

**St George & St Andrew United Church
Church Council Meeting
Thursday, May 19, 2022**

The meeting of the Church Council of St George & St Andrew United Church was held Thursday, May 19, 2022, in the Jim MacIntosh Hall at 7:00pm.

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

Regrets: Stuart Jamieson – Chair Sophia Oldford

Guests: Joan Francuz Judy Lind Peter Hall Jim McGinis

Welcome:

Acting Chair, David Holborn, welcomed members and guests to the Church Council.

Call to Order:

David Holborn called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Holy Manners, Opening Prayer:

Opening prayer was given by Rev. Elisabeth followed by Holy Manners.

Quorum Confirmation:

Quorum was confirmed.

Agenda Additions:

Under new Business – Planning for the Future

Motion to Accept Agenda:

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

Minutes:

MOTION: by motion of Barry Fletcher and Rob Prosser, that the minutes, dated April 22, 2022, be accepted as circulated. Carried

Business Arising:

1) Profile and Job Description Presentation: Members of the Profile Committee introduced themselves – Joan Francuz, Chair, Judy Lind, and Peter Hall. The fourth member of the committee, Linda MacCharles, is a member of Council.

Joan Francuz presented the Profile and Job Description on behalf of the committee. She explained the steps taken – the training, the survey of the congregation, the findings, and drafting the report and job description, in consultation with Anne Cameron of Regional. (See attached). The key finding of the survey was that about two thirds of the congregation wanted a full-time minister. Some editing issues were raised at the meeting, and in an email sent beforehand. A revised copy will be circulated to Council prior to sharing with the Congregation.

MOTION: By motion of Richard Wiles and Joanne Buckmaster, that the Profile and the Job description be accepted as amended. Carried

Wendy Fletcher thanked the Committee Members for their diligent work on behalf of Council followed by a round of applause. Three of the Profile Committee members then left the meeting.

2) Energy Project:

a) Jim McGinis presented the comparisons in prices for the majority of the work to be done, and the findings of Energy Nova Scotia as to which of the company's heat pump system was the most efficient.

b) Barry Fletcher had circulated corresponding information on the costs for the proposed renovations. (See Attached)

c) There is a necessity to send a 'Certificate of Trustees Asking Consent of Regional Council' signed by the Chair & Secretary of the Trustees. Regional Council will be holding their meeting next week.

MOTION: By motion of Rob Prosser and Joanne Buckmaster, that the Renovation of Property application signed and be sent to Region 15 for permission to do the renovations. Carried

d) J. McGinis also inform members that the inside entry doors can't be supplied from Home Hardware and to make them, it was too costly, thus suggesting making some alterations to the existing ones.

e) J. McGinis had not received the building permit from the Town of Annapolis Royal but he does not anticipate any problem with its issuance.

Rev. Elisabeth informed us that one of our members was pursuing additional grants. She is suggesting that our project is unique, as it is renovating a building that is over a century old and could be used as an education project on what can be done to an old building to get off fossil fuel.

Rev. Elisabeth also informed us of a United Church Loan Program for projects like ours. A member of Council thought that would be the way to go, rather than touch out investment during this time of fluctuation in the markets.

3) Affirming Church – The vote, which took place during the Church Service on May 15, 2022, was a YES vote. The next step Rev. Elisabeth has contacted Linda Hutchinson, who will guide us through the next steps in the process of the celebrations and proclaiming publicly that we are an Affirming Church. Request that the Affirming Team continue to act along with the Council, to live out our commitment. The request was granted by consensus.

4) Pulpit Supply - Richard Wiles, Chair of the Committee, reported on their progress. They had contacted David Hewitt, Regional Minister, requesting names of those ministers that are open to supply. Members, Shelly Wright and Ann Flewwelling along with R. Wiles, took names and did the calling. Sheila Redden Smith, retired, of Berwick agreed to come to do three services – June 12th, June 26th, and July 3rd. The United Church per diem rate \$224.00 per day plus milage at 46 cent per kilometer. It was noted, with the price of gas, the kilometer rate should be at least the Government rate of 61 cents.

MOTION: By motion of Richard Wiles and Barry Fletcher, that Sheila Redden Smith be hired to do services on June 12th, June 26th, and July 3rd and that we pay her \$ 224.00 per service and 61cents per km for travel. Carried

Correspondence:

Invitation from Orchard Valley United Church in New Minas, inviting us to their celebration on becoming Affirmed on Sunday, May 22, 2022. at 3:00pm.

Treasure's Report: None

New Business:

1) Audio Visual Setup: - It was suggested that a Power Point Projector would be suspended from the ceiling during the pending renovations as the workers would already be on site. This projector would project onto the wall. Following discussion the following motion was made.

MOTION: By motion of Joanne Buckmaster and Garry Freeman, that Rob Prosser continue exploring the cost. Carried

2) Current Matters: - Part time help is needed to check phones, update Web Site, emails, mail, Facebook. Wendy Fletcher will continue to pick up mail and has been authorized to open it and see the appropriate persons receives it. David Holborn will check the emails. Andrea will be asked about doing Facebook. That leaves someone to do the Website.

3) Vice Chair – It was suggested that we think about having a Vice Chair. This is for future consideration.

Rev. Elisabeth led us in prayer.

New Creed and Leaders Prayer:

Next Meeting: June 15, 2022, at 7:00pm.

Adjournment:

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

David Holborn, Acting Chair

Rosanne Peach, Secretary