

**Association of Dundas Churches
Knox Presbyterian Church
March 28, 2019**

Present:

Dundas Baptist - Shawn Erb, Linda Teakle
Christ Church Flamborough - Rosemary Horsewood, Sue Nicolls
Christian Science - Marjorie Verhoeven
Grace Valley - Paul Vanden Brink
Knox Presbyterian - Wayne Poole
Life Community - Duane Henry
St. Augustines Catholic -
St. James Anglican - Peter Davison, Norma Coe, Anne Washington
St. Mark's United - Dorothy Bartalos
St. Paul's United - Mary Anne Tangney
Salvation Army - Nellie Noack

Regrets: Helen Prior (St. Paul's United); Margaret Monds (Christ Church Flamborough); Penny Garrison (Knox Presbyterian)

1 Opening: Chair, Shawn Erb welcomed ADC members and informed us of sad news: ADC Member, Kim Gumbert passed away this morning, Thursday Mar. 28. Joy Thomson's husband Jim, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, Mar. 27 (Joy is the administrator at St. Paul's who has done much for ADC). Once arrangements are made for both, the ADC Secretary will send out to all ADC members.

- Our meeting was opened with prayer by Shawn Erb followed by introduction of a new member, Linda Teakle, representative for Dundas Baptist Church.

2 Minutes: *Move that the minutes of the February 28, 2019 meeting be approved as amended and distributed (Peter Davison/Sue Nicolls). Carried.*

3 Correspondence:

- Letter of Thanks to Cathy Zorn (Grace Valley) and Susan Laing (St. Paul's United) for their years of representing their church communities on the Association.
- Letter received and read to membership from Susan Laing.
- Card of Congratulations to Marguerite Ward (former E.D. of Ellen Osler Home and ADC representative for EOH). Marguerite was the Recipient of a Woman of Distinction Award (Lifetime Achievement)
- Thank you to speakers of February's meeting (Rev. Loretta Jaunzarins, Sarah Ayerst)

Business Arising:

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

- Paul Vanden Brink has filed a Special Events application (Mar. 5, 2019) to book the Dundas Driving Park for this event (Sunday, Sept 22, 2019 with Sept. 29, 2019 secondary date) @ 3:00 pm at either the pavilion, cove or a kitchenette area. Awaiting a response.
- Discussion of having this event at the Lions Memorial Community Centre? (also booked through the city) - this would remove concerns about weather. Paul Vanden Brink will also look into this for us.
- The committee needs to meet to make a barebones plan for this event.

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4b Church Ambassadors for the Association of Dundas Churches

- An idea coming out of the 2018 Survey was that appointed ambassador(s) from the ADC bring greetings to the churches to promote the work of the Association and bring awareness to the congregations. The message might not be as listened to from the pastor or church ADC reps who may not be comfortable addressing their own congregations.
- This was to be discussed at the March Ministerial meeting - clergy that were present agreed that this go forward. The two ambassadors (Reps) who agreed to do this, Anne Washington and Mary Anne Tangney will meet before the April ADC meeting and begin planning.

4c Lenten Lunches

- Marjorie Verhoeven, Treasurer (has attended all lunches so far) reports that 4 lenten lunches have taken place - all is going well with a count of 463 people in attendance (average of 116/ lunch!) and total donations (so far) of \$1600.00 (last years total \$1965.00)
- Many positive comments from those attending.
- An attendance count (head count) is being done by the group preparing the lunch. Marjorie Verhoeven is collecting the donations for immediate deposit at bank.
- Hopefully ALL churches are promoting this event.

4d Federal Election with Dundas Works

- As far as we know, the Federal Election is set for October, 2019, so it's a bit early to know who the candidates will be. There has been no planning at this point. Dundas Works just held a community forum (Mar. 26, 2019) discussing concerns/issues around Education and keeping our Dundas Schools utilized and open. A meeting has not been called at this date to discuss the Federal Election.

5 Reports:

5a Treasurer's Report -

- Treasurer, Marjorie Verhoeven reports a current balance of \$3904.21 (This includes 2 churches paying annual dues and proceeds of the Lenten Lunches). Discussion of monthly bank fees by BMO - Paul Vanden Brink suggested we inquire about rates at First Ontario - Marjorie will research this option. *Motion to accept the Treasurers Report (Marjorie Verhoeven/ Dorothy Bartalos). Carried.*

5b Communications -

- Rosemary Horwood reports that Lenten Lunch flyers have been created and circulated to ALL churches as well and Dundas Businesses and hubs.
- Dundas Star advertised Lenten Lunches once under 'Events' section

5c Community Dinners -

- Anne Washington reports the Monday Night Community Dinners are fully organized and provided independently by each participating church. Once a year, a meeting with the leads of these dinners is held to share/discuss ideas, finances, concerns, ups and downs etc.
- The group met this month and all church leads (except Grace Valley who provided written input) were present. They want to keep the informality and do their own planning for the evening meal. One common issue arose and they shared various ways of handling the situation.

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- A couple churches are transferring food not used to Routes Youth Centre (strict Public Health Guidelines) and others are not. Leaders not aware of this would follow up with the Executive Director of Routes accordingly.

5d Food Bank -

- The Food Bank is open Monday, Wednesday 9:30 - 12 and Friday's all day (this is new) but the food bank will respond to anyone needing food.
- Needed at this time: Healthy School snacks and lunch foods - no peanuts!

5e Ellen Osler House -

- Some of the ladies at Ellen Osler Home participated in the Lenten Lunch (Mar.13, 2019) alongside Grace Valley Church.
- Needs: Dressers, stacking lawn chairs
- Fri. April 27, 2019, the residents will hold a Vendor's Show and BBQ at the Salvation Army Family Services from 9:30 - 3:00 - homemade items, baking, volunteering at tables etc. The indigenous residents are making traditional, authentic beads and dream-catchers.

5f Routes Youth Centre -

- Scrap Metal Drive on Sat. April 13, 2019, 9am to 1pm, behind the Olympic Drive Arena

5g Dundas Community Services -

- Paul Vanden Brink reports that Meals on Wheels have greatly exceeded their target number of recipients - increases in both hot and frozen meals.
- There is a demand on Employment services
- Income Tax Clinics are now full - overflow going to Grace Valley Church and Hamilton Tax Help
- DCS hosted Student Fest however very poor attendance because of very cold weather
- New computers will be attained through Hamilton Public Library
- United Way cut funds to DCS last year - will hear next month about other fund proposals.

5h EcoWham -

- Wayne Poole reported that Earth Hour will be at the Quaker Meeting House on Sat. Mar. 30, 2019 @ 7:30 (Theme: Reduce, Reuse, Change the Way We Live)
- Environmental Town Hall featuring Diane Saxes, previously a lawyer & Former Environmental Commissioner of Ontario (independent body, whose job has now been eliminated by Provincial Gov't). The Event will be held on Sunday April 14, 2019 from 2:00 - 4:00 @ Dundas Baptist Church
- Textile Recycling Drive - April 27, 2019 from 8:00 - 12:00 noon - St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 31 Sulphur Springs Rd, Ancaster - drop off unusable textiles for recycling - 905-648-6024 or standrewsancaster@gmail.com
- CREW - Community Resilience to Extreme Events - Wayne Poole and Mary Anne Tangney continue to attend these meetings of a pilot project in Beasley Neighbourhood (downtown Hamilton) - they are observers/participants with the hope of bringing this model at some point in time to Dundas with possible involvement of the churches of ADC. Mary Anne Tangney attended a meeting at Environment Hamilton on March 11, 2019 to sign on the Association of Dundas Churches as part of this Network - the group present at the February, 2019 ADC meeting agreed that ADC should participate in the activities/promotion of CREW.

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- The upcoming Launch event for CREW is “**The First 72 Hours**”...being prepared to take care of yourself and your family for up to **72 hours** in an emergency. This will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2019 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Hamilton Public Library (downtown HPL). Many ADC members would like to attend this informative session : mark your calendar!
- ***Move to change the date for the Association of Dundas Churches to Tuesday April 23, 2019 7:00 pm at St. Mark's United Church (Anne Washington/Rosemary Horsewood).***
Carried
- Dorothy Bartalos will check if this date is free for St. Mark's. Secretary, Mary Anne will send out reminders of the changed meeting date.

5j Truth and Reconciliation Committee -

- Rosemary Horsewood reports 'All Our Relations' Discussion (based on excerpts from the CBC Massey Lecture podcasts and book by Tanya Talaga - reported on in February 2019 minutes) was a success with close to 60 people in attendance. The TRC committee has not met since this but will be meeting in May.
- The (above) evening was sponsored by TRC Calls to Action Group (a combination of Dundas Churches who participate - all churches are welcome to join or participate!)
- Cheryl Bear (Indigenous musician, singer, poet) will be performing at the Dundas Baptist Church Sunday Service (10:30 am) on May 12 (Mother's Day).

6 New Business:

6a Nominations Committee

- Shawn Erb reports that the Executive have met (today) and the 2019 Nomination Committee will be the following people who have accepted this task: Wayne Poole (Knox Presbyterian), Sue Nicolls (Christ Church Flamborough), Anne Washington (St. James Anglican). They will follow guidelines set up in our Association of Dundas Churches Constitution.

6b Links to Community Vacancies -

- *Move that Rosemary Horsewood and Mary Anne Tangney fill the roles of Association of Dundas Churches (ADC) community links to Routes Youth Centre and the Hamilton Family Health Team respectively. (Peter Davison/Marjorie Verhoeven). Carried.*
- ADC Community Connector for 55 + remains blank for now - volunteer needed!

7 Announcements:

- Peter Davison (St James Anglican) tells us that he should be able to report a new rector has been chosen at the April meeting - unsure of a start date.
- Peter Davison told us about the EFM (Education for Ministry) Program at St. James Anglican Church sponsored by the diocese - open to lay people to become knowledgeable about their faith. They meet 36 weeks/year - contact Peter at St. James to register.
- April 1 - Knox Presbyterian Church - Wesley Dinner
- ADC Member, Karl Armstrong is teaching his first course at McMaster Divinity College - 6 evening course - credited course or audit - see McMaster website.
- DBC is sponsoring Blazing Fiddles on the Grand River Cruise - April 6, 2019 at 7:00 pm (\$25) (fund-raiser for their roof)

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- Christ Church Flamborough - April 28 at 4:00 pm, holding a Cancer Service (anyone with Cancer or family members/friends caregivers)
- Community Life Church sponsoring 'Souper Bowl' at the church (165 King St. W. Dundas) Fri. Mar. 28 (tomorrow) at 6:30 - 8:00 pm - 7 types of soup! Everyone welcome.

8 Courtesies and Adjourn:

Peter Davison moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:14 PM. Shawn Erb closed our meeting with prayer. Thank you to Knox Presbyterian Church for their hosting us!

NEXT MEETING - NOTE CHANGE !! - Tuesday, April 23, 2019 @ 7:00 PM at St. Mark's United Church - 1 Lyndale Drive, Dundas - (Secretary will send out confirmation and reminder)