

**St. Columba Anglican-United Church Council Meeting
In Person meeting
9190 Granville St. Port Hardy, BC February 14, 2025**

SCCC/25/04

Present: Rev. Sheila Cook, Judy Fyles (Chair), Robert Fyles (recorder), Bob Gilbert, Heather Jones

Regrets:

Carolyn McKibbin

Quorum: 4

Judy Fyles called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. and Bob Gilbert opened the meeting with a prayer.

1. Agenda: **Sheila Cook** /Bob Gilbert: That the agenda be adopted as presented with the power to **CARRIED**

2. Minutes: **Sheila Cook/Heather Jones:** That the minutes of January 17, 2025 be accepted as amended. **CARRIED**

3. Business Arising

- **Profile and Search:** The committee is completed except for a covenanting service. Recommend to Diocese and PMRC that we not do that for 1 year appointment.
- **AGM budget:** Judy recommends that as we have the money that we pay Insurance as a lump sum. We will buy a few copies of Then Let Us Sing when it is produced.
Sheila Cook/ Bob Gilbert That we pay for insurance in a lump sum and that we purchase at least 2 copies of Then Let Us Sing.
- **Loaves and Fishes Agency changes:** The new system has a few hitches but is coming along. Heather is picking up regularly at Loaves and Fishes for St Columba. We can't pick up for other agencies. We will ask for support for milk and eggs funding from Lions, Legion, and Rotary. Robert and Judy will write letters,
- **Shrove Tuesday:** March 4, 2025 Pancake Supper, about 30 people came last year. Set up at 3, serving 5-7 PM. Use suggested donations rather than fixed price.
- **Ash Wednesday:** March 5, 2025 5 PM for Ash Wednesday service. Sheila will lead this service. Port Alice will do imposition of ashes on first Sunday in Lent

4. New Business:

- **Worship Meeting:** Bob is away February 20 -March 1. Services: Robert will lead the service Feb 2 Bob will do Feb 9 and 16 Sheila will do Feb 23. Sheila Bob, Robert and Judy will meet Feb 14 after Council for Worship meeting.
- **In Camera:** Issues with a sanctuary friend.
- **Holy Week:** Jenny Replogle and Bishop Anna will be in the North Island. Bishop and Jenny will start week in Yalis. Jenny is in Port Hardy on Good Friday
- **World Day of Prayer:** Mar 14, 2025. 7 PM
- **Ecumenical Society:** Meeting Sunday February 23 after service

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- **Windows 10:** Several of the computers will not upgrade in October. We will ask Alex Higgins to see what is needed.
- **100th anniversary:** Broadview magazine is publishing a special edition this spring . People can make memorial donations in memory of United Church members whose names will be published. We will advertise this and let people know. Deadline is March 15.
- **Worship Request:** Jessica Hedberg from Port McNeil has requested to lead a service at St. Columba. We will respond to plan a date.
- **Telus Public WiFi:** For information this is being discontinued. We don't use it.

5. Reports

Minister's Reports: Rev. Sheila Cook report attached.
Rev. Bob Gilbert report attached.

Treasurer: January: Net income \$4922.09; YTD net income \$4922.09

Judy Fyles/Sheila Cook: That the January 2025 financial reports be accepted as presented.
CARRIED

Envelope Secretary: No January report

Port Alice: included in Bob's report. Irene Stuart is the M& P Rep from Port Alice.

M&P: Need another member ask: Ammie Yuipco or Carolyn McKibbin

Christian Life: Christmas Eve service was well received. Could have a Community Sing Along earlier in December. Worship scheduled for February. Focus is now Camp Spirit. Bob is working on a Lenten study. Port Alice will do a daily hybrid study in holy week. In Port Hardy, it will be an in person with John Dominic Crossan study on Paul and Politics, Tuesday at 2:00 starting March 18. Think about nominating someone for ODBC. Anna may be taking stress leave but she will volunteer her time for Sanctuary in February.

Loaves and Fishes: nothing further

Website: Adding Rev. Bob Gilbert to website

PM Region: no report

Synod: PIR is due. Robert will handle it.

Building: Tom Cook did a new outdoor light by double doors at back of the building. Could use automatic Dusk to Dawn Lights. Tom and Robert may do the bell this week.

6. Correspondence: January-February 2025

Jan 16 United Way, email: new funding for charities or Indigenous led; for after school (ages 6-12) programming; register for the Zoom info session Monday Feb 12th 11 AM to noon

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Correspondence cont.

Jan 22 Diocesan finance, email: CTF accounts are being recalculated; 2024 statements are not ready; use best estimate for year end. T4A info due end of January, will only process those over \$500 income; CRA donations to Feb 2025 can count for 2024; may need to produce a separate receipt for Jan/Feb 2025.

Jan 23 PMR Justice, email: Variety of info and resources on Palestine/Israel history and conflict; multi-part webinar series

Jan 23 ACC e-news: Article and statement regarding Bishop Mariann Budde and her sermon during a post-inauguration service at Washington National Cathedral; and Jan 30 article on upswing of visits to Episcopal churches the next Sunday

Jan 23 Broadview, e-news: Focus on Trinity UC Prince George and their growth after amalgamation and growing outreach programs

Jan 27 United-In-Learning, email: New Lenten study, either just the book/e-book or sign up for the online Lenten study 6 weeks \$39.95 on ChurchX (Exploring your faith through music)

Jan 27 Eric Partridge, email: Canons change regarding budgets: if no incumbent a Bishop appointed consultant to review prior to presenting for parish council approval (Jenny was consulted afterwards, all okay)

Jan 29 **Telus, email: Notice that the Public WiFi portion of our internet will be discontinued July 31, 2025 (Password WiFi likely not affected, will confirm)

Jan 31 Broadview, e-news: Online article: 5 ways people of faith can respond to Trump

Feb 3 Camp Spirit, email: Received camp coordinator registration for August 4-7 camp; need cook for 4 days; need local activity volunteer(s) up to 2 afternoons.

Feb 4 **Broadview, email: Special June Centennial Issue; extra copies can be ordered by April 7: \$7 ea/ \$5 2-10 copies; for a donation “We also invite you to celebrate the legacy of those who made a difference—whether in your local congregation or through leadership in the wider church—by making an online donation in their memory before March 15. Their names will be published in this historic keepsake issue in honour of their devotion and service”

Feb 5 Diocese: e-news: Wardens and Treasurers Day March 22 10-3 pm St. Paul’s Nanaimo; register by March 3

Feb 7 Broadview, E-news: [Should Canada's religious charities lose tax status? Readers weigh in](#)
Also: https://www.cccc.org/news_blogs/legal/2024/12/20/cccc-responds-to-troubling-recommendations-on-charitable-status/

Feb 11 PMR Justice, email: Lenten reflections on the topic of Guaranteed Livable Income Advocacy and the Prophetic Path of Dignity

Feb 11 UCC, e-news: Four church leaders (UCC, ACC, PCC and ELCC) have jointly issued a statement supporting the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, and urging a permanent ceasefire.

Feb 11 **Jessica Hedberg, email: Music director St. John Gualbert, taking Lay Leaders course this spring. Request to lead worship at St. Columba some time between April 24 and June 4.

Next Meeting March 14, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

Sheila moved adjournment at 1:13 PM

Judy Fyles
Chairman

Robert Fyles
Recorder