is a week from Sunday and a sign-up sheet will be circulated this Sunday.

Property – Keith Allen, see attached.

- Pacificom –coming to program doors to be open on Sunday morning.
- Alarm system will be disarmed with key entry. Last person out push “away” button on alarm pad to set system. 11PM the alarm system will be automatically turned on.
- Facility use agreement amendments reviewed with council.
- facility user application must be completed for meetings outside of regular team meetings.
- applications are submitted to Cindy and reviewed by Keith and may require Council approval.
- Indemnity agreement does not need to be completed for Brechin sponsored events.
- Gloria will update facility user application and agreement and forward to Cindy.

Motion: M/S Keith Allen/ Darlene Darby that amendments to the facility user agreement be approved. **Carried.**

(First booking Saturday March 25 – Malaspina Choir Workshop)

Stewardship & Finance – no report.

Worship – Grace Skomorowski, see attached.

- Council’s approval requested to have a fundraiser “Brechin Bargains” in the Brechin Parking Lot on Saturday, May 13th. The rules would be the same as when we were at Beban Park. Like last year we would ask The Faith Formation and Property Teams to help us with set up and clean up.
- Council requested that First Services be consulted prior to going ahead. (this has been done by Grace)
- Suggested that cement areas (plaza/ walkway) be used rather than the parking lot.

Motion: M/S Grace Skomorowski / Valerie Neilson that the May 13th Brechin Bargains sale be approved.

- There will be transfer of membership for 3 members to Brechin United Church.

Motion: M/S Marilyn Huffman / Susan Ward that Leadership team reports be accepted. **Carried.**

OTHER REPORTS: none

OLD BUSINESS:

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- † Peggy Jensen's Meet and Greet is scheduled for March 31
- † Carving by Joel Good shown to Council by Marilyn Huffman. The plan is to hang it in the Cedar room and Marilyn asked Council for suggestions about the exact location.
- † Marilyn requested that a thankyou letter be sent to Joel for the carving.
- † Email was received by Gloria LeGal from the City of Nanaimo stating that they are waiting for funding to address the need for a cross walk and that it is in their plans to proceed with this work.

NEW BUSINESS:

- † Team funds: Discussion of whether Leadership Teams can have separate accounts.
 - Brechin 4 Action account line was added to help account for use of grant money. There will not be any change to the accounting, but profits will now be directed to the general account.
- Motion: M/S** Marilyn Huffman/ Linda Braid that all profits raised by any leadership team go into general revenue. **Carried.**
- † Request from Eileen Carolan to forward reports to her at e.carolan@shaw.ca and Cindy at brechinuc@shaw.ca.
 - Request from Council to have reports distributed by Tuesday at the latest, so receiving all reports on the Monday prior to Council meetings would be appreciated.
 - Kathy shared that the minutes must be numbered sequentially from month to month.

INTENTIONAL COMMUNICATION:

- † Rob will clarify query arising from Treasurers Report with Blaine.
- † Gloria Le Gal will update the Rental Agreement and forward it to Cindy.
- † Rob Russel will send a letter of thanks to Joel Good.
- † Valerie Neilson contact Kathryn Baverstock so that she is aware she will receive Council email messages.
- † Grace Skomorowski will contact First Services to confirm they are ok with the Brechin Bargains sale.
- † Leadership team reports should be forwarded to the secretary and to the office administrator.

CLOSING PRAYER – Rev. Kris Jensen

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 on the motion by Marilyn Huffman.

Next Council meeting: 10 AM on Thursday April 20, 2023, in person at Brechin United Church
Devotional: Valerie Neilson.

Rob Russell, Chair

Eileen Carolan, Secretary

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Ministers Report– Deferred to April due to illness.

Treasurers Report Submitted by Blaine Wilkins

Brechin United Church Balance Sheet As at 02/28/2023

ASSET

Current Assets

Petty Cash	121.40	
Chequing Bank Account	<u>5,075.78</u>	
Total Cash		5,197.18
Investments		221,903.42
GST Receivable	<u>1,982.95</u>	
Total Receivable		1,982.95
Prepaid Expenses		<u>499.34</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>229,582.89</u>

Capital Assets

Property	<u>347,000.00</u>
Total Capital Assets	<u>347,000.00</u>

TOTAL ASSET	<u>576,582.89</u>
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LIABILITY

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	<u>550.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>550.00</u>

Trust Accounts

Building fund	29,673.39	
Clear Building fund	-741.90	
The Spiritual Growth Fund	971.94	
Mission & Service	2,191.00	
Clear Mission & Service	-2,191.00	
Loaves & Fishes	1,060.00	
Clear Loaves & Fishes	-1,060.00	
Memorial Funds	4,868.20	
The Piemakers' Fund	852.35	
Clear The Piemakers' Fund	-581.94	
The Legacy Fund	97,115.71	
Brechin4Action Fund	3,112.53	
Clear Brechin4Action Fund	-77.73	
Ladies Friendship Group Fund	56.95	
Nanaimo Community Refugee Fund	70,943.36	
Total Trust Funds		<u>206,192.86</u>
Total Current liabilities		<u>206,192.86</u>

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TOTAL LIABILITY	<u>206,742.86</u>
EQUITY	
Retained Earnings	
Retained Earnings - Previous Year	373,391.48
Current Earnings	<u>-3,551.45</u>
Total Retained Earnings	<u>369,840.03</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>369,840.03</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>576,582.89</u>

Brechin United Church Comparative Income Statement

	Actual 01/01/2023 to 02/28/2023	Actual 01/01/2022 to 02/28/2022
REVENUE		
Revenue		
Local Contributions	23,082.42	18,723.20
Open donations	671.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	50.00	92.00
Friends of Brechin Wall Fund	1,618.72	0.00
Restorative Care Program Revenue	0.00	5,743.45
Investment Income	0.00	512.39
Total Operating Revenue	<u>25,422.14</u>	<u>25,071.04</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>25,422.14</u>	<u>25,071.04</u>
EXPENSE		
Overhead Expenses		
Moving & Temporary Space Expense	-750.00	3,038.80
Electricity	0.00	702.85
Equipment Service & Agreements	-183.70	0.00
Insurance	763.34	576.90
Janitorial	479.33	0.00
Contract Janitorial Services	2,198.63	0.00
UCC & Region Assessments	464.36	592.00
Repair & Maintenance General	268.80	0.00
Telephone & Internet Expense	146.01	382.82
Utilities	543.50	0.00
Total Overhead Expense	<u>3,930.27</u>	<u>5,293.37</u>
Payroll Expenses		
Wages & Salaries	16,426.77	24,008.56
Contracted Music Services	3,025.00	3,050.00
Minister's Continuing Ed & Book Exp	0.00	325.00
Employee Benefits	3,176.37	4,984.78
Pulpit Supply	448.00	0.00
Total Payroll Expense	<u>23,076.14</u>	<u>32,368.34</u>
General & Administrative Expenses		
Bulletins, Inserts & Service Suppli	85.92	0.00
Office Supplies	307.61	723.19
Bank Charges	121.50	121.50
Broadview Magazine Expense	-125.00	-55.00

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Fellowship Pastoral Care	0.00	29.81
Miscellaneous Expense	1,146.73	32.96
Subscription Expense	109.50	0.00
Bookkeeping and Payroll Expenses	320.92	324.41
Total General & Administrative	<u>1,967.18</u>	<u>1,176.87</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>28,973.59</u>	<u>38,838.58</u>
NET INCOME	<u>-3,551.45</u>	<u>-13,767.54</u>

Brechin United Church Income Statement 02/01/2023 to 02/28/2023

REVENUE

Revenue	
Local Contributions	13,208.01
Open donations	341.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	40.00
Friends of Brechin Wall Fund	650.00
Total Operating Revenue	<u>14,239.01</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>14,239.01</u>

EXPENSE

Overhead Expenses	
Insurance	381.67
Janitorial	59.99
Contract Janitorial Services	2,198.63
UCC & Region Assessments	464.36
Repair & Maintenance General	268.80
Telephone & Internet Expense	96.73
Utilities	543.50
Total Overhead Expense	<u>4,013.68</u>
Payroll Expenses	
Wages & Salaries	8,404.91
Contracted Music Services	1,375.00
Employee Benefits	2,258.22
Pulpit Supply	224.00
Total Payroll Expense	<u>12,262.13</u>
General & Administrative Expenses	
Office Supplies	277.36
Bank Charges	30.00
Broadview Magazine Expense	-25.00
Miscellaneous Expense	84.60
Subscription Expense	109.50
Bookkeeping and Payroll Expenses	163.77
Total General & Administrative	<u>640.23</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>16,916.04</u>
NET INCOME	<u>-2,677.03</u>

PMRC Report

The February Town Hall was cancelled as it would have immediately followed the announcement made from the Alberni Indian Residential School.

The dates for the General Meeting are June 1-4th to be held at the University of the Fraser Valley in Abbotsford. Due to the reasonably close proximity of the meeting, I am hoping some Brechin members might also attend as non-voting guests. Perhaps we can organize carpooling and maybe even share an Airbnb for accommodation nearby. Some folks may have family living in the area they can stay with. The worship team will also discuss what could happen for worship on that Sunday.

Thanks to Eileen for forwarding the information on the upcoming Remit. I will need to spend some time reviewing it.

Respectfully submitted by Val Neilson

Redevelopment Report

Progress continues...

The kitchen range has been installed. There will be a learning curve for using the induction cook top, although not a steep one. You will notice the stainless island is in place and perhaps the stainless trolleys by the end of the week.

We have a confirmed date of Saturday, April 29th for the grand opening. There has been a preliminary meeting of the team to list the tasks required and work has begun. Randy and I will attend a follow up meeting with Don Evans on Wednesday the 15th.

Respectfully submitted by Val Neilson

Faith Formation & Spiritual Development Report

We held a Faith formation Meeting on Monday, Feb 27th which was just really to update team members on various items and to pick a meeting date. We will be meeting in person on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm except in March.

Suzanne Sykes is no longer interested in heading up our library. She is happy to work with Marilyn Matson and Linda Allen in organizing the library and we will reach out to Eileen Carolan as well. We will have to purchase more checkout card supplies. We are not sure where all the children's books went from our former church. I will reach out to Tif when she is back at work in case she has them.

Since our last council meeting, I have only had children at 2 Sundays. I will be away March 26, April 2nd, and April 30th and I will reach out to Mom's Echo and Jennifer to advise them. I will be submitting a bill for a magazine subscription that I may use to set up a Sunday school grab bag system that the children can use when I am not able to be there for Sunday School.

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Our study group is up and running and is well attended. I have 3 extra books that will be billed to the library budget. Anne Manikel is interested in leading a study group in late summer/early fall about stewardship. More info to follow in June.

Anne Nesbitt shared the Braiding Sweet Grass is still going strong on zoom and has about 17 members attending.

Respectfully Submitted by Darlene Darby-Faith Formation Team Leader

M+P Report

Rev Tif and Linda have begun their discussion concerning her performance review. Unfortunately these sessions have been delayed due to her illness. Her Con Ed week of study (March 14-20) has also been postponed. M+P wishes Tif a speedy recovery.

The team will be meeting this Friday, March 17 to discuss items related to our minister and office administrator. We're also looking forward to meeting with Tim Weger, our Music Director, to review his performance to date and to allow him the opportunity to share his thoughts.

There have been several meetings with our office administrator to clarify her conditions of employment and as a result, the team plans to upgrade Cindy's agreement that was originally signed, with Brechin, in May 2010. At Cindy's request, her annual review has been rescheduled to be conducted annually in May. With regard to rentals, Cindy was briefed about the contracts by our Vice Chair and has begun to receive interest from the public. Many thanks to Keith for his assistance.

Ministry and Personnel would like to thank all those who have supported our staff and contractor these past four months, and respecting their schedules that has allowed Rev Tif, Cindy and Tim time to "learn the ropes" in a new building.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Braid, Team leader

Brechin 4 ACTION Team

I. Inclusivity at Brechin

Shalema Gantt, founder & president of the Nanaimo African Heritage Society was asked to join us at our March 9th meeting to talk about ways our committee may be able to encourage more inclusivity and diversity at Brechin. We discussed some ways our team might be able to take on these concerns as we move forward in the new church and extend ourselves to the people of Nanaimo. Shalema would be willing to assist us to some extent as she has many contacts in Nanaimo and a wealth of experience planning and hosting multi-cultural events. The idea of a music night could be one option or a multi-cultural event featuring different ethnic foods. One of our team members is discussing this with Tim Weger to see if he has interest & time in being involved in a music project. Since our team members are very short of time due to current actions and/or health issues, we are planning to ask the general Brechin congregation if some people would like to take on such a project/event.

II. Truth & Reconciliation

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1. 2023 Reconciliation Workshops and other actions re: Reconciliation:
 - (a) Fall Reconciliation workshops. We have now applied for a UC Justice and Reconciliation Funding Grant (asking \$3060) and will also be making application for a UCC Foundation Seeds of Hope Grant that covers up to 50% of expenses (we will be asking for \$1530). Deadline is April 15th. If need be, we will apply for a UC Pacific Mountain Region ProVision Grant: Deadline is May 15th
 - (b) 8th Annual indigenous Speaker Series – Monday, March 20 6:30 to 8:00 pm in person at VIU's Malaspina Theatre, (or online). Speaker is Wilson Williams, Squamish Nation Councillor and Spokesperson. Moderated by Nahlah Ayed, host of CBC Radio's "Ideas". We can register for in-person or for on-line (free event) at Eventbrite.ca. Several team members are registered for this.
 - (c) Indigenous Workshops
 - (i) *Traditional indigenous Community Drum Gathering* with Patrick Alec, Jr. held February 18th at Brechin. 14 Participants. Excellent gathering – Profit of \$90 was deposited in our B4A account.
 - (ii) *Indigenous Walking tour of Departure Bay* with Dave Bodaly – Snuneymuxw FN held on March 4th. 12 Participants. This was a walking tour focusing on local Indigenous history. Another excellent gathering! Profit of \$30 was deposited in our B4A account.
 - (iii) *Indigenous Carving Workshop* with Doug Ravenwood. Tentatively planned for April 23rd has been postponed until the Fall.
 - (iv) *Community Indigenous Drum Circles* – Free monthly drum circles with Patrick Alex, Jr. at VURL, Harbourfront Branch downtown. For monthly dates, see VURL website.

III. Other Actions/Workshops

- IV. Labyrinth Group: Friday group Zooms are continuing, but Thursday In-Person walks at BUC are on hold until the fall.

V. Social Justice Networks

1. UC National & Regional News (BC Pacific Mountain Region): John B. will continue to forward the Jane Dawson, Regional newsletter to our team members. There are always many excellent links on the UCC website (www.united-church.ca) that include social actions and campaigns.
2. Anti-Racism National Action Plan – Team member Marg Barrie is keeping us updated.
3. Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) – February 25th Highly successful...To date, Nanaimo has raised \$112,373 (goal was \$100,000) with 392 walkers. All money raised here in Nanaimo goes to ICCS (Island Crisis Care Society). Several Brechin folks participated in this event.

VI. Climate Change/Climate Action

1. Nanaimo Green Faith Circle (NGFC) – As Julia Roberts has had to step back from involvement with Brechin, John Bullas will keep us up to date as he is still active on this Committee. They hosted a Climate Hope Café at VIU on Mon. March 6th and they may consider a second café event in the future.
2. Climate Action Plan (CAP) for Brechin –Sub-Group consists of John Bullas, Shelley Serebrin, Tif & Allison Whiting. The Feb. 26th Workshop "**Creation, Climate and You**" went well. The Next workshop "**From Concern to Action**" has been **rescheduled to Sunday April 2nd**. Workshop facilitator will be Brenda Riley, UCC Regional Facilitator. Carpooling/Busing follow-up announcement is being planned. The 3rd & last workshop "**Build a Better Future**" will most likely be held in April. Other actions may include a video night as well as status of current and future bicycle racks. Team members may be involved in the service on "Water Sunday".

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3. Letter to RDN: Request to RDN to increase area bus frequency on Sundays (particularly Sunday mornings). Lynn will print, sign it on behalf of our Brechin 4 ACTION team and bring it to our Council meeting for the other 2 signatures.
4. Climate Workshops with Other Congregations in the North: Plans are deferred until the spring.
5. Old Growth Resolutions – No more info re: this. Are we still waiting for a meeting with Tif and Jane Dawson of Pacific Mountain Region?
6. The Elders for Ancient Forests (EFAF) Super-rally was held on Saturday, Feb. 25th in Victoria at the BC Legislature. All reports state that the event was very well organized with huge crowds in attendance. (Canadian Neil Young attended and surprised the crowd by speaking in support of the rally and performed at least a couple of songs).

VII. Other Business

1. Worship Themes
Minute for Mission – For the 3rd Sunday of each month. We will continue to read from the official Minute for Mission UC guide (see On-line). At the AGM, Marilyn Huffman suggested that the Minute for Mission go back to being every Sunday to encourage more funds coming in for M&S as the intake has been considerably less in the last few years. Our team discussed and determined that historically (as we recall) once per month is all we've ever presented. Perhaps there could be another approach...i.e., using the video screen to promote M&S during the prelude? Council's thoughts?
2. New Committee Members are still needed on our team.
3. Palestine/Israel – John encourages us to check out the UNJPPI (United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel) website: he will continue to follow closely and share information with our team. "Irish Concert for Gaza" fund-raiser was March 12 at St. Andrews UC Hall. All funds raised were in support of medical aid for the children of Gaza.
4. BUC Website & our B4A section. Doug Cochrane has added a new section for "Resources".
5. As requested by M&P, several of our team members provided feedback re: Tif and for Tim Weger to assist with M&P's end of February discussion with them both.
6. Independent Jewish Voices – Justice for Palestinians – John has sent a link to our team members for a letter-writing campaign.
7. Mission & Service Booklets – are available in Brechin's Cedar Room.
8. Our team still needs a treasurer. Lynn will take on this responsibility for the time being.

Respectively, Lynn Burrows (Chair of the Brechin 4 ACTION Team)

Pastoral Care Team Report

This month's meeting was mostly spent making plans for our upcoming events which are

March 26: hosting a potluck lunch for Hope Lutheran Church and our congregation following our service. We expect there to be some folks from their church joining us for worship as well.

April 1: Memorial service and reception for Rob McCormick

April 29: Grand opening; while we weren't aware at our meeting so made no plans, we have since been asked to provide and serve tea, coffee and water which we will do.

May 13: The Worship team has advised that they will plan the Trunk Treasures Sale and we are grateful for that!

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Looking farther along, we will have a Newcomers event on Saturday May 27 from 1:00pm-4:00pm and a Pastoral Care Workshop for anyone interested in attending, on Wednesday June 14 from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Other than booking times for these, so far planning is minimal. It appears that if we want to have space for our events we will definitely have to book well in advance!

We continue to do services at Eden Gardens and Wexford Care facilities and these are going well although we are still limited in how many of us can go and Covid testing is still required.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Huffman

Property Team update

1. Thanks to Kris Jensen and others for completing the clean up of the chapel and purchased and set up shelving in storage areas.
2. Keith met with Doris and Mary Sunday, March 12 to assess the requirements for storing and displaying banners. This is a work in progress.
3. Brechin keys (digital mostly) are being programmed as we receive requests.
4. Keith is liaising with Pacificom to work out how best to program keys for community users.
5. Keith is working with Cindy on invitations to potential community user groups. Cindy has a few suggestions for further information to be added to the policy documents which would help potential users have a clearer idea of what we have available. (Example : a frequent question is about possibilities for storage.)
6. Randy Manikel is communicating with BC Hydro regarding hydro charges to date.
7. Val Neilson continues to communicate with Town Line re the status of deficiencies.
8. The kitchen island and carts should be complete by the end of the week (March 16 or 17)
9. Bruce Wilson has loaned an oil filled heater to warm up the chapel while we wait for a permanent fix from Town Line.
10. Keith met with Matthew Vos from Town Line March 8 to lead a tour of the church space for a group of Town Line representatives working on a Passive Haus project on the mainland.
11. Automatic water and soap dispensers seem to require constant maintenance.
12. Recycling requirements are different from the city regulations. We can't put as many items in the Waste Management bins. Signs will be made for the kitchen so that all users will be aware.

Submitted by Keith Allen

Stewardship/ Finance – Anne Manikel will be “resurrecting” this Team when she returns to us in April.

Worship Team Report

The Worship Team met March 1st in the Library at Brechin United Church, 2020 Estevan.

The Stardust event on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd was very successful.

Rev. Tif will be taking Continuing Education time March 14th to March 20th inclusive. Brian Pankratz will lead service on March 19th.

Dedication of the Friends of Brechin wall will be April 16th.

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Our Grand Opening is slated for April 29th (Provincial & Nanaimo dignitaries) and April 30th a special worship service. Possibly we will have a guest preacher. Rev. Randy Antle was suggested.

Our music has been well appreciated. Gwen will help Tim with choosing Easter music. Tim received a letter from Ron Klusmeier informing us that Brechin has lifetime access to *Musiklus* publications.

The February 12th service led by Rev. Bert Ramsey was very well received.

We are using a Lenten Tenebrae with weekly extinguishing of purple candles.

It was felt that perhaps we shouldn't expect the minister to go to Eden Gardens on the Sunday of our Annual Meeting.

There will be a sunrise service at Departure Bay Beach at 8:00 AM, April 9th. Peggy will book Kin-hut and arrange for Hot Cross buns and beverages. There will also be a service at the church at 10:30.

We would like Council's approval to have a fundraiser "Brechin Bargains" in the Brechin Parking Lot on Saturday, May 13th. The rules would be the same as when we were at Beban Park. Like last year we would ask The Faith Formation and Property Teams to help us with set up and clean up.

We feel the church needs to do some visioning. We need time to review the Mission and Vision statements. We need to discuss the purpose of the chapel. Is it a multi-purpose room?

MYK Allstar Company is to do training for live streaming and use of special equipment. The training date was unknown at the time of our meeting.

Peggy will interact with Marilyn about a more efficient way to receive offering.

Our next meeting will be on March 29th, 2023 at 1:00 PM in the Brechin library.

Respectfully Submitted, Grace Skomorowski
