

Minutes of Trinity-Clifton United Church Council

November 21, 2019

6:30 p.m.

Present: Phil Floyd; Heather Cameron; Sylvia Gunn; Bruce Fitchett; Anne Love; Linda Dunning; Gail MacNutt; Mary Cowper-Smith; Ginny McGowan; Harry Kielly; Graeme Linkletter; Alma Mutch; Rev Doreen Bird-Daley; Valerie Downe (acting secretary).

Regrets: David White; Barbara Prowse; Judy Irwin; Vicki Allen-Cook.

1. Gathering and Constitution: Acting Chairperson Phil Floyd opened with remarks from Barbara Prowse.
2. Agenda and Minutes were approved with the following changes and additions:
 - a. Agenda items added 9a -Wedding and Baptism and
 - b. Open Church letter were added to Other Business.
 - c. Date amended re: Minutes October 3rd rather than October 5th.

3. Outreach and Service / Men's Club

- a. **Men' Club Dinner with Salvation Army** -Sylvia reported that Chef Emily Wells was away and not able to assist with this year's dinner for the Salvation Army and the Men's Group were not able to do on their own due to the workload. After much discussion, the following motion was put forward by Heather Cameron and seconded by Sylvia Gunn: for 2019:

Motion: Trinity-Clifton will support the community in the following ways:

- i. **\$4000.00** will continue as in previous years to assist with the Salvation Army's Food Baskets;
- ii. **\$1500** will be donated in support of The Bedford MacDonald House; and to replace the **\$2000** previously raised through the dinner,
- iii. T-C will donate **\$2000** in gift cards to be used for the food baskets. These funds will come from the Benevolent Fund and will be offered in 2019 and reviewed on an annual basis. As some surplus funds are available in the Benevolent Fund Budget for 2019,
- iv. T-C will also donate matching funds of **\$1500.00** to Blooming House and Anderson House. **MOTION CARRIED**

4. Worship Committee

- a. **Worship -Computer for Media Room, Worship slides** -Linda explained that the computer failed to record the Nov 10th Worship Service and needed repairs. They were done by a member of the congregation, but they were only temporary and the computer is unreliable and will need to be replaced. **MOTION: That the Worship Committee be authorized to seek the best price and replace the computer with a maximum expenditure of \$1000. Moved by Linda, seconded by Ginny. Motion Carried.**

- b. Linda also reported that **Ellen Locke Doiron** has received a one- year appointment from Regional Council to be a Licensed Lay Worship Leader. Ellen will be recognized at the Anniversary worship service November 24, 2019.
- c. **Angel Tree** – Linda announced that the CD Committee will once again offer Christmas Angels for sale for \$5.00 to recognize family members of T-C congregation who have passed away. Due to the length of time it takes to read the names weekly and have the children place them on the tree, this presents challenges to our one hour Eastlink televised service. Linda and Alma will seek a solution between the Worship and CD committees.

5. Finance Committee

- a) **Phil provided a YTD financial overview** in comparison to Oct 31, 2018. As of Oct 31, we have a deficit of \$115,000 compared to \$123,000 in 2018. Phil will outline these financial details to the congregation on December 1.

6. Trustees

- a) Linda explained that Bob MacNutt was Council's representative on the Trustees for 2019. With the disbanding of the Development Committee, Bob no longer sits on Council, so a replacement is being sought until Feb, 2020. Anne Love volunteered to fill the vacancy.

7. Property Committee

- a) Graeme gave an overview of the work and costs to repair the 7 stained glass windows in the (see attached invoices). A motion was presented to pay the invoices from the Minuzo bequest in the Trustees portfolio (\$54,558.84). Moved by Graeme Linkletter. Seconded by Linda Dunning. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- b) Graeme then outlined some potential savings on freight if we were to repair the remaining windows in 2020 when the permanent glazing is completed on the original 7 repaired windows. After lengthy discussions about other needed repairs to the sanctuary, Council agreed to table the discussion to the January meeting where we might explore the ways and means of a larger Capital Campaign to support all needed repairs.
- c) Graeme outlined several safety initiatives to reroute electrical cords for the upcoming Xmas concerts and eliminate cords being taped to the floor. Discussion was held on who would be a Trinity liaison for the John Gracie and Confederation Centre Concerts.
- d) **Black piano in the Chapel** – Graeme explained that the piano is privately owned by a gentleman who summers on PEI and then loans it to T-C when he returns home. T-C incurred \$400 in moving expenses and repairs are needed on the piano legs. The owner has arranged for repairs at his expense and we are presently waiting for those to happen.

8. Outreach and Service Committee

- a) Co-Chair Heather Cameron proposed that the Committees hosting Coffee and Conversation each Sunday, revert to a rotating monthly schedule. This would mean those committees that have particularly busy months in the calendar would not be responsible for that same

month each year. **Motion Carried.** Co-Chair Sylvia Gunn will circulate an electronic spreadsheet to each committee.

9. Pastoral Care Committee

- a. Chair Anne Love brought forward a proposed wedding on February 2th @3 p.m. for the information of Council, between Morgan Briana Hainbuch (Toronto) and Eric Lee Emsley (Aurora). It was discussed who would be the Minister reforming the ceremony. Rev Doreen will perform or Rev Cathie if she has returned on that date. Anne also brought forward for **baptism on Dec 29th, 2019:** Benjamin David McAskill, son of Cameron McAskill and Mary Beth (Larter) McAskill of Bunbury Road, Stratford. **APPROVED.**

10. Business Arising

- a. **Communications** Chair Ginny McGowan reported that there is a newsletter coming out shortly.
- b. **Nominating** – Chair Phil Floyd reported that the Nominating Committee would begin their calls next week to fill committee positions for February. Phil will begin by contacting Committee Chairs to see if they will be returning.
- c. **Clifton** – Chair Bruce Fitchett noted that the Clifton Christmas Service will be held Dec 15th, with a reception to follow at The Cotton Centre. This will mark the last service for 2019.
- d. **Correspondence** – Chair noted that two letters had been received: one from Karen Wood in support of Rev Cathie and one from Joyce Barbour with congratulations for the 2019 Remembrance Day Service. Both had been circulated to Council with minutes and today's Agenda.

11. Other Business –

- a. Phil read a letter from Emily Bryant concerning next year's anticipated Cruise Ship visitations. Charlottetown Harbor Authority anticipate 180,000 visitors in 2020. Emily's letter outlined total revenues received from visitation to Trinity amounted to \$2371.84 Discussion ensued and it was agreed that Trinity should continue opening the sanctuary to cruise ship visitors as part of our Christian Outreach. Council recommended we apply for a summer student for the months of July and August. Sept and Oct tours would be offered by volunteer members of the congregation. Linda Dunning will meet with representatives from Experience PEI next week to discuss their plans for 2020.

12. Rev Doreen closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Valerie Downe

Acting Recording Secretary

Philip Floyd

Acting Chair