

**St George & St Andrew United Church
Church Council Meeting
Jim MacIntosh Room
Thursday, October 26, 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

Welcome:

Stuart Jamieson – Chair, welcomed everyone.

Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:58pm

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

Quorum Confirmation: We have a quorum.

Agenda Additions: Quorum, Memorial Tree, Update Directory, Pulpit Supply

MOTION: By motion of Anne Flewwelling and Garry Freeman, that the agenda be accepted as amended. Carried.

Minutes of September 14, 2023:

MOTION: By motion of David Holborn and Barry Fletcher, that the minutes of September 14, 2023, be accepted as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising:

1) **Update on Gift to Deirdre Morrell-Ormerod**

Richard Wiles informed the members that \$850.00 was collected and delivered to her. This was in addition to the Choir donation of \$300.00 making a total gift of \$1150.00 to honour her in retirement.

2) **Fundraisers**

a) Karaoke idea has been dropped.

b) ‘A Little Dose of Laughter’ was discussed last month but not formerly agreed to.

MOTION: By motion of Richard Wiles and Rosanne Peach, that the skit, ‘A Little Dose of Laughter’, be approved. Carried.

3) **Masonry Work**

The masonry work around the front steps have been completed but there is more masonry work required to the front of the church.

4) **Search Committees**

a) The Search Committee, for an organist, requested a member from the congregation be asked to join the committee to ensure congregation input as the rest of the members of the committee are centered around the choir. Agreed.

b)The search for a Treasurer, Admin Support and a Booking Clerk is ongoing as well.

5) **Executive Minister**

We have been unsuccessful in reaching the Executive Minister, Rev. Faith March-McCuish, to be our Anniversary speaker. We will continue to try.

6) **Christmas Eve**

This service will be a scripture/carol/candle lighting service. There will also be a morning service Christmas Eve. There will be no service on New Years Eve.

Correspondence:

None.

Treasurers Report:

The Financial Statements up to September 30, 2023 were previously circulated. (See attached)

MOTION: By motion of Wendy Fletcher and David Holborn, that the September 30, 2023 Financial Statements be accepted as circulated. Carried.

New Business:

1) **Compensation for interim choir director/music support**

The suggestion that the interim choir director/music support be compensated. Discussion followed before the following motion was made.

MOTION: By motion of Anne Flewwelling and David Holborn, that Connie Rouse receive \$100.00 per Sunday, retroactive to when she began. Carried.

The other two supporters had stated they did not want payment.

- 2) **Charitable Receipts for cooking supplies**
There will be no receipt for cooking supplies by consensus.
- 3) **CIA activity**
The Church in Action Committee have arranged for a presenter from the Canadian Volunteer Income Tax Program to speak at the church, November 30, 2023, in the afternoon, time to be determined.
- 4) **Quorum**
We revisited our stated quorum and determined it needed changing.

MOTION: By motion of Rosanne Peach and David Holborn, that the quorum for future Church Council meeting be 50% plus one. Carried.

- 5) **Memorial Lights**
The Memorial Lights Service will be incorporated in the church service on December 3, 2023. There is a need to start advertising.
- 6) **Church Directory**
It was noted that our church directory is outdated and there is a wish to do another one. A discussion followed and a go ahead to plan the project was given.
- 7) **Pulpit Supply**
A discussion re the protocol for getting a pulpit supply when our minister will not be available. The Worship Committee is to find pulpit supply and advise Ministry & Personnel who they have chosen to fill in. M&P will check if remuneration is required, then inform the Treasurer of who and how much.

MOTION: By motion of Anne Flewwelling and Wendy Fletcher, that the Worship Committee find pulpit supply and inform the Ministry & Personnel Committee, who will then determine the expectation of remuneration and inform the Treasurer. Carried.

Ministers Corner:

- 1) Remembrance Day Church Service will be held on November 12, 2023, the closest Sunday to Remembrance Day. The Community Remembrance Day Service will be held on November 11.
- 2) The other 3 panel glass piece has been sold for \$1,000.00. There are still 3 more glass pieces to sell.
- 3) The project to provide tickets for the Rocky Horror Picture Show will not take place as there were no requests for tickets. The money will be deposited in the church account for other Affirming Committee projects. It was suggested that the Affirming Committee be apprised of the protocol of communicating with the Council their plans.

Next meeting to be held on Thursday, November 16th, 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