

Highlights from Harmony Council meeting, Sept 3, 2026

Our September meeting had a full agenda - as is typical!

Treasurer's report

Denelle Hansen provided the August 31 financial report: a good news story. Highlights of the report will be on the screens Sunday morning and in the newsletter.

We're on solid ground financially: we are able to plan for contingencies that may arise, and we are grateful to be able to support organizations in ways that we couldn't in leaner times.

Property report

We received a detailed report from volunteer lead Mark Pitman and appreciate the work of that committee. A few highlights:

- The installation date for the **new exterior sign** is now October, not September as originally stated.
- A **new office safe** has been installed to secure cash/cheques after worship services and other events.
- A **new 40" Smart TV** was purchased for the Bright Hall which now can be connected to our livestream broadcasts making this area potential overflow for church services or special events.

Spiritual Life - motions of note

- **Moved** by Trina Hodgson and seconded by Brenda Scarfe: That this year's funds from the Blueberry Sale be dispersed as follows: \$6000 to Carmichael Outreach, to use as they see fit, and \$1500 to the North Central Family Centre. Carried.

- **Moved** by Denelle Hansen and seconded by Marina Jeffery:
That the fall Children's Consignment Clothing sale profits be dispersed equally between the SCEP Centre and Rainbow Youth Centre. Carried.
(SCEP is a well-established Regina therapeutic early childhood centre that helps children with complex needs.)
- Related to Truth and Reconciliation work
We had consensus to add a line item to our 2027 budget and seek approval from our congregation to make a predictable commitment to the United Church training centre in Manitoba. We also discussed making a donation this fall.
Moved by Brenda Scarfe and seconded by Marina Jeffery:
That we make a one-time donation this month of \$5000 to the Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre in Manitoba as part of our commitment to supporting those who work for Truth and Reconciliation. Carried.

Ministry & Personnel Committee

- Moved by Jan Turner and seconded by Lenore Bewcyk:
That Harmony United Council supports the policy of the M&P Committee that members will recuse themselves from the discussion if there is any perceived or actual conflict of interest. Carried.

Harmony Trustees

The Trustees, chaired by Glenn Schmuland, met in June and will meet again in mid-September. Also serving are Aaron Orban and Pam Thomas. Trustees had raised some questions of Council, and we worked to answer each of those. Some items of note:

- We currently need 3 to 5 new people to fill trustee vacancies, and Council Vice-Chair Brenda Scarfe is seeking those willing to be nominated.

- The topic of the appropriate level of property insurance is being addressed. (The policy was last updated when the former Wesley's furnishings and instruments were moved to our building).
- Council is ensuring the trustees are aware of our new Designated Fund Policy, and the management of savings/ investments is under discussion.
- Council confirmed earlier this year that the second piano will stay; it is used for rentals for recitals, music festivals and on other occasions.

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