

Association of Dundas Churches
Life Community Church
(Grace Valley Co-Host)
May 23, 2019

Present:

Dundas Baptist - Shawn Erb, Linda Teakle
Christ Church Flamborough - Rosemary Horsewood
Christian Science -
Grace Valley - Paul Vanden Brink
Knox Presbyterian - Wayne Poole, Penny Garrison
Life Community - Duane Henry
St. Augustines Catholic - Yvonne Wilson
St. James Anglican - Norma Coe, Peter Davison
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); Rene Van der Meijden (Ellen Osler Home); Anne Washington (St. James Anglican).

1 Opening: Having completed the business of our Annual General Meeting and a brief refreshment break, we commenced our regular May meeting with prayer by Duane Henry

2 Minutes: *Move that the minutes of the April 23, 2019 meeting be approved as distributed (Rosemary Horsewood/Wayne Poole). Carried.*

3 Correspondence:

- Letter sent (accompany donation/Lenten Lunches) St. Joseph's Hospice Foundation
- Letter of Thanks received from St. Joseph's Hospice Foundation
- Note of Thanks sent to Ruth Johnson (Kitchen 'angel' for 10 yrs - Lenten Lunches)
- Invitation and Acceptance by Arlene VanderBeek, City Councillor, Ward 3
- John Van Vliet - requesting ADC Representative for Routes Youth Centre (a change)

4 Business Arising:

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

- Paul Vanden Brink successfully booked the Dundas Driving Park for this event Sunday, Sept 22, 2019 @ 2:30 pm at the Cove (with kitchenette).
- The planning committee has met and planned the joint service (3:00) as follows: Theme : Fishers of People : Web of Faith (as many lay people involved as possible!)
- Welcome — Gathering Prayer — Worship Song — Bible Readings: Psalm 113; Matthew 4:18-20 — Apostles Creed — Moment with Children (Shawn Erb) explain 'web of faith' — Homily — Activity (Web of Faith) — Prayers of the People (one church prays for another) — Worship song — Confession — Absolution (clergy say together) — Lord's Prayer — Parting Blessing — Worship Song.
- Need for advertising/promoting in our churches is imperative - Rosemary Horsewood is working on flyers/bulletin announcements. Details are needed.
- Penny Garrison will speak to Music director (Knox) to get other church's music directors/choirs involved to provide music - want ++ participation of all gathered.

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- Pictures of this event (photographers) needed / to bring your own lawn chairs/blankets / refreshments and drinks will be provided (need someone in charge of). Dessert Potluck / Lemonade event.
- The committee will meet again - more discussion at June's meeting and group will need to meet to plan during summer months. Details to be tightened up. We need to involve people at our churches as much as possible in this event. All are welcome!

4b Church Ambassadors for the Association of Dundas Churches

- Anne Washington and Mary Anne Tangney (Designated 'Ambassadors') will be meeting during the summer to plan. Four 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 : Update on Donation

- A letter, including our cheque of \$2327.70 donated by participants of our annual Lenten Lunches was hand-delivered to St. Joseph's Foundation for Hospice (Margaret's Place). Staff were elated as the donation was matched by the Juravinski Fund which had just been implemented. So the Association of Dundas Churches total donation (since March 2018) stands at \$8800.00! This information was sent out to all the churches to include in bulletins.
- Wayne Poole suggests a theme for next year's Lenten Lunches : 'Environmental Stewardship' - love and care of our earth.

4d Federal Election with Dundas Works

- Anne Washington has had an informal discussion with 2 members of Dundas Works - The ADC and Dundas Works will plan for All Candidates Meeting closer to the election, perhaps meeting later this summer.

4e Seniors Fair

- A table will be shared at the Dundas Senior's Fair on Tues. June 11 from 10:00 - 2:00 at the Community Centre - both the ADC and EcoWHam will be at the Fair. This is a great opportunity to present ourselves to the public. Rosemary Horsewood has taken leadership on this - any ADC members willing to help out are welcome! Wayne Poole will be at the EcoWham display.

4f Cactus Festival 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 ADCbut 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 June meeting.

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5 Reports:

5a Treasurer's Report -

- In the absence of the Treasurer, there was no report.

5b Communications -

- Rosemary Horsewood - will work on promotion of the 50th Anniversary of ADC (September) as details come. All agree that major promotion will happen within our churches and the community. Rosemary has already found pictures of our churches for the future placemats of the Lenten lunches, but these could be used for the 50th as well.
- Needing details to be tightened up for the September celebration. Peter Davison will send some pictures.

5c Community Dinners -

- No Report

5d Food Bank -

- Needed at this time: Healthy School snacks and lunch foods - no peanuts! Also canned fruit and dishwashing liquid.

5e Ellen Osler House -

- Nellie Noack reports that the 'Partnering with Businesses & Missions' Event - Vendor Show and BBQ on Sat. Apr. 27 went well considering the poor weather - they reached their goal. .
- EOH participated in Open Doors on May 4th receiving 3-400 people - great success in making the House known to the community.
- Choir at St. Marks on May 11 (Police/Indigenous Women) was a sold-out event!
- Cheryl Bear sang at Dundas Baptist Church but few of the EOH women were able to attend.
- House is waiting for 2 residents coming.

5f Routes Youth Centre -

- Rosemary Horsewood reports that a Baby Sitting Course will again be held at Routes this summer (July - 2 courses, August - 1 course) Registration on line.
- Summer trips are being planned for the Youth - looking to the community to help sponsor (Rosemary will bring costs to the June meeting)
- Some of the youth (over 13 yrs) will help out at the Canadian Open (Ancaster) promoting Zero Waste. So they will help in 2 tents to recycle any waste created at this event.

5g Dundas Community Services -

- Paul Vanden Brink announced the upcoming 'Lunch and Learn' Mon. May 27 at 11:30 - 1:00 at the Dundas Historical Museum. Topic: 'Senior's Housing: Co-Ownership' by Judy Shepalo
- Seniors Information Fair - June 11 at Lion's Memorial Community Centre from 10:00 - 2:00 (ADC and EcoWHam will have a table)
- More volunteers are needed for Friendly Calling, Friendly Visitors and Meals on Wheels.

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5h EcoWham

- Wayne Poole told us about the 'Sweet Potato Project' (sent out to all members) - a group of environmentalists are encouraging people to abstain from meat for 1 day, June 12, 2019 (on line registration to do this) and learn about the environmental problems we create due to the amount of meat we eat in North America and the health advantages of a plant based diet.
- EcoWham meets tomorrow - planning to have Ian Graham (a farmer, Extinction Rebellion) speak at a public event in the Fall on how to reduce our carbon footprint.
- CREW - Community Resilience to Extreme Events - Mary Anne Tangney reported that 4 ADC members & 1 member of Dundas Works attended the launch of CREW : "**The First 72 Hours**" on April 25 downtown Hamilton. The emphasis was that every citizen is 'on their own' for the first 72 hours of any catastrophic emergency and that we need to be prepared in terms of ourselves, our families and our communities. Also discussed was how the community will look out for the most vulnerable citizens who will be most at risk of homelessness, injury or death. Speakers included personnel from Emergency Services, Declaration of a Climate Emergency, (Councillor, City of Hamilton), Hamilton Roundtable on Poverty (Tom Cooper), **350.Org** (Don McLean) whose message was "not a question of 'if' extreme weather will happen, but a question of 'when'." Discussion groups followed to talk about what we had heard and what we could do to prepare our communities. Neighbourhoods have to know what resources exist in their own community, need to have trusting relationships to help one another and communication is all important!
- The Association of Dundas Churches is a signatory to this Environment Hamilton Network (C.R.E.W).
- EcoWham is open to more churches involvement.

5j Truth and Reconciliation Committee -

- Cheryl Bear, poet, song-writer, musician performed at the Dundas Baptist Church 10:30 worship on May 12, 2019. Fantastic message and voice! Community members attended.
- June 19 at Christ Church Cathedral (Anglican, James St. North), 'Discovery of Doctrine' will be shown to the public - Bishop Mark McDonald will comment on the movie - all encouraged to attend!

6 New Business:

6a June Meeting - Councillor, Ward 13

- Mary Anne Tangney confirmed that Arlene VanderBeek will attend our June 2019 meeting. It has been framed as a 'conversation' for the Councillor to know the Association of Dundas Churches & the issues that concern us and for us to know our city councillor better. All are invited to think about social issues that concern us in our churches. Mary Anne Tangney and Rosemary Horsewood will meet to plan on getting the conversation going.

6b 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 ...the theme of the parade 2019 : 'technology takeover'
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6c Links to Community Vacancies -

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

6d ADC Membership -

- As outlined in the 2019 Annual Report, we really need to recruit lay representatives from our churches - we will make a great effort to improve this in the fall 2019 with 4 new clergy coming to our churches and the 'ambassadors' making their rounds to the churches!
- Peter Davidson reports that Mike Deed (presently serving at the Church of the Resurrection, Fennell St. will be coming to St. James Anglican Church on July 10, 2019. He is described as a gifted speaker, & energetic.
- Scott Whitfield - coming to St. Augustines Catholic Church the last weekend in June, 2019. He is a former Anglican priest, married with 2 grown daughters.
- St. Mark's United is getting Peg Turner arriving on July 1, 2019. Described as energetic and welcoming. She will have a 3/4 time position.
- St. Paul's United has 2 new ministers coming: Jim Cairney, Lead Minister coming from a Mississauga United Church will start late August at St. Paul's (1 month of vacation to move) as well as Allison Playfair, Minister of Youth and Young Families & Pastoral Care will start on July 8.
- We will make all these ministers welcome in the Association as well as the Ministerial!

7 Announcements:

- Dundas Baptist Church is sponsoring a workshop on Children's Ministry on June 3 (includes a focus on disabilities)
- Dundas Baptist Church is asking for volunteers to support the Vacation Bible School - anyone interested contact Shawn Erb at DBC. Any other Vacation bible schools being offered in Dundas? ...let Shawn Erb know.
- Christ Church Flamborough is having a BBQ on Saturday June 8
- St. James Garage Sale on June 1, 8:00 - 12:00
- St. Mark's Plant and Garage Sale is on May 26, 2019, 8:00 - 1:00 pm - this weekend!

8 Courtesies and Adjourn:

Nellie Noack moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:08 PM. Shawn Erb closed our meeting with prayer. Thank you for the joint efforts of Life Community Church and Grace Valley Church for hosting us for both our AGM as well as our May meeting. That was some great coffee!

NEXT MEETING - Thursday June 27 at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's United Church (Parlour)
(remember to send regrets if you cannot attend.)

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