

**St George & St Andrew United Church  
Church Council Meeting  
Jim MacIntosh Room  
June 29, 2022**

**Present:**

Stuart Jamieson	Chair	Rev. Tom Woods	Minister
Wendy Fletcher	Treasurer	Barry Fletcher	Trustee Rep
Linda MacCharles	Ministry Personnel	David Holborn	Region 15 Rep
Richard Wiles	Garry Freeman	Sophia Oldford	Joanne Buckmaster

**Regrets:**

Rob Prosser & Rosanne Peach were unable to attend

**Welcome & Introduction of Rev. Tom Woods:**

Chair, Stuart Jamieson introduced Rev. Tom Woods who joined us via Zoom and in turn the Council members introduced themselves. Since we cannot have an official meeting without a minister, we were appreciative to have Rev. Woods join us.

**Call to Order:**

At 7:01 p.m. the Chair called the meeting to order

**Holy Manners:**

As is our practice we all joined in reciting in unison our Holy Manners

**Quorum:**

We met the threshold having 9 in attendance.

**Agenda Additions:**

- Affirm Celebrations
- Parker Mountain Wind Turbine Society
- UCC re Ukraine
- UCC re Faithfull Footprints

**Motion to accept Agenda:**

It was moved by Sophia Oldford seconded by Garry Freeman the Agenda be accepted.

**Carried.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Business arising from Minutes:**

**Energy Project Financing:** We are down to how we are financing the project. The project budget was \$125,000 but it was thought that \$100,000 was adequate as an

amount to cover timing issues of contractors' invoices and rebate or grant monies that come after the fact. The RBC Line of Credit would be fully secured by our RBC Wealth portfolio with Lars Nichols. The Congregation had approved "subject to financing". It was noted now we have \$61,844 of secure funds and other grants are currently being sought and some fundraising efforts may well be required. Our church has undertaken major projects in the past and this is another one.

**Motion:** It was moved by Barry Fletcher seconded by David Holborn to authorize the Board of Trustees to apply for and hopefully secure a Line of Credit in the amount of \$100,000 with the Royal Bank to facilitate the moving forward of the Energy Project. **Carried.**

**Pulpit Supply:** Council was informed that Rev. Sheila Redden-Smith is very flexible in providing short term ministry for St George & St Andrew indefinitely as the Pulpit Search Committee proceeds with looking for a fulltime Minister. Some of the congregation has already asked for pastoral care. A formal agreement must be filled out on the UCC Church Hub and agreed to by both parties. We would engage her services in three month periods and renew as required. Rev. Tom Woods contributed that it can be very useful to have another perspective after having had a minister for such a long time.

**Motion:** It was moved by Richard Wiles seconded by Joanne Buckmaster to enter into an agreement with Rev. Sheila Redden-Smith as a short-term supply appointment for three months at a time with the option to extend. **Carried.**

**Hours of Pulpit Supply:** Now we must decide on how many hours are needed being fully aware Rev. Sheila Redden-Smith is very accommodating. The most recent job description being used in the search indicated a percentage for pastoral care. Allowing our supply to engage in that role it would be necessary to build in those hours on top of the hours thought are typically needed for Sunday services including travel time. Whatever decision is made could always be amended by Council.

**Motion:** It was moved by Linda McCharles seconded by Sophia Oldford that an equivalent of 50% or 20 hours per week be our starting point in the initial agreement and reevaluated if need be. **Carried.**

### **Correspondence:**

**Fickes Bequest:** TD Wealth informed St George & St Andrew they are named as a beneficiary in the will of Mary Ann Fickes. The gift was \$20,000, half for general purposes and half to be invested and the income used for the church's general purposes.

**Parker Mountain Wind Turbine Society:** The Society was not able to provide a grant as they had in previous years. It was noted we got \$1,600 from them last year.

**United Church re Ukraine:** A thank you was received for the \$1,850 forwarded earlier from our church.

**United Church re Faithful Footprints:** A letter that starts: "Congratulations! Your Faithful Footprints grant of \$30,000 has been approved." Good news indeed because of the efforts of several individuals.

**GEMS:** This letter was circulated prior to the meeting for consideration. A lady in our community looking to start a club i.e., Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior and looking for us to support their ministry in the form of dollars, volunteers, facilities, etc. It was discussed but the consensus was it was not something we wanted to undertake. We would send a reply declining our invitation to participate.

**Motion:** Garry Freeman moved seconded by Richard Wiles that we do not take part at this time. **Carried with one Abstaining.**

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer will distribute second quarter financial statements for consideration as soon as available..

#### **New Business:**

**Masking:** People have been asking about not wearing masks. Some would like not to wear one while others are not quite there. Different views expressed as how Council might proceed.

#### **Motion:**

It was moved by Sophia Oldford seconded by Linda MacCharles that masking be optional for the summer months of July & August and reviewed again in September. **Carried.**

**Summer Hours:** It was thought a decision should be made to stick with 10:00 a.m. for the summer as has been our tradition. Council members overall liked the early hour.

#### **Motion:**

It was moved by David Holborn seconded by Sophia Oldford to have church services start at 10:00 p.m. for the summer. **Carried.**

**Friday Noon-hour Concert Fundraiser:** Phil Roberts is asking permission to use the sanctuary Fridays through July & August. Monies raised would be to help our church go "green". He has musicians lined up to participate; this program was shared with Council.

**Motion:** It was moved by David Holborn seconded by Joanne Buckmaster to give Phil the go ahead with the planned noon-hour concerts in the sanctuary. **Carried.**

**Search committee:** Our church has uploaded a job description and our church profile requiring us to form a committee. Applications are being received already. 5-6 persons was deemed to be enough persons on the Committee. Anne Cameron will supervise.

After discussion of possible candidates we might choose and hearing expressions of interest in serving on the Committee the list came together quickly.

**Motion:** It was moved by Garry Freeman seconded by Barry Fletcher that Kerry Fitzgerald, David Holborn, Sophia Oldford, Joanne Buckmaster, and Richard Wiles form the Search Committee with room to possibly add one more. **Carried.** (Ann Flewwelling agreed to be the sixth.)

**Affirm Committee:** St George & St Andrew has undertaken different steps in this journey to become an affirming church. We now have on our church profile and have mailed our initial membership dues. The final step is to celebrate our achievement. A tentative date is September 11<sup>th</sup> with a light lunch and cake along with some attendees who are with Affirm United.

**New Creed:**

In closing we all joined in reciting in unison the New Creed

**Closing Prayer:**

Rev. Tom Woods closed our meeting with a blessing.

**Date of next meeting:**

To be announced.

**Adjournment:** It was moved by Wendy Fletcher seconded by Richard Wiles the meeting be adjourned. **Carried.**

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Stuart Jamieson  
Chair

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Barry Fletcher  
Secretary (Acting)