

BUCPS Meeting  
Tuesday, May 20, 2025  
ZOOM & In person at OLPH

**In Attendance**

Andrea Chmilar	Michelle Stelmach	Shelley Borowski	Oksana Cokan
Laurie Leeder	Kristine Willis Dengler	Stephanie Ternovatsky	
Kelsey Whattam	Iryna Jerace	Dustin Maloney	
Paula Harasymiw	Joe Kucy	Erin Montgomery	

**Proceedings**

- Andrea Chmilar called the meeting to order and led prayer at 6:31pm

**Amendments & Approval of Agenda**

- **Motion:** Kelsey Whattam motions to accept agenda. Michelle Stelmach second. All in favour. Carried

**Amendments to Minutes of Meeting**

- **Motion:** Laurie Leeder motions to accept agenda. Michelle Stelmach second. All in favour. Carried

**Old Business**

- Bandura storage at St Theresa: One storage rack ordered. If it works well will order more
- Kindergarten Dolls: well on the way to completing
- 4/8/12 Celebration: Update from Shelley Borowski
  - Event May 25 at ABJ, Doors 1:30pm, Event to start 2pm
  - 210 attendees
- Pysanky Bingo
  - 141 attended
  - Planning to have this event again next year
  - Big thanks from BUCPS to Joe Kucy for school access and helping with setup/take down.
  - Thank you to Ryan Chmilar for purchasing concession items and loaning extra tables
- UBLA Update from Kelsey Whattam
  - Plan is for survey to families to see how to better the Ukrainian Bilingual program provincially and in individual districts
  - Approval received from EICS to send survey
- 45th Anniversary
  - 1 volunteer so far
  - Executive to discuss

## Administrative Reports

- St Nicholas, Joe Kucy
  - Pysanky Bingo was lots of fun
  - School budget is status quo
    - No combined classes
    - Working to increase enrollment
      - Ukrainian Kindergarten 17 registered
      - English Kindergarten 11 registered
  - School Open House on April 19 was successful
  - Pani Cokan added
    - Students participated in Vyshyvanka Day on May 15
    - Presentation on May 22 about Philippines and May 27 about Japan
    - June 12 field trip to Ukrainian Village is cancelled due to fire
  - Andrea Chmilar updated that St Nicholas advertisement going up May 22 by Costco
- St Theresa, Andrea Chmilar
  - Students attended blessing of Easter baskets at St Sophia church on May 7
  - Students participated in Vyshyvanka Day on May 15
- ABJ, Dustin Maloney
  - For the last 6 weeks our Grade 9-10 students were participating in the Virtual Student Exchange with Ukraine. Students will be getting Participation Certificates once they complete their Final Survey of the program.
  - April 15-17 our students were writing their Pysanky Ukrainian Easter Eggs in Ukrainian classes - thank you to Andrea Stelmach and to BUCPS for the new Pysanky supplies. Our Ukrainian students also participated in the Pysanky Making session with our Japanese Exchange students, who were learning our Ukrainian Easter customs at ABJ.
  - Friday morning, April 25, 2025 all our Ukrainian students (Gr. 9-12) were on a field trip to the University of Alberta - visiting Ukrainian Language Education Centre (ULEC) and Dr. Alla Nedashkivska, who teaches Ukrainian language courses at the University of Alberta. It was a very successful trip and our Ukr bilingual students made a personal connection with the U of A professors, so they were encouraged to take Ukrainian classes after graduating from ABJ. Thank you to AFUES for covering the transportation expenses for this trip.
  - Last Thursday, May 15, 2025 we hosted a very successful "Ukrainian Day at ABJ" which is linked to the annual International Ukrainian Vyshyvanka Day. This year it was done in conjunction with the ABJ Diversity Day.
  - Our grade 12 Ukrainian Bilingual students are working hard in preparations for the upcoming 4-8-12 Celebration this Sunday, May 25, 2025 at ABJ Gym. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there.
- Brett Cox, Assistant Superintendent
  - Tabled to next meeting

## **Treasurer Report**

submitted by Laurie Leeder May 20, 2025

General Account: \$11,431.18 (previous \$9660.38)

Gaming Account: \$27,547.09 (previous \$27,849.64)

Sadochok Account: \$4906.90 (previous \$5133.90)

### **Gaming**

- cheques written
  - \$221.55 Printing for bingo and pre-k and k advertising
  - \$54.00 - St Theresa Pysanky Supplies
  - \$335.43 - transportation and Pysanky supplies
  - \$143.66 - St Nicholas Pysanky supplies
  - \$183.75 EICS transportation of ABJ students to U of A (AFUES reimbursing us)
  - \$342.85 Pysanky supplies for ABJ and St Nicholas
  - No deposits

### **General**

- 4 cheques written
  - Pussywillows for St Nicholas - \$40 split total cost of \$80 with St Nicholas PAC
  - Honorarium for priests for basket blessing -\$200
  - Deposits - none

### **Sadochok**

- \$200 - WCB
- No deposits

We need to look at switching banks as our monthly service charges are between 9-\$14 per month and when we have large e-transfers we pay even triple that amount.

Decision and discussion on Sadochok funds will be put on the next agenda.

### **Pysanky Bingo**

Revenue

Admission \$922

Concession \$239

Bake Sale \$709

Repayment from St Nicholas PAC \$148.08

Expenses

Concession \$204.81

**Profit: \$1813.27**

Thank you to everyone that supported the fundraiser!

### **New Business**

- UFest May 30/31
  - sharing table with UBPAS
  - Need 4 more volunteers
  - Will be having face painting again
- Vegreville Pysanka Festival
  - 50/50 ticket selling Saturday evening - need 6 volunteers
- HostPapa
  - Web hosting company used for website
  - **Motion:** Shelley Borowski motions to reimburse Andrea Chmilar \$115.35. Kelsey Whattam second. All in favour. Carried

### **Next Meeting**

- June 17, 2025

### **Adjournment**

- Closing prayer and meeting adjourned at 7:19pm