

**St George & St Andrew United Church  
Church Council Meeting  
Thursday, April 21, 2022**

The meeting of the Church Council of St George & St Andrew United Church was held Thursday, April 21, 2022 in the Jim MacIntosh Hall at 7:00pm.

**Present:** Stuart Jamieson – Chair      Rosanne Peach – Secretary      Wendy Fletcher – Treasurer  
Barry Fletcher – Trustee      Linda Mac Charles – Ministry & Personnel  
Garry Freeman      Sophia Oldford      Rob Prosser      Richard Wiles  
David Holborn – Region 15      Rev. Elisabeth Bachem-Jennings – Minister

**Regrets:** Joanne Buckmaster

**Guest:** Jim McGinis

**Welcome:**

Chair, Stuart Jamieson, welcomed members to second meeting of Church Council.

**Call to Order:**

Stuart Jamieson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Holy Manners, Opening Prayer:**

All present joined in Holy Manners, followed by prayer given by Rev. Elisabeth

**Quorum Confirmation:**

Quorum was confirmed. Discussion around what constitutes a quorum followed.

**MOTION: By motion of Richard Wiles and Sophia Oldford, that a quorum would be 8 members present. Carried.**

**Agenda Additions:**

Minutes and accepting of the minutes.

Under Business Arising – Energy Project

**Motion to Accept Agenda:**

**MOTION: By motion of Garry Freeman and Linda MacCharles, that the agenda be accepted as amended. Carried**

**Business Arising:**

1) Energy Project – Jim McGinis informed the members re the development of a plan to get off fossil fuels prepared jointly by himself and Reg Goldsmith and taken to joint meetings of Trustees and Property. It includes the following.

- a) An Energy Audit that was done in March of 2020, to replace the 2 furnaces with heat pumps and solar panels which would substantially cut costs.

- b) Efficiency Nova Scotia has a rebate program and they also review quotes to identify the most efficient systems before telling us how large the rebate would be. For heat pumps it could be up to 80%. The heat pump application was sent in before deadline of April 24.
- c) On April 25<sup>th</sup> there is another Efficiency Nova Scotia rebate program that becomes available for solar systems for which Jim will submit an application.
- d) Heat Pumps would go in the Jim McIntosh Hall and the room beyond the kitchen. A 5 ton heat Pump would heat the sanctuary with the vent pipes being upgraded with 7 outlets.
- e) We as a church, would have to put in finances as well.
- f) Faithful Footprint grant is \$30,000.
- g) J McGinis has filed papers for building permit and Heritage permit.
- h) Total cost of project is estimated to be \$125,000
- i) Judith Wilder is working on the availability more grants
- j) Quotes for other small jobs to prevent heat loss are:
  - An extra R30 for the ceiling over the sanctuary to bring it to R60 – one quote has been received so far.
  - Swinging doors for entry way, similar pattern that is there now, with one door pinned for stability – 2 quotes so far.
  - Ceiling fans – commercial grade – 4 in stock at Home Depot for \$100/per.

Rob Prosser thanked both Jim McGinis and Reg Goldsmith, on behalf of the Church Council, for their work on these projects which was followed by a round of applause.

2) Affirming Church – It has been pointed out to us that a mail in vote is not permitted. The vote should be preceded by discussion on the same day – during which all voters listen to the contribution and remain open to the guidance of the Holy spirit. This led to a discussion as to timing. This has to be done before our Profile is sent to Region 15 for approval as the matter should be decided before a new minister arrives. The date for the discussion and vote was suggested to be set for May 15<sup>th</sup> during worship time. The proposed vote ballot was then discussed. At present there is a notification of \$100/year fee but that has been changed to a percentage of our net revenue. By consensus, the fees would not be on the ballot just the 2 questions – yes/no.

**MOTION: By motion of Garry Freeman and David Holborn, that the discussion and in person vote be held during the normal abbreviated service on Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup>. Carried**

3) Profile Committee – Linda MacCharles explained the process for approval of the Church's Profile. It is with Anne Cameron to read over, then to the Church Council, to Congregation, to Region 15. A search team will be chosen after the Profile is approved by all levels. There is a Handbook for a search team when the time comes.

**Correspondence:**

1) Wood Lake Publishing Inc. - Included with the letter (see attached), is a book, Keys to the Kingdom, leading up to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Church of Canada.

**Treasure's Report:**

The financial statements to March 31, 2022 were circulated prior to the meeting.. (see attached) Questions answered.

**MOTION: By motion of Wendy Fletcher and Sophia Oldford, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Carried**

**New Business:**

- 1) Pulpit supply – There is someone interested in doing supply in September. There are lay people in our church who will help and members of the church may step up to do one or two services. We also should look at long term. What are our options? A committee is being established to look into this will be headed by Richard Wiles with help from 1 person from M&P, at least 1 person from the Congregation.
- 2) Yard Sale – The Fundraising Group will be asked to meet with Rev. Elisabeth to pick a chair and organize a sale.

**Current Matters:**

- a) Part time help – With the pending retirement of Rev. Elisabeth, part time help is needed to check phones, update Web Site, Facebook, bulletins, etc. This Admin support could be up to 5 hours a week.
- b) M & P – Deirdre Morrell-Ormerod, organist, will be returning after an illness this coming Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**New Creed and Leaders Prayer:**

**Next Meeting:** May 19, 2022, at 7:00pm. Sophia Oldford has given her regrets as she will be away.

Adjournment:

**By motion of Barry Fletcher and Garry Freeman, meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.**

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Stuart Jamieson  
Chair

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Rosanne Peach  
Secretary