

**Trinity-Clifton United Church
Council Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2021**

Present: Gordon Matheson, Mary Ann Burke-Matheson, Phil Floyd, Bruce Fitchett, Jeanette Scott, Heather Cameron, Miriam Lank, Alma Mutch, Linda Dunning, Anne Love, Graeme Linkletter, Katherine Dewar, Rev. Dr. Arthur Davies, Vicki Allen Cook, Susan Willis

Regrets: David White

1. Approval of Agenda:

Gordon Matheson called the meeting to order. Nominating Committee is to be added to the agenda. It was moved by Phil Floyd and seconded by Vicki Allen Cook that the agenda be approved with this addition. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the October 2, 2021 meeting are to be corrected to indicate that Alma Mutch was present. With this correction, it was moved by Bruce Fitchett and seconded by Graeme Linkletter that the minutes of the October 2, 2021 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

3. Business arising:

a) Rev. Dr. Arthur will get other date(s) for Holy Manners training from Rev. Heather MacDougall.

b) Phil Floyd spoke to Regional Council regarding a visit, by one of their members, to the manse. Regional Council has advised that they do not see any value in doing this and have advised us to put a plan together on the manse to present.

Phil Floyd is arranging a Zoom meeting with the United Property Resource Corporation for advice on the manse as they work with communities of faith to deal with real estate issues.

Information on the P.E.I. Church Extension Corporation will be considered at the next meeting of Council.

**4. Correspondence:
None**

5. Committee Reports:

a) Finance:

Statements are consistent with last year. Manse, space and parking lot rentals are lower than last year. Expenses are on budget except for soloists. It was suggested that parking spaces be advertised for rent.

b) Property:

Graeme Linkletter circulated that minutes of the October property committee in advance of the Council meeting. Work on the windows is progressing well. There is consultation with First United Church in Truro regarding this work. The basement ventilation project has not been done.

The alcove between the church and the CE Centre presents challenges so the committee

is considering options to address this.

The Property Committee is also considering the removal of the fence around the manse, which faces the parking lot, for reasons of safety and for piling snow.

c) Worship:

The committee will meet during the week of November 8, 2021. The Anniversary service is November 21, 2021 and Advent services are being planned.

The choir met recently. Soloists are booked until the end of the year. Worship committee will consider the matter of a choir.

Graeme Linkletter asked about ministerial services beyond January 1, 2022. Rev. Dr. Arthur assured Council that there will be a minister here.

d) Outreach and Service:

The committee met twice recently. The drive for socks will be before Christmas.

e) Christian Development:

Alma Mutch reported that Sunday School has started. 3 children/youth came and 13 have indicated an interest in returning. Vicki Allen Cook has offered to help with Sunday School. The theme of "kindness" is being developed here and potentially with an orphanage in Uganda. Suzanne Campbell will do music with children when she is called to sing in church.

f) Pastoral Care:

No report.

g) History and Archives:

Katherine Dewar reported that Keltie MacPhail will be at the church in January to accession the documents, catalogue them and update our computer and hard copy database.

h) Clifton:

No report.

i) UCW:

The group met on November 1, 2021. On December 6, UCW General will have their annual meeting. Teresa Mellish from Farmers Helping Farmers will be the guest speaker.

j) Trinity Men:

No report.

k) Trustees:

9 people have been selected for the Ramsden Scholarship.

l) Nominating:

It was moved by Phil Floyd and seconded by Vicki AllenCook that Alan Edwards be added to the Ministry and Personnel committee, effective immediately. Motion carried.

m) M&P:

Miriam Lank indicated that the M&P Committee is pleased to have Alan Edwards join the committee.

6. Minister's Comments:

Rev. Dr. Arthur reported that he has finished 3 months of services at Andrews of Charlottetown and is presently doing 1 month in Stratford. He continues to visit a number of people and is at the hospital weekly.

Rev. Dr. Arthur has been in contact with Rev. Kendall Harrison. He is drafting a process for dealing with complaints at Trinity and will share the draft with Regional Council before it is shared with Trinity.

Rev. Dr. Arthur has met with the M&P Committee and indicates that they are aware of their role.

Gordon Matheson asked if we have met the goals outlined in the March letter from Regional Council?

Gordon Matheson will solicit input from Council regarding aspects of a draft governance manual then bring this back to Council in December. This will need congregational approval and could result in changes to the by-laws of Trinity-Clifton church.

7. Fall Fair:

Books will be moved to the manse on November 8, 2021. Linda Dunning gave the times for the fair on November 12 and 13, 2021 and indicated that it will be advertised on Compass on November 8, 2021.

8. Next Meeting:

December 7, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

9. Benediction:

Rev. Dr. Arthur Davies led benediction. He acknowledged the leadership around the table and throughout the church and asked that we remember those who gave their lives for us and the world.

9. Motion to Adjourn:

It was moved by Miriam Lank and seconded by Bruce Fitchett that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

