

**St George & St Andrew United Church
Church Council Meeting
Jim MacIntosh Room
Thursday, November 16, 2023
7:00pm**

Present:

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

Regrets: None

Guests: Andrea Boulding Kerry Fitzgerald Bryan Redden John Coker

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: Outreach

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

Minutes of October 26, 2023: The words ‘by consensus’, New Business 2), be removed.

MOTION: By motion of Anne Flewwelling and Garry Freeman, that the minutes of October 26, 2023, be accepted as amended. Carried.

Business Arising:

- 1) **Fundraisers**
 - a) ‘A Little Dose of Laughter’ brought in \$1,075.00 towards our Solar Project. The committee was more than happy with that.

MOTION: By motion of Anne Flewwelling and Garry Freeman, that a note of thank you be sent to Janet Swansburg and her group of players. Carried.

2) **Search Committees**

a) **Organist:** There has been one request for information which was given but there has been no further communication. We were also informed that Judy Lind has joined this committee as a member of the congregation.

b) **Treasurer:** There was discussion re pros and cons of hiring but still hoping it will be filled by an 'in house' volunteer. The Treasurer elected by the Church Council must be a church member. One option discussed was to look for an Assistant Treasurer to perform day-to-day, month-to-month (background) duties with no requirement to attend meetings etc. This volunteer would not necessarily have to be a church member. Some of the duties currently performed by the current Treasurer could be divided.

MOTION: By motion of Rosanne Peach and Joanne Buckmaster, that the Treasurer may not necessarily be a member of Council, but a Co-Treasurer would be. Carried.

c) **Admin Support:** This position has many aspects to it. One job, preparing the bulletin for services. Joanne Buckmaster and David Holborn volunteered to look after this job.

d) **Booking Clerk:** This is to be a separate category.

It was suggested that the Nominating Committee check the current definitions and find people willing to fill the positions and bring back their results to our next meeting in December.

MOTION: By motion of David Holborn and Wendy Fletcher, that the Nominating Committee bring back a list names filling these positions. Carried.

3) **Executive Minister**

The Executive Minister, Rev. Faith March-McCuish, is happy to be our Anniversary speaker in June 2024. Details to be worked out.

4) **Christmas Eve**

The regular service, 4th Sunday of Advent, will be held in the morning. The Christmas Eve Service will be readings, carols and candle lighting.

5) **Church in Action Committee Activity**

CIA is sponsoring A Death Cafe to be held Friday afternoon November 17, 2023, in the Dugas Room at the Hub.

6) **Memorial Service**

The information was in the bulletin last week and will be this coming week. Anne Flewwelling will be meeting with the new social worker on Monday to arrange for the delivery of gift cards to families in need at Christmas.

Correspondence:

A letter from Arnold Viersen, MP, representing Peace River-Westlock, requesting support to get Bill S-10 passed in the Legislature. (See attached). No action needed.

Treasurers Report:

No Report

New Business:

1) **Committee Reporting**

The Council requires updated reports to keep council informed of action of committee.

2) **Worship Committee**

This committee had a meeting and thought it was a good time to return to the pre COVID practice of passing the offertory plate. This will be done.

Ministers Corner:

1) **Outreach**

a) **Children's Christmas Concert**

There has been a Children's Christmas Concert and 'Toonie Lunch' planned for Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at noon. This was sanctioned by the Council.

b) **Library-Education, Non-Internet Study & Fellowship Group**

Rev. Alex has been approached to have a study group without Zoom for those who prefer in person discussion. This Group will be called the 'Broadview Club', meeting once a month, bring articles from Broadview or other articles they may wish to discuss.

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm 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