

E-Wespress for April 2008

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Coming Events

Sunday	13 April	3:00 p.m.	Choir Concert. Soloists Linda Major, Duncan Schuthe, Lisa Miller Blajchman, Nathan Ball, Simon Wenzowski and John Griffiths. Freewill offering.
Sunday	6 April	After service	CGIT bread sale
Tuesday to Friday	27 May to 30 May		Conference and Retreat for Presbyterian Women in Leadership. A time away for networking, equipping, restoration and learning strategies for whole person health. Presbyterian College Montreal Contact heartmindsoulmontreal@gmail.com

ON BEHALF OF THE WESTMINSTER CONGREGATION

We thank:

All involved in the Easter activities:

Rev. Ball for especially inspiring services on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

Alan Thomas and the choir for adding such appropriate music to these services.

Shirley and Bill Sandziuk and all their team for a well-organized and very enjoyable 80th anniversary weekend. The Saturday night dinner and entertainment gave us a memorable evening. The meal was delicious and was served very efficiently (and no cleanup required by Westminster people!). The decorations were beautiful. And Alan Thomas who arranged the entertainment as a delightful mix of reminiscences and music.

Rev. Mac Shields and Rev. William Ball for making a very special Anniversary Service on Sunday.

Shirley and Bill Sandziuk for all the work involved in putting together the beginning of the Memorial Wall. This is an ongoing project, but it already features some fascinating pictures from Westminster's past. We look forward to pictures from Erskine's history, too.

Shirley Stubbs,
Secretary, Operations/Planning

N.B. This box is a regular feature in *Wespress* to acknowledge, and express appreciation for, special work done for Westminster. Who do you think deserves recognition? Please give me your ideas (224-4537).

Speaking of Anniversaries and Acknowledgements.....

Beginning in the early fifties, the Ladies' Guild of Westminster was a strong and very active group of 40 to 50 women. They toiled faithfully and lovingly to help build our church and the Vogan Memorial Hall.

Betty MacLeod, Hilda Wood and I are the only remaining members of this happy crew which disbanded about 1977. We share many memories together and feel very proud of the effort we made to help make Westminster what it is today.

For some unknown reason, this group of loyal, hard working, dedicated women seems to have been forgotten in the history of our church.

I remain, slightly perturbed, but forever loyal,

Eileen MacMillan

CGIT NEWS:

Our CGIT group continues to thrive. We welcomed another two new girls in March bringing our grand total to 22!

The girls and Mocha and Yoda (Christine Ball) enjoyed a wonderful weekend up at Kalalla on the first weekend of the month...snowshoeing, reflecting on becoming the girls God wants us to be and overall just bonding as a group. Thank you to all the parents who helped us by acting as chauffeurs...without you it couldn't happen.

The week after our camping weekend we had our Easter Journey where the senior girls went down to the Lower Hall and took part in Soul Harbour with Chicklet, Mocha, Squirt and Yoda; and the Junior and Intermediate girls went upstairs to the Parlour for a Seder Meal with Sandy, Curly and Chuckles. It seems that all the girls enjoyed the evening.

Our next couple of weeks are going to be busy...March 27th we're bowling and April 3rd we're baking breads and muffins for our annual Mission Bread Sale. The bread sale will be on Sunday April 6th during Coffee Hour after Church and any and all donations of muffins and all types of breads would be greatly appreciated. I think that's all our news for now and we want to thank everyone for their continued prayers and support of our group.

WESTMINSTER CGIT'S MISSION BREAD SALE

When?: Sunday, April 6th, 2008 during coffee hour

Where?: In the Lower Hall

Why?: To support PWS&D's mission in Guatemala

All donations of baked goods will be gratefully accepted.

For further information please see any of the CGIT girls or leaders.

Sharon

Finances

The February financials are on the www.mywestminster.ca webpage. Go to the "Committees" tab and follow the link under Board of Finance and Maintenance to "Latest Financials".

Ian

Note: If you have any problem in opening the web page and the Adobe document "Latest Financials", see the Word table below.

C.W.

Web Site

Jim Moran (our webmaster) advises: "I've added a link on the Committee page, a new page for financials and a link to a PDF of February 2008.

Have a look and let me know if there's anything else you'd like to see there."

Jim

Full Financial Table =

This shows the status of Westminster's General Fund and Capital Fund as of the end February, 2008.

YTD is Year To Date

PRED Y/E is Predicted Year End, based on the monthly average rate of income/spending over the last 3 years

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FEB 2008

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS	FEB	08 YTD	PRED Y/E	07 YTD	BUDGET
Personal Donations - General	11912	22814	155009	16473	148200
Use of Facilities	2305	3120	21451	3919	25000
Church Group Events	1467	2878	11458	483	10000
Other	5	11	50	117	50
GENERAL FUND INCOME	15689	28824	187968	20992	183250
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	FEB	08 YTD	PRED Y/E	07 YTD	BUDGET
SALARIES					
Subtotal	10850	19243	123262	17704	118453
BUILDING OPERATIONS					
Subtotal	6172	10521	41248	8706	33203
PROGRAM COSTS					
Subtotal	3458	6273	41759	4303	32618
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	20479	36037	206269	30713	184274
GST / PST Recovery					-1024
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	20479	36037	206269	30713	183250
Excess Income - Expense	-4791	-7213	-18301	-9721	
Book Balance START	-22060	-19637			
Book Balance END	-26850	-26850			

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FEB 2008

CAPITAL FUND RECEIPTS	FEB	08 YTD	PRED Y/E	07 YTD	BUDGET
TOTAL CAPITAL FUND INCOME	598	1355	4868	1327	
TOTAL CAPITAL FUND EXPENSES				17704	
Excess Income - Expense	598	1355	6511		
Book Balance START	57340	56583	56583		
Book Balance END	57938	57938	63094		

Although the above shows an accumulated deficit in the General Fund of \$7213 so far in 2008 and a predicted deficit of \$18301, caution should be used.

When the General Fund Income is compared to the Budget, the Personal Donations are up over last year, as expected, and the Predicted Year End income is a fair reflection that we will be close to Budget. The Use of Facilities is up over last year too, but the Predicted Year End income is down, which is not expected to hold. So, overall, our income is expected to make our Budget number

When the General Fund Expenses are compared to the Budget, the Salaries subtotal is up over last year, as expected, and is expected to be closer to Budget than shown. The Building Operations subtotal is up over last year, mainly due to the Maintenance and Repair line item. Our bill for snow removal is up and the maintenance on our heating plant is up. However, this line item is capped to the Budget level and so the Year End will end up much closer to Budget. The Program Costs subtotal is also up over last year. However, we had to replace the Minister's laptop in January. This means that our Predicted Year End is far too high, although we do expect to be over budget on this line.

The net forecast? The General Fund Personal Donations are heartening, and the other incomes are normal. General Fund expenses are going to be slightly over budget, but not excessively so. The cap on the Maintenance & Repair line item will draw down the Capital Fund again.