

**St George & St Andrew United Church
Church Council Meeting
John Corston Room
Thursday, June 22, 2023
6:30pm for 7:00pm**

Present:

Stuart Jamieson – Chair	Rev. Alex Constable – Minister	
Rosanne Peach – Secretary	Barry Fletcher – Trustee Rep.	
Wendy Fletcher – Treasurer	David Holborn	Garry Freeman
Anne Flewwelling	Richard Wiles	Joanne Buckmaster

Regrets: Shelly Wright

Guests: Bryan Redden John Coker Jim McGinis

Presentation: Kathy Brooks

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: Gifts, Job Description for Treasurer

MOTION: By motion of Richard Wiles and Barry Fletcher, that the agenda be accepted as amended. Carried.

Minutes of Minutes of May 17, 2023:

MOTION: By motion of Joanne Buckmaster and Wendy Fletcher, that the minutes of May 17, 2023, be accepted as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising:

- 1) **Energy Project Update**
Jim McGinis provided the following update.
 - a) The solar system had to be turned off as there hadn't been any final inspections.
 - b) The estimated load calculation before the Project started was fairly close to the limit.

c) The Mast for the power was discovered broken during the installation of the solar panels. We are using our own electrician to do the repair versus Watts Up.

d) A recent calculation by our electrician for the NSPI Inspector discovered the load within the building is too much for our 200-amp panel. The dishwasher and the 5-ton heat pump both have heating element and are the primary offenders.

e) A suggestion was made for a 400amp be installed at a hefty price. Our electrician suggested a regulator which would not allow the 5-ton heat pump and the dishwasher to work at the same time. The Inspector agreed to that.

Jim McGinis also informed the members that he had received an invitation on Saturday, June 10, 2023 to attend the RC15 Annual Meeting June 9-11, 2023 at Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU). He was asked by Sheila Van Schaick to take part in two workshops titled Churches Addressing the Climate Emergency. Jim presented an overview of our Energy Project at St. George & St. Andrew United Church. He outlined everything we have done to reduce our GHG Emissions (Green House Gas) and answered questions. Unfortunately there were not that many that attended these two workshops.

2) **Concert on June 21, 2023**

Well attended and enjoyed

3) **Fundraiser**

No update on fundraiser for Solar Panel Project.

4) **Self-Assessment**

The Assessment was completed at this meeting and sent off. (Attached)

5) **Committee List**

1) An updated list was presented. (Attached) Liaison for each committee is required.

2) It was suggested that the Committees be identified and the other groups would be identified as Activity Groups.

Correspondence:

An email from Bryan Redden requesting financial information was received prior to the meeting. (Attached). There was an initial response from the Chair of Trustees and Bookkeeper, Barry Fletcher. (Attached) circulated for discussion amongst Council members. Out of these discussions concern was expressed for long-term financial sustainability and the habitual need to draw on our investments. Aside from the Project withdrawals, there was a consensus we could help ourselves with the annual operational budget shortfalls with someone taking the lead in fundraising which was lacking in volunteers signing up. To that end the Fundraising Committee was strengthened with the addition of David Holborn, Bryan Redden, and Rev. Alex volunteering to work with Sharon Constable and Kelly Gillard who had already agreed to be on the committee.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Wendy Fletcher prepared a comprehensive Treasurer's Job Description for use when the Church Council meets again in the fall. (Attached)

New Business:

1) Masonry work is badly needed at the front of the church. A quote for this can to \$100,000. We are holding off for a breakdown of this quote.

2) There is a water issue with the front step. Water is getting in and running down the wall in the basement under the entrance. The front step needs other repairs that maybe adding to the problem. The quote is \$950.00 plus tax.

MOTION: By motion of Anne Flewelling and Wendy Fletcher, that the steps be repaired at a cost of \$950.00 plus tax. Carried.

3) Gutters need to be cleaned, replaced and/or replaced to direct water away from the building. The Property Committee has an estimate of 1,000.00.

MOTION: By motion of Barry Fletcher and David Holborn, that the Property Committee may spend monies up to \$1,000 without bringing to Church Council being mindful of the confines of the Annual Budget. Carried.

4) Kathy Brooks explained that her friend, Nicole Lortie, left 12 of her beautiful stained glass art to the church. A discussion followed with Kathy as to what we could do. It was determined that the art would be sold in a way to get the best return. This sale will take place at the end of summer. Kathy was asked to be involved with members of the Fundraising Committee, to make the decision re the sale of this art. It was suggested that Joanne Buckmaster also be involved as she was a friend of Nicole.

Minister's Corner:

1. This Sunday will be a New Member Sunday with Rev. Sheila Redden-Smith and Douglas Smith joining by transfer, Betty Gullion by Profession of Faith and Linda Grocock by Baptism.

2. Weddings:

a) Wedding of Samantha Buyold and Amber Kelly is to be held at the Pines in Digby, Nova Scotia, on July 22nd.

b) Wedding of Jeff Brennan & Siobhan Welch is to be held at The Farm at Smith Cove, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, on September 23rd.

MOTION: By motion of Garry Freeman and Rosanne Peach, that Rev. Alex Constable be permitted to officiate at the Wedding of Samantha Buyold and Amber Kelly is to be held at the Pines in Digby, Nova Scotia, on July 22nd and the Wedding of Jeff Brennan & Siobhan Welch is to be held at The Farm at Smith Cove, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, on September 23rd. Carried.

3) Rev. Alex is requesting vacation time on two occasions. August 8th to August 14th and September 19th to September 25th.

Next meeting to be held on Thursday, September 14th, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm by motion of Garry Freeman and Wendy Fletcher.

New Creed and Benediction: After the New Creed, Rev. Alex pronounced the benediction.

Stuart Jamieson, Chair

Rosanne Peach, Secretary