

**St George & St Andrew United Church
Church Council Special Meeting
Jim MacIntosh Room
Thursday, January 19, 2023
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	Sophia Oldford Garry Freeman

Regrets: Joanne Buckmaster Richard Wiles Robert Prosser

Guest: Jim McGinis

Welcome:

Stuart Jamieson, Chair, welcomed everyone.

Call to Order:

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

Holy Manners, Opening Prayer led by Rev. Alex Constable.

Quorum Confirmation: We have a quorum.

Agenda Additions: Under new business – Paperwork Project and New minister’s name plate.

MOTION: **By motion of Barry Fletcher and Sophia Oldford, that the agenda be accepted as amended. Carried.**

Minutes of December 1, 2022 and January 10, 2023.

MOTION: **By motion of Garry Freeman and Linda MacCharles, that the minutes of December 1, 2022 be accepted as circulated. Carried.**

MOTION: **By motion of Sophia Oldford and Barry Fletcher, that the minutes of January 10, 2023 be accepted as circulated. Carried.**

Business Arising:

1) Energy Project Update: Energy Project Update: Jim McGinis informed the meeting that the insulation in the attic has been installed. The heat pumps, ceiling fans, hot water tank and electrical have been completed. We are waiting for the solar panels to be installed. The total spent to date is \$36,884.38, not including the insulation. The overall project budget will be less as some of the required work was done in house i.e.

the upgrading the swinging doors to be relatively draft proof which potentially saved over \$20,000 versus new doors. There are 2 windows in the basement that need tightening up.

The Chair, Stuart Jamieson, thanked Jim McGinis, Reg Goldsmith, Art Jones for their work on these projects

It was noted that Faithful Footprint will ask for the story of how we did our project. They are a major grant provider for the project.

2) **Gift Policy:** No update at this time.

3) **Update on Council Fine Tuning:** See attached. The definitions for each of the volunteer groups will be worked on during another Special Meeting on January 31, 2023 at 2:00pm.

Correspondence: No Correspondence.

Treasurers Report: The yearend Financials have been sent for review to Anne & Gordon Flewwelling.

New Business:

1) **Issue with organ:** Our Letourneau organ's great swell is not functioning properly. Our organist has been able to adapt her playing at present but it needs to be repaired. The company has been informed of this but has not replied. Suggestion was made to let the organ have a few months to adjust to the change in the heating system to see if would rectify itself. The makings are of high-end wood and may mend itself.

2) **Confirmation of Minister's postponed Christmas Holiday** of January 30 to February 6, 2023.

MOTION: By motion of David Holborn and Garry Freeman, that the request for Minister's to have his postponed Christmas Holiday from January 30 to February 6, 2023 be accepted.

Carried.

3) **Approval for Rev. Sheila Redden-Smith** to lead the service on February 5, 2023.

MOTION: By motion of Wendy Fletcher and Sophia Oldford, that Rev. Sheila Redden Smith be permitted to lead the service on February 6, 2023. Carried.

4) **Paper Project:** Janet Swanberg has been informed that she will receive a grant of \$1370.00, based on the number of returns she has sent in to Revenue Canada. She would like to divide the money and donate it to the cost of the solar panels and the Breakfast Program at the Champlain Elementary School.

MOTION: By motion of Wendy Fletcher and Rosanne Peach, that Janet Swansburg be allowed to split the donation between the cost of the solar panels and Champlain Elementary School. Carried.

5) **New Minister's signage:** There is a need to replace the minister's name plate on our church sign in the front of the church that would fit the space allowed for it.

MOTION: By motion of Garry Freeman and Linda MacCharles, that our new minister's name signage be purchased. Carried.

6) **Minister's Corner:** The Affirming Sign is needed to fulfill our requirement for the Greater Church as an Affirming Church. Rev. Alex will look into this.

He also brought up about having someone accompany him on his visits to members of the congregation, especially when there is only one occupant. This will be worked out.

Wedding – A couple from Halifax noticed the small Affirming Symbol on our church sign and has asked Rev. Alex to officiate at their wedding at the Digby Pines.

Motion: By motion of Rosanne Peach and Sophia Oldford, that Rev. Alex Constable be permitted to officiate the wedding at the Digby Pines. Carried.

Mr. Darren Knocks has requested information about who the minister was at the Old Methodist Church in Northfield that burned down. This would have been part of the Caledonia Charge. Rev. Alex was referred to someone who might know the answer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm by motion of Garry Freeman and Wendy Fletcher.

Next meeting – February 16, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Benediction: Rev. Alex led us in the benediction.

Stuart Jamieson, Chair

Rosanne Peach, Secretary