

**St George & St Andrew United Church  
Church Council Meeting  
John Corston Room  
Thursday, April 13, 2023  
7:00pm**

**Present:**

Stuart Jamieson – Chair	Rev. Alex Constable – Minister
Rosanne Peach – Secretary	Barry Fletcher – Trustee Rep.
David Holborn – Region 15	Linda MacCharles – Ministry & Personnel
Wendy Fletcher – Treasurer	Robert Prosser      Sophia Oldford      Richard Wiles

**Regrets:**      Garry Freeman

**Welcome:**

Stuart Jamieson – Chair, welcomed everyone.

**Call to Order:**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**Holy Manners and Opening Prayer** led by Rev. Alex Constable.

**Quorum Confirmation:**      We have a quorum.

**Agenda Additions:**      None

**MOTION:**      **By motion of Barry Fletcher and David Holborn, that the agenda be accepted as circulated. Carried.**

**Minutes of March 16, 2023 and March 28, 2023.**

**MOTION:**      **By motion of Sophie Oldford and Richard Wiles, that the minutes of March 16, 2023 and March 28, 2023 be accepted as circulated. Carried.**

**Business Arising:**

1)      **Energy Project Update:**

Some of the racks are now on the roof. The ones over the the John Corston Room have yet to be installed. Then Nova Scotia Power has to inspect it before the panels are attached. Once that is done the next step – panels.

2)      **Nomination re Gulf of Maine Council on Maritime Environment Award**

No future information at this time.

3) **Update on Council Fine Tuning:** See attached.  
Rev. Alex and David Holborn are going to ready the posters for the congregation to choose where they would volunteer and add their signature.

4) **Flag in Church Policy:** See attached.

**MOTION: By motion of Sophia Oldford and Barry Fletcher, that the Flag Policy be adopted as presented. Carried.**

5) **Gift Policy:** See Attached.

**MOTION: By motion of Sophia Oldford and Wendy Fletcher, that the Gift Policy be accepted as presented. Carried.**

6) **Affirming Symbol:**  
The sign has been attached to the sign out front and it looks nice.

7) **Earthquake in Turkey and Syria:**  
The total donations received and sent were \$1,300.

8) **CIA Concert in sanctuary, June 15, 2023.**  
This will be from 12:00pm to 1:00pm with the U. C. W. providing a light refreshment.

9) **Coffee & Conversation** does not have a coordinator yet.

10) **Yard Sale:**  
Sheila Goldsmith will be organizing a yard sale, date to be determined.

**Correspondence:**

1) Letter from Rev. Faith March-McCluish, Executive Minister, Region 15, re Remit 3.  
See attached.

2) Self Assessment needs to be ready for this Remit. We have our Profile to refer to.

3) Sunday Supply Changes webinar, May 3, 6:30pm – 8:00pm. Wendy Fletcher volunteered to do this.

**Treasurers Report:**

The treasurer, Wendy Fletcher, had circulated Financial Statements ending March 31, 2023, prior to this meeting. She also advised us that we have saved \$60.00 so far in getting off fossil fuel, but the solar panels have yet to be installed.

Another piece of information, she stated as of December 31, 2023, she is resigning, along with Jane DeWolfe, who has been doing the charitable receipts and PAR, but will finish all the yearend reports.

**MOTION: By motion of Wendy Fletcher and Linda MacCharles, that the Financial Statements as of March 31, 2023 be accepted as circulated. Carried.**

**New Business:**

1) **Phil Robert's Summer Concerts:** Phil Roberts wishes to continue with these concerts.

**MOTION: By motion of Wendy Fletcher and David Holborn, that Phil Roberts be allowed to continue the Summer Concerts for the summer months as before. Carried.**

2) **Year End Reports:**

The Year End Reports were circulated in preparation for the Annual Meeting. See attached.

3) **Update from Nominating Committee:** See attached.

Some positions have yet to be filled.

4) **Date of Annual Meeting:** A tentative date of May 28, 2023, has been suggested.

5) **Ratify approval for Rev. Sheila Redden-Smith to officiate at a wedding.** See attached.

**MOTION: By motion of Barry Fletcher and Rosanne Peach, that Sheila Redden-Smith's request for permission to officiate at the wedding of Laurie Elizabeth Esseltine to Mahalia Faith Johnson, Ontario. Wedding date: July 7, 2023. Wedding Venue location: The home of Robert and Craig Bryant at 3334 Granville Road, Port Royal, NS, B0S 1A0. Carried.**

**Minister's Corner:**

1) Rev. Alex had several requests arising from the Affirming Committee he attended the day before.

a) July 8<sup>th</sup> our church will participate in the Pride Parade as in past years and we have been asked to lead the parade with our banner.

b) July 9<sup>th</sup> our church has been asked to hold a church service in the 'O' at 11:am. If it rains, then in the sanctuary church. Discussion followed.

**MOTION: By motion of David Holborn and Sophia Oldford, that the church service of July 8<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00am be held at the 'O', and if it rains, in the sanctuary. Carried.**

More discussion and as a result an amendment was proposed.

**MOTION: By motion of Richard Wiles and Linda MacCharles, that a second service be held prior to this, at a time to be determined, for those who couldn't attend the outdoor service. Carried.**

2. A request for the church to be open July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as a comfort station for the public. The committee will be responsible.

**MOTION: By motion of Sophia Oldford and David Holborn, that the church be open as a public comfort station for July 8<sup>th</sup> and July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Affirming Committee to be responsible to supervise. Carried.**

3. A request was made for a safe space for marginal youth to gather where they feel safe once a month. This brought up questions about insurance by the group sponsor, the committee and the church and how it would be structured. Council needs more information.

**New Creed and Benediction:** After the New Creed, Rev. Alex led us in the benediction.

**Next meeting – May 17, 2023 at 7:00pm.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm by motion of Garry Freeman and Wendy Fletcher.**

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Stuart Jamieson, Chair

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Rosanne Peach, Secretary