

**St George & St Andrew United Church
Church Council Meeting
Jim MacIntosh Room
Thursday, September 14, 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: Bryan Redden John Coker Kerry Fitzgerald

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: Bookcase in Sanctuary and M&P

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

Minutes of June 22, 2023:

MOTION: By motion of Richard Wiles and Anne Flewwelling, that the minutes of June 22, 2023, be accepted as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising:

1) **Energy Project Update**

This project is now complete. We are generating electricity. Depending on conditions, some days are better than others regarding the generation of power. Three members have the ability to login and view what is happening as we go forward. Some statistical info (attached) as we start the concluding chapter of our Green Energy Project.

2) **Fundraisers**

1) The Silent Auction went very well with most pieces sold to realize \$6,000+. There are several pieces to be sold.

2) Blueberry Social took place Sunday afternoon, August 27th, 2023. It was a great success and \$805.50 was realized.

3) We were asked our thoughts of having a Karaoke in our church on Halloween. Costumes encouraged. Short discussion followed. This item was referred to the Fundraising Committee.

3) **Committee List**

This list has been finalized. The sign-up list at the back of church to be taken down.

4) **Masonry Work**

The masonry work near the front steps has yet to be completed.

5) **Gutters**

This work has been completed. It has improved the problem.

Correspondence:

A suggestion was forwarded to the secretary.

“To elicit participation of the congregation, in my opinion, the agenda should be forwarded to everyone, so that matters of particular interest can be addressed. And any items that have a special meaning to a member not included on the agenda can be added.”

MOTION: By motion of Joanne Buckmaster and David Holborn, that the agenda be posted and emailed to the congregation in advance. CARRIED.

Treasurers Report:

1) Barry Fletcher, our Bookkeeper, presented a detailed summary of the Green Energy Project. Attached.

2) The Financial Statements for the month ending June 30, 2023 were previously circulated. (Attached)

3) Wendy Fletcher, Treasurer, noted all duties listed in the Treasurer Job Description the UCC PAR and the receipting of charitable donations could be done by someone else as is being done now by Jane Dewolfe. The consensus was, there may be other tasks that could be shared but a bit early until we see who steps up and the flow of paperwork to our Bookkeeper is established.

MOTION: By motion of Wendy Fletcher and Richard Wiles, that the Financial Statements dated June 30, 2023 be accepted as circulated. Carried.

New Business:

1) Our Organist and Choir Director, Deirdre Morrell-Ormerod, of 15 years, has submitted her resignation. The question is what we do for her as a parting gift. It was decided a memo should go out to the congregation suggesting those who wish, put some money in a plain envelope marked GIFT and put it in collection plate or hand it to a Council Member.

A Search Committee that reports to M&P and then to Council, following the duty list for previous Organists and Choir Directors, be established.

MOTION: By motion of Rosanne Peach and Anne Flewwelling, that a Search Committee of David Holborn, Andrea Boulding, Rev. Alex, a choir member and possibly Phil Roberts, be struck to search for a candidate. CARRIED.

2) Our Treasurer is resigning as of December 31st. The present Treasurer has provided a detailed list of duties. Since the Treasurer is to be a member of the United Church of Canada this could be a challenge. The Council is now looking for an expression of interest starting with a bulletin notice..

3) We are also in need of an Administrator and a Booking & Rental Clerk. These will be dealt with next month.

4) Rosanne Peach had an opportunity to head and meet the Executive Minister of Bermuda/Nova Scotia Regional Council, Rev. Faith March-MacCuish at Berwick Camp this summer. Rev. Faith would like to visit as many of the congregation in the region as possible, preferably by request. It was determined that we would like her to come for our Anniversary Service in June, if possible at a day suitable for her. R. Peach will contact her.

5) Christmas Eve service – It had been suggested that, since we may not have an organist, that Phil Roberts be approached to see if he would do the honors. No action was taken at this time.

6) Joanne Buckmaster requested premission to move the bookcase to the sanctuary for ease of access. Discussion followed. It was agreed that it could be in the childrens corner.

7) Kerry Fitzgerald, Chair of M&P, informed Council that Rev. Alex had requested vacation time October 10th – 16th, 2023. M&P had granted it. Tony Orlando will fill in for that service.

MOTION: By motion of Anne Flewwelling and Shelly Wright, that Council approve Rev. Alex's request for vacation time from October 10th – 16th, 2023. CARRIED.

7) Cancer Walk Fund Course, which began at the Annapolis Pub was to raise funds for Ovarian Cancer. Rev. Alex and his trusty companion did the walk. The group was thankful for his participation

8) Service at the Perotte Church was discussed. It was determined that it was too late for this year but would happen next year.

9) Council was informed that Rev. Alex had services the 3rd Sunday of the month, at 2:00pm, at the Annapolis Royal Nursing Home.

Next meeting to be held on Thursday, October 19th, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm by motion of Wendy Fletcher and Richard Wiles

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

Stuart Jamieson, Chair

Rosanne Peach, Secretary