

**St George & St Andrew United Church
Church Council Meeting
John Corston Room
Wednesday, May 17, 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

Regrets: Garry Freeman Richard Wiles

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: Procedure re booking with Andrea Boulding and communication.

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

Minutes of Minutes of April 13, 2023:

MOTION: **By motion of Sophie Oldford and Barry Fletcher, that the minutes of April 13, 2023, be accepted as circulated. Carried.**

Business Arising:

1) **Energy Project Update**

The panels have been installed, awaiting Nova Scotia Power inspections and connection before we can produce and deliver power back to Nova Scotia Power.

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

We were named the recipient of this year's Award. Although there is no money involved, we will have the Award and bragging rights. The award will be officially announced June 7, 2023, at a Gala Event in Boston to which Jim McGinis has been invited. If he can't go, Joanne Buckmaster has volunteered to go, if that can be arranged.

3) Policies & Procedures

A packaged set of Policies & Procedures had been circulated. There were a few corrections to be made.

MOTION: By motion of Barry Fletcher and David Holborn, that the Policies & Procedures Booklet be accepted as amended. Carried.

4) Concert in sanctuary, June 15, 2023.

Capella Regalis – There was a procedural issue in the booking of our facilities in conjunction with King’s Theatre. Discussion ensued emphasizing any booking would start with the Booking Clerk who would share the request with the Minister, Chair of Trustees for approval. It was noted that even for members of the congregation needing space, checking with Andrea is a necessity.

CIA Noon Hour Concert – It was decided by the CIA to move their fundraising concert to Wednesday June 21st to avoid having two events on the same day.

5) Fundraiser

Now that the solar panels have been installed, there are couple of fundraisers the Church In Action have planned.

- a) Buy a panel, half a panel or ¼ of a panel, or a donation of your choice.
- b) Making and selling for a \$1.00, 450 crocheted worms, cat toys, bookmarks all packaged in handmade paper bags. Many volunteers are involved in the endeavor.

6) Self-Assessment

This assessment is to be done by June 30th. The Chair, Secretary, Minister and Chair of M&P have been tasked doing the assessment.

7) Annual Report

The Annual Reports were circulated. It was agreed that the Annual Report would be circulated, to the congregation for perusal before the AGM.

Correspondence:

None

Treasurers Report:

- a) The Yard Sale brought in \$1,600.00
- b) The proposed budget and comparison year by year were passed around for discussion. (Attached) It was agreed that the proposed 2023 budget, as circulated, be presented to the Congregation.
- c) Due to higher cost per hour for plowing this year. It was suggested that we call for tenders. This was agreed to.
- d) A question regarding maintenance of the heat pumps and the costs arose. The monthly cleaning of the indoor heat pumps will be done by the Chair of Property. They will have to be deep cleaned once a year at a co

New Business:

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, May 28, 2023, in the Sanctuary, after a shortened regular service, to review and approve the Annual Report, Nominating Report and the Proposed Budget. There will be a question-and-answer period after each one before a motion is made.

Communication

It was thought that church communication could be improved. This is being referred to our next meeting.

Minister's Corner:

Rev. Alex had planned to go to Ontario to a niece's wedding in June and had made arrangements for minister coverage, but wife couldn't get time off.

Thank You:

The Chair, Stuart Jamieson, thanked Linda MacCharles, Sophia Oldford and Rob Prosser for being part of the first Council, as they are not offering to continue on Council.

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

Next meeting – June 22, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm by motion of David Holborn and Wendy Fletcher.

Stuart Jamieson, Chair

Rosanne Peach, Secretary