

**St George & St Andrew United Church  
Church Council Meeting  
Jim MacIntosh Room  
Thursday, September 8, 2022**

The meeting of the Church Council of St George & St Andrew United Church was held Thursday, September 8, 2022, in the Jim MacIntosh Hall at 7:00pm.

**Present:**

Stuart Jamieson – Chair	Rev. Sheila Redden-Smith – Minister
Rosanne Peach – Secretary	Wendy Fletcher – Treasurer
Barry Fletcher – Trustee Rep.	Linda MacCharles – Ministry & Personnel
David Holborn – Region 15	Joanne Buckmaster                      Richard Wiles
Sophia Oldford	

**Regrets:**        Garry Freeman                      Robert Prosser

**Guests:**        Janet Swansburg

**Welcome:**

Stuart Jamieson, Chair, welcomed Rev. Sheila Redden-Smith to our meeting as our Interim Minister.

**Call to Order:**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

**Holy Manners, Opening Prayer:**

Holy Manners was read, followed by prayer given by Rev. Sheila in which she prayed for the Royal Family, the Commonwealth and the communities upon the death of Her Royal Highness, Queen Elizabeth II. She also prayed for guidance in our deliberations.

**Quorum Confirmation:**

Quorum was confirmed.

**Agenda Additions:**

Under Business – Report on Supply and Permanent Ministers;  
New Business – Food Bank; Administrator; Fundraising

**Motion to Accept Agenda:**

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

**Minutes:**

**MOTION:**    By motion of Richard Wiles & Sophia Oldford, that the minutes, dated April 21, 2022, be accepted as circulated. Carried

**Business Arising:**

1) Affirming Celebration Service – This service is being held Thursday, September 22, 2022. Those invited to the service – all ministers in our area; our elected official – Town and County Councilors, MLA; as well an invitation was extended to the Collaborative Practice and Family Medicine Practice; from Regional – Rev. Kim Curlett and the sermon will be given by Dr. Homer Noble. The official Affirming Certificate will be received at this service. There will be punch and cake provided. A budget for this and for Dr. Noble and Rev. Curlett expenses of \$300.00 was requested.

**MOTION: By motion of Barry Fletcher and Linda MacCharles, that the Affirming Celebration Service be held. Carried.**

**MOTION: By motion of Sophia Oldford and Joanne Buckmaster, that the request for a budget of \$300.00 for the Affirming Celebration Service be granted. Carried.**

2) Energy Project: An update, via email, from Jim McGinis informed us the supply challenges have held up the planned work but the heat pumps are now in; the solar panels are in and waiting for the lift to arrive on site. The new fans have to have longer drops than are available locally and have not been found; and the electrical and insulation will be after they are installed.

3) Masking – Notices encouraging masking will be posted at entrances, was decided by consensus.

4) Hiring of Rev. Sheila Redden-Smith. - There is a need to extend her time another month until the new minister arrives.

**MOTION: By motion of Richard Wiles and Sophia Oldford, that we support the extension subject to the approval of Region 15. Carried.**

5) Compensation – Due to the extra services in the up coming week, compensation for the extra time by or our Interim Supply Minister was discussed.

**MOTION: By motion of Richard Wiles and Sophia Oldford, that compensation for time over and above the contract be at the end of the contract. Carried.**

The Search Committee reported on the hiring of Interim Supply Minister Rev. Sheila Redden-Smith and our Full Time Minister Alex Constable.

Stuart Jamieson thanked the Search Committee for their diligent work which they did extremely well.

**Correspondence:**

1) Toni Gallagher and the Chair's reply: Her letter informed us she had fallen in our church basement during the Yard Sale. She is not suing us as she accepts part of the blame. She has suggestions to help prevent this happening in the future. (See Attached) Discussion followed.

**MOTION: By David Holborn and Joanne Buckmaster, that this matter be turned over to the Property Committee Chair, John Kensella to see if there is a solution and report back to Council. Carried.**

2) Wayne Walker: He is requesting permission to access 'St George and St Andrew Parish' records on NSARM film 11195X. He has family connections in area. (See Attached)

**MOTION: By motion of Rosanne Peach and Joanne Buckmaster, that a letter be written giving permission to do so. Carried.** 2 abstentions

3) Bill MacDonald: He is a Community Navigator to support and assist Ukrainian refugees. He hopes to create a local roster of volunteer drivers to transport refugees to job interviews, medical appointments, etc., as well as the hope of a bit of contribution towards gas. Discussion led to the agreement that this would be announced in church and put in the bulletin next week.

**Treasure's Report:**

Wendy Fletcher, Treasurer, circulated the June 30, 2022 Financial Statements to council members in July.

**MOTION: By motion of Wendy Fletcher and Linda MacCharles, that the June Financial Statements be accepted as circulated. Carried.**

The Treasurer was thanked for great work that she does.

**New Business:**

1) Janet Swansburg presented two suggestions for fund raisers to help cost share our renovations to get off fossil fuel.

1. A poster illustrating the actual proposed layout of the solar panels will be posted on a board. Members of the congregation will be encouraged to make a donation towards the cost of the solar panels. The cost of each individual panel is \$480. In the sketch the panels been divided into 4 sections, each representing \$120, and these will be coloured in with a highlighter as each \$120 amount is raised. The highlighted panels, will provide a visual representation of the success of this project.

**MOTION: By motion of Barry Fletcher and Wendy Fletcher, that the proposed fundraiser be allowed to proceed once the project has started. Carried.**

2. Her second proposal is to put together a collection of short skits and have a little comedy show, open to the public. This event would be held in October, a date to be announced, held in the daytime, free will, no expenses, comedy in the Sanctuary has been suggested. She requests one member to read the skits to make sure they are appropriate and help with numbers allowed in the sanctuary. Reservations could be by phone and she would take them.

**MOTION: By motion of Barry Fletcher and Joanne Buckmaster, that the comedy could be presented in the Sanctuary with details to be refined. Carried.**

2) Worship Committee: Minister, Organist, who else? There were volunteer sign up lists requesting volunteers in the spring but neglected to include this very important committee.

- 3) Job descriptions: Organist, Custodian are needed. The Council members need to define each. Brainstorming maybe needed. Sophia Oldford volunteered with the help of Joanne Buckmaster, Richard Wiles and Rev. Sheila to bring back proposals to members.
- 4) Choir Gowns – the choir to start wearing their gowns.
- 5) Gift Policy – to avoid inappropriate gifts donated to the church, it has been suggested that we have a policy re gifts.
- 6) Full Minute Books – Several full minute books are being held either in church or with Secretary. A request to send to the Church Archives in Sackville, N. B. was received.

**MOTION: By motion of Sophia Oldford and Richard Wiles, that full minute books, with the exception of the last one, be transferred to the Church Archives in Sackville, N.B. Carried.**

- 7) Food Bank – At present it is well stocked so hold off on Food Bank for now.
- 8) Administrative support for Rev. Constable– Share information before next meeting.

**Minister’s Corner:**

- 1) World Wide Communion: This falls on October 2, 2022 this year. Rev. Sheila asked what was our practice? Discussion followed re how we our service was done during COVID times.
- 2) Other fundraisers were discussed – Memorial Tree and Turkey supper were just two.
- 3) Do we have ‘Minute for Missions’ – yes! Jane Power Grimm is our Mission Enthusiast.

**New Creed and Blessing:** The Creed was spoken and Stuart Jamieson Led us in the blessing.

**Next Meeting:** October 20, 2022, at 7:00pm.

Adjournment:

**By motion of Richard Wiles and Barry Fletcher, meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.**

---

Stuart Jamieson, Chair

---

Rosanne Peach, Secretary