

MINUTES
The Church Board
St. Paul's United Church
March 25, 2026

In Attendance:

Dale Hache Cyndy Raby Susan Phillips

Chair:

Rejean Langlois

Trustees:

Marilyn Marrier-Oborne

Treasurer:

Ray Quinn

Secretary:

Don Macdougall

Recording Secretary:

Kristin Williams

Non-Profit Housing:

Gail Henderson

Minister:

Regional Council:

Bette Ann Elliotson

(11)

Regrets:

Lucy Darkey Rev. Desire Tiriwepi (3)

Absent:

Scarlett Hanley John Hannam Miriam Bangura (3)

Guest:

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Call to Order	1) <u>Call to Order:</u> Chair – Rejean Langlois called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. The meeting was held in Lunan Hall.
Declaration of Conflict of Interest	2) <u>Declaration of Conflict of Interest:</u> Rejean asked if there was any conflict of interest and there was none.
Devotions & Affirming Statement	3) <u>Devotions & Affirming Statement:</u> Susan Phillips read devotions and read the Mission Statement and the Affirming Ministry Statement.
Approval of Agenda	4) <u>Approval of Agenda:</u> Moved by: Marilyn Marrier-Oborne Seconded by: Dale Hache <i>That the Agenda be approved as amended. CARRIED.</i>
Approval of Previous Minutes	5) <u>Approval of Previous Minutes:</u> Moved by: Kristin Williams Seconded by: Ray Quinn <i>That the minutes of February 25, 2026, be approved as amended. CARRIED</i>
Business Arising	6) <u>Business Arising from Board Meeting:</u> a) Access to Church through Gym from St. Paul's Place: Rejean will try to contact Amanda from the Cheerleading group as he hasn't been able to connect with her yet. b) Treasurer Position: Rejean said that there is no one yet – Rejean will make an announcement on Sunday.

Correspondence	<p><u>7) Correspondence:</u> a) Request from Life Water: Rejean read out a letter that was received from Lynda Gehrels who is the President of Lifewater Canada – after discussion, it was decided that we as we normally do not donate to other charities, so not appropriate for us to do that - people could donate personally if they want to. Rejean will let Deb know so she can respond to Lynda with our decision.</p>
New Business	<p><u>8) New Business:</u> No new business</p>
Minister’s Report	<p><u>9) Minister’s Report:</u> a) As Rev. Desire was not at the meeting, Rejean highlighted some points from his report: - new youth are joining the choir and Rev. Desire sent a note to the army to say thank you for the cots from the GO Project and all of the youth signed it.</p>
Chair of the Board Report	<p><u>10) Chair of the Board Report:</u> i) Rejean said that we are all wonderful so thank you!</p>
Treasurer’s Report	<p><u>11) Treasurer’s Report</u> i) Ray reviewed the February 2026 Financial Statement – givings are up a bit due to an anonymous donation. Bruno Valente will do the Financial Reviews for 2024 and 2025.</p>
Trustee’s Report	<p><u>12) Trustees Report:</u> i) Marilyn said that the new Endowment Fund is getting set up. The Trustees gave \$30,000 to the Operating Fund in March - \$13,000 from the 1st quarter installment from the Dennis Fund and \$17,000 + from the last part of 2025.</p>
Finance & Administration	<p><u>13) ACTION ITEMS:</u> a) Finance & Administration: i) Ray said the Fundraising group is having a Rummage Sale in June. The Worship committee is planning a “Going on Safari” event in the fall. Rev. Desire would like to have a big Thanksgiving dinner. Ray mentioned that he drove some of the youth around March break and drove them to the Youth and Wellness Hub on Roland St. They were great and was mentioning the various social media they used – Tic Toc, Snapchat and Instagram. Maybe we should advertise on some of these platforms and not just Facebook, as the youth don’t really use it.</p>
Worship	<p>b) Worship: Cyndy said that Thursday is Maundy Thursday and will be a potluck before the communion service. Sunrise service will be at 7:15 am at Hillcrest Park. Cyndy also referred to their minutes, specifically that Harmony will be joining us for Palm Sunday. The Family Camp at Camp Duncan, on Sunday July 6th the Church service will be out there and will invite other congregations and count as our Church picnic. Summer services starting June 28 for 5 weeks will be at St. Paul’s - The 5 weeks in August, the services will take place at Trinity. We will need to plan ahead for an African potluck after Thanksgiving weekend.</p>
M&P	<p>c) M&P: As John was not at the meeting, Rejean said that Jodi Martin resigned from the committee so they need a new member, 3 new members would be great, so if we know anyone who would be good, let us know.</p>
	<p>d) Property: Rejean said that:</p>

**Next Meeting:
April 22, 2026
6:30 pm Lunan Hall
Devotions: Judith Tirewepi**