

**St George & St Andrew United Church
Church Council Meeting
Jim MacIntosh Room
Thursday, December 1, 2022
7:00pm**

Present:

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

Regrets: Robert Prosser

Welcome:

Stuart Jamieson, Chair, welcomed everyone especially our new minister Rev. Alex Constable to the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves.

Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

Holy Manners, Opening Prayer:

Holy Manners was read, followed Rev. Alex leading us in prayer.

Quorum Confirmation:

Quorum was confirmed.

Agenda Additions:

Removing a pew
Dog
Request for Money

Motion to Accept Agenda:

MOTION: By motion of Sophia Oldford and David Holborn, that the agenda be accepted as amended. Carried

Minutes of October 20, 2022

MOTION: By motion of Linda MacCharles and Garry Freeman, that the minutes of October 20, 2022, be accepted as circulated. Carried

Business Arising:

- 1) Energy Project: - Four ceiling fans have been installed and are working on low. They will be all the time. The extra insulation can now be installed. Jim McGinis continues conversations re our solar panels.
- 2) Gift Policy:- Have not yet heard back from Region 15 as to what their policy is on this.
- 3) Admin Support for Minister: – The support that has been in place seems to be working except for the Web Site. David Holborn will do this with Sophia Oldford as back up.
- 4) Organist Contract: - A contract proposal was presented (see attached). Discussion followed. As a result the following motion was made.

MOTION: By motion of Richard Wiles and Joanne Buckmaster, that organists salary be raised \$50.00. This motion was defeated.

Discussion continued with the following motion being made.

MOTION: By motion of David Holborn and Garry Freeman, that organist's salary be raised by 20%. Carried

- 5) Worship Committee: - Rev. Alex suggested a committee to meet quarterly to brainstorm ideas for themes, content, etc., consisting of organist, one or two choir members, one or two knowledgeable in the sacraments. This discussion is to be incorporated in a future meeting.
- 6) Minister's Emergency Fund: - The Emergency Fund of \$1,000.00 per year was discussed. The following motion was made:

MOTION: By motion of Joanne Buckmaster and Rosanne Peach, that the Minister's Emergency Fund of \$1,000.00 be continued. Carried.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report:

Barry Fletcher, Bookkeeper, presented the financial information indicating monies will be required to get us into 2023. Our current bank balance includes several restricted funds decreasing monies that are available to the Treasurer. Wendy Fletcher, Treasurer then requested that we ask the Trustees for \$15,000 from our investments to carry the regular spending to the new year.

MOTION: By motion of David Holborn and Linda MacCharles, that the Treasurer request \$15,000.00 from the Trustees. Carried.

New Business:

- 1) Annual Reports and Council Fine Tuning: - A special meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 1:30pm for these discussions.

- 2) Possible Concert: - A blues artist is sending out feelers to see if a concert could be held in our church, splitting the take. Further information is needed but had a positive response from members.
- 3) Special Offerings: - Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving are for Missions and Anniversary as a fundraiser. Letters with envelopes have not been going out to members in the past few years. This should be reinstated. This was agreed upon.
- 4) Removing a Pew: - The smaller pew right next to the piano was removed along with many others to make room for staging to install fans. It was requested that that small one be left out to make more room for piano and easier to get by. It was agreed.
- 5) Dog in Office:- Rev. Alex brings his dog to work. He has been leaving him in the car. Rev. Alex would like to bring him in during the colder weather.

MOTION: By motion of David Holborn and Sophia Oldford, that Rev. Alex be allowed to bring the dog into the office when he is there. Carried.

- 6) Minister's Corner: - He will be having office hours that as yet are undetermined. He also inquired if there was a ministerial group in town and who to contact. There are two other ministers and the Catholic Church has a lay representative.

A quote to have the outside sign upgraded to reflect the change in ministry and add the Affirming crest is being sought.

New Creed and Blessing: The Creed was spoken and Rev. Alex pronounced the benediction.

Next Meeting: January 19, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Adjournment:

By motion of Sophia Oldford & Wendy Fletcher, meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Stuart Jamieson, Chair

Rosanne Peach, Secretary