

Trinity-Clifton United Church Council Meeting
Draft Minutes: Sept. 5th, 2019
Upper Hall, CEC/TUC

Present: Barbara Prowse, Bob MacNutt, Gail MacNutt, Philip Floyd, Graeme Linkletter, Alma Mutch, Anne Love, Bruce Fitchett, Harry Kielly, Heather Cameron, Judy Irwin, Linda Dunning, Mary Cowper-Smith, Sylvia Gunn, Valerie Downe, Vicki Allen-Cook, Howard Hibbs, Bill Bishop, Rev. Doreen Daley,

Guests: Roger Gordon, Miriam Lank, David Younker.

Regrets: David White, Virginia McGowan

Called to order: 6:30pm.

Gathering and Constitution:

Chair, Barbara Prowse opened the meeting with the introduction of Reverend Daley, and a welcome to the members of the M&P Committee. Time was taken to reflect on a quote from scriptures, “ Be still and know that I am God”.

No official agenda was presented:

The Council meeting was a two part process. Part one centered around the leave of absence for Rev. Crooks and the second half of the meeting included updating information on the progress of the widow repair:

With respect to the leave of absence it was moved that a letter of support and reaffirmation of our covenant with Rev. Crooks was in order. Motion by Harry Kielly, Seconded by Graeme Linkletter. **Motion Carried.**

A report with additional information would be made available to the congregation by M&P, and a letter of support and reaffirmation of our covenant with Rev. Crooks will be drafted and presented to Rev. Cathie Crooks.

Following further discussion on the above issue it was moved by Mary Cowper Smith, Seconded by Heather Cameron that Council proceed with requesting that Region start the process of a congregational review of Trinity-Clifton United Church. Motion carried.

Window repair and recap:

Following the motion of June 6th to start with repairs to the windows in the amount of \$50,000 dollars, work began and it was soon realized that the damage to the windows was much worse than expected. After some discussion a congregational meeting was called for August 11th, 2019 and the bigger picture of damage was presented to the congregation. Following the presentation and discussion with the congregation a motion was put forward by Graeme Linkletter, chair of Property and seconded by Mary Ann Burke Matheson “ that Trinity-Clifton United Church Council authorize the Property

Committee to complete the restoration of the (7) south facing stained-glass Exterior Window frames and protective glazing with a budget estimate of \$201,000 including tax. This motion was passed by the congregation.

Old Business:

On August 8th, 2019 there was motion by the Ad Hoc Committee via email put forward by David White, Seconded by Phil Floyd:

“Request that Council approve an additional \$3,000 in expenses to do an appraisal on our land to be made available to a developer. The funds are to come from the Council portion of the Horton Fund.” **Motion carried.**

(Email motions as mandated by the United Church of Canada Manual 2019 must be responded to within 48 hours).

New Business:

Graeme Linkletter presented an invoice from Island Abatement for removal of lead based paint on the South windows. The bill was in the amount of \$20,700. Moved by Graeme Linkletter, Second by Bob MacNutt that the bill be paid from the Minuzo Fund. **Motion carried.**

Graeme Linkletter spoke on the state of the carpets and need for replacement of same in the Manse. An estimate to replace same with vinyl plank was in the amount of \$4470.54. Moved by Graeme Linkletter, Seconded Harry Hibbs that this work be completed for the amount quoted. **Motion carried.** Funds would come from the Property budget, Manse line and additional funds from the Council unrestricted funds.

Graeme Linkletter informed Council of damage done to one of the stained glass windows currently under restoration. Graeme has had discussions with Andrew MacAusland , stained glass specialist out of Toronto, on this issue. He is currently waiting to hear back from Mr. MacAusland and would like to continue discussions with him as a consultant on the repair to the window in question and to recommendations on protective glazing. Council agreed to have Graeme continue discussions and obtain an estimate for consulting fees before continuing further. **Agreed .**

Barbara Prowse gave a brief update on the progress of the Governance Handbook for Trinity-Clifton. Amy Ramsay is currently working on a Masters Degree and has requested to use the work she is doing on the Handbook as part of her Masters internship project. Barbara is supervising in this matter. Council will gather this month to further review, and make changes to the Committee section of the Handbook. Before December, the congregation will be invited to join in a discussion of a full review of the handbook. Emails will be sent to all who attended the discussions with Carol Gabanna.

Motion from the Pastoral Care Committee and Anne Love that Council approve an application for Baptism of two children, Annabel MacDonald and Zara MacDonald. Children of Marakesh MacLaughlin and Mark MacDonald. Baptism to take place Sept. 15th, 2019. **Agreed.**

Phil Floyd presented a brief update on the progress of the Ad Hoc committee. Discussions ongoing, nothing carved in stone yet. Going forward with discussions on building plans.

Next meeting:

October 3rd, 2019

Closing:

Barbara closed with a reflection on: "Be still and know that I am God"

Barbara Prowse, Chair

H.E. Hibbs, Secretary