

**Association of Dundas Churches**  
**St. Mark's United Church**  
**April 23, 2019**

**Present:**

**Dundas Baptist** - Shawn Erb, Linda Teakle, Karl Armstrong  
**Christ Church Flamborough** - Rosemary Horsewood, Margaret Monds  
**Christian Science** - Marjorie Verhoeven  
**Grace Valley** -  
**Knox Presbyterian** - Wayne Poole  
**Life Community** - Duane Henry  
**St. Augustines Catholic** - Yvonne Wilson  
**St. James Anglican** - Anne Washington  
**St. Mark's United** - Dorothy Bartalos, Lorna McQueen  
**St. Paul's United** - Mary Anne Tangney  
**Salvation Army** - Nellie Noack

**Regrets:** Helen Prior (St. Paul's United); Sue Nicolls (Christ Church Flamborough); Penny Garrison (Knox Presbyterian); Rene Van der Meijden (Ellen Osler Home).

**1 Opening:** Chair, Shawn Erb welcomed ADC members, reminding us that we had changed the meeting to this night (Tuesday Apr. 23, 2019) so many of us could attend the C.R.E.W. forum, "The First 72 Hours" - The Association of Dundas Churches has signed on as part of this network of Environment Hamilton and it's imperative that we educate ourselves concerning this issue.

Lorna McQueen opened our meeting with prayer.

Chair, Shawn Erb expressed the privilege of being part of this time-honoured organization that works for the greater good of our community of Dundas.

**2 Minutes:** *Move that the minutes of the March 28 2019 meeting be approved as amended and distributed (Marjorie Verhoeven/Yvonne Wilson). Carried.*

**3 Correspondence:**

- Card of condolence to the family of Kim Gumbert (former ADC member)
- Card of condolence to Joy Thomson on the loss of husband, Jim
- Canadian Council of Churches - various courses offered on 'diversity' and interfaith - encourage members to check their website.

**Business Arising:**

**4a 50th Anniversary of the Association of Dundas Churches** (Committee - Sue Nicolls, Margaret Monds, Norma Coe)

- It was confirmed that Paul Vanden Brink successfully filed a Special Events application to book the Dundas Driving Park for this event (Sunday, Sept 22, 2019 with Sept. 29, 2019 secondary date) @ 3:00 pm at the pavilion.
- *Motion to hold our 50th Anniversary of the Association of Dundas Churches at the Dundas Driving Park Location (Nellie Noack/Wayne Poole) Carried.* (and hope for good weather).
- The committee needs to meet to make a barebones plan for this event - Shawn Erb will call a meeting of this committee (May 2019) to get things going.

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**4b Church Ambassadors for the Association of Dundas Churches**

- Anne Washington and Mary Anne Tangney (Designated 'Ambassadors') have met and decided that some planning needs to go into these presentations. Also 4 of our churches are introducing new lead ministers in the coming months so the delay in presenting at the churches seems appropriate - accordingly, this endeavour will begin in the fall, 2019.

**4c Lenten Lunches**

- Members felt that the lenten lunches were a real success this year with many positive comments by attendees - "seems to grow every year". Kudos to the clergy/music accompaniment who presented the prayer, music and reflection before meals. Kudos to soup/sandwich makers and servers from all the churches.
- Treasurer Marjorie Verhoeven (attended every lunch) reported a total amount donated to St. Joseph's Hospice (Margaret's Place) at \$2327.70 (last year: \$1965.00) with an average of 112 people at each lunch (breakdown of attendees and amount received at each Wednesday lunch available). Thank you to Marjorie Verhoeven for this accounting (see Treasurer's Report).
- Suggestion by Linda Teakle that next year we have placemats promoting the Association and various works of the churches - Rosemary Horsewood (communications) will work on this for next year. Our community values and looks forward to these lunches during the lenten season.
- Wayne Poole suggests a theme for next year: 'Environmental Stewardship' - love and care of our earth.

**4d Federal Election with Dundas Works**

- The Federal Election will likely be in October, 2019
- Anne Washington or Chair, Shawn Erb have not heard from Dundas Works at this point in time. Anne Washington will approach Dundas Works as to the initiation of planning for this joint venture.

**4e Nominations Committee - (Sue Nicolls, Wayne Poole, Anne Washington)**

- This committee has not met yet.
- The Constitution states: *(Article 10 - 1) The Nominating Committee shall notify the Secretary at least 21 days before the date of the AGM of the names of the candidates it proposes and the Secretary email those names to each member church and its representatives at least 14 days before the AGM. Nominations of officers may also be made from the floor by a representative at the AGM, as long as they are seconded by another representative.*
- Motion that we extend the time for the Nominating committee to notify the Secretary 14 days before the AGM (May 9, 2019) of the names of the candidates it proposes and the Secretary email those names to each member church and its representatives 7 days before the AGM (May 16, 2019). (Wayne Poole/Margaret Monds). Carried.

**5 Reports:**

**5a Treasurer's Report -**

- Treasurer, Marjorie Verhoeven reports a current balance of \$5409.55 (This includes ALL annual dues and proceeds of the Lenten Lunches \$2327.70).

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- A cheque (\$2327.70) will be cut to St. Joseph's Foundation for the Hospice (Margaret's Place) - a letter from ADC will accompany this donation (secretary).
- Marjorie Verhoeven negotiated with BMO as to bank fees for our non-profit account - she was successful in doing so - the Association of Dundas Churches account will remain at Bank of Montreal at this time.
- An auditor for the AGM Annual Financial Report will be from the Dundas Baptist Church
- *Motion to accept the Treasurers Report (Marjorie Verhoeven/ Dorothy Bartalos). Carried.*

**5b Communications -**

- Rosemary Horsewood welcomed the idea of having placemats for the Lenten Lunches next year - no other reports at this time.

**5c Community Dinners -**

- Anne Washington reports all is going well with the Monday night dinners - some churches are taking the left overs to Routes Youth Centre. Anne Washington has called Public Health to ensure we are doing due diligence in the transfer of this food.

**5d Food Bank -**

- Needed at this time: Healthy School snacks and lunch foods - no peanuts!

**5e Ellen Osler House -**

- Partnering with Businesses & Missions Event - Vendor Show and BBQ on Sat. Apr. 27 from 9:30am to 3:00 pm at the Dundas Family Services (sponsored by Salvation Army/Ellen Osler Home).
- EOH is participating in Open Doors on May 4th weekend - all are welcome! (sales of articles from the Vendor's show will be offered.)

**5f Routes Youth Centre -**

- Routes received donations of the badly needed TV and dishwasher from community folks.
- The scrap metal drive happened on Sat. Apr. 13 - report of outcome at the next meeting
- the staff and youth are working on a new project - TBA at our next meeting.

**5g Dundas Community Services - No Report**

**5h EcoWham -**

**How to to reduce carbon footprint.**

- Environmental Town Hall featuring Diane Saxes, previously a lawyer & Former Environmental Commissioner of Ontario (independent body, now eliminated by Provincial Gov't). The Event was held on Sunday April 14, 2019 at the Dundas Baptist Church with a larger number of attendees than expected - between 100 - 120 people came out on a rainy, windy day - very informative and well received!
- All Governmental Reports that Diane Saxes and her staff researched are available on a site called 'Saxes Facts' along with answers to questions about climate change and how to reduce your carbon footprint.
- CREW - Community Resilience to Extreme Events - At the March ADC meeting, we moved to change tonight's meeting to today's date (Apr. 23, 2019) so members could attend the Launch Event of CREW - "The First 72 Hours" being held on Thurs. Apr. 25 from 6:00 - 8:00 at St. \

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- John's Lutheran Church. The Association of Dundas Churches is a signatory to this Environment Hamilton Network. Carpooling for any member who wants to attend is being organized by Wayne Poole and Mary Anne Tangney.
- The City of Hamilton has declared a 'climate change emergency'. To highlight this declaration, Mohawk College/Environment Hamilton are hosting an event on Fri. Apr. 26, 7pm regarding Hamilton reaching Zero carbon emissions by 2050.
- EcoLocke is hosting "Fast Fashion" (about our 'throw-away' consumer ways on Mon. Apr. 29 at 7:30 pm at the Unitarian Church - this is a free event.
- Ecowham is open to more churches involvement.
  
- *Motion that the Association of Dundas Churches write a letter to the Doug Ford Conservative Government with our concerns about the firing of the Environmental Commissioner and staff, the roll back of governmental protection of the environment and the threat to endangered species by the present lack of policy directives. (Lorna McQueen/Wayne Poole). Carried.* Both Wayne Poole and Anne Washington will work on this letter.

**5j Truth and Reconciliation Committee -**

- Rosemary Horsewood reports the group has met this week to work on their goals and objectives.
- Cheryl Bear, poet, song-writer, musician will perform at the Dundas Baptist Church 10:30 am May 12, 2019 Sunday Service - all are welcome to attend.

**6 New Business:**

**6a Cactus Parade Float -**

- No one has offered to take leadership on this project - however many feel it gives the churches a 'presence' in the community. Shawn Erb reports that the Galer family will hold a flat bed truck for ADC ....but we have to decide if we want to or have the energy to undertake this project.
- Anne Washington and Duane Henry will discuss 'possibilities' and report back at the May meeting.

**6b Links to Community Vacancies -**

- ADC Community Connector for 55 + remains blank - an ADC volunteer is needed!

**6c Speaker for June's meeting -**

- It was suggested that we have Arlene Vanderbeek, City Councillor for Dundas (Ward 13) come to our June meeting for conversation, a better understanding of the work of ADC and a discussion of issues of Dundas and the larger City of Hamilton that are of concern to the Association (ie. poverty, environment, etc). Mary Anne Tangney will invite Arlene to join us at our last meeting before the summer (June 27, 2019)

**7 Announcements:**

- St Paul's United and Christ Church Flamborough both have Garage Sales on Sat. Apr. 27 from 8:00 - 1:00 pm
- Christ Church Flamborough - The Harlequin Singers - Saturday May 11 at 7pm Tickets - \$20
- Ellen Osler Home & Salvation Army - Partnering with Businesses & Missions Event, Vendor Show and BBQ - Sat. Apr. 27 (9:30 - 3:00 pm) at Dundas Family Services (Sal. Army)

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- St. Mark's United - 'Bridging Communities Through Song' - Sat. May 11 at 7:00 pm - The Waterloo Regional Police Chorus in partnership with Indigenous woman and drum circle will perform Tickets - \$20 (available at various churches and St. Marks (905-627-0251) Proceeds will go to Ellen Osler Home for women to attend cultural events.
- St. James Anglican Church - Tea and Treasures - May 11 from 11:30 - 2 pm
- Karl Armstrong (ADC member - Dundas Baptist Church) is teaching a summer course at McMaster - one can attain a credit or audit the course - Info below:  
<https://mcmasterdivinity.ca/course-syllabi/the-mission-in-acts/>

Also, the general summer course schedule is here and the link to apply for credit or as an audit:

<https://mcmasterdivinity.ca/mdc-summer-school/>

The regular audit fee is \$250.00 but seniors only pay \$125 or alumni pay only \$150.

The course will be held over six evenings on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30–9:30PM: May 27th, 29th, June 3rd, 5th, 10th, 12th (six classes in total).

If anyone has any questions they can contact me at: [armstrkl@mcmaster.ca](mailto:armstrkl@mcmaster.ca) or MDC at 905.525.9140 x24401.

**8 Courtesies and Adjourn:**

Nellie Noack moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:27 PM. Shawn Erb closed our meeting with prayer. Thank you to St. Mark's United for their hosting us!

**NEXT MEETING - OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND!**  
**(remember to send regrets if you cannot.)**

**Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 7:00 pm at Grace Valley Church Office (11 King St. East) -**  
small amount of parking at back of building - other, park on the street.