

Trinity-Clifton United Church
Council Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2023

Present: Mary Ann Burke-Matheson, Gordon Matheson, David White, Lynn MacPhail, Harry Hibbs, Phil Floyd, Heather Cameron, Bruce Fitchett, Alma Mutch, Miriam Lank, Linda Dunning, Vicki Allen Cook, Rev. Dr. John Moses, Susan Willis

Regrets: Anne Love

1. Opening Prayer:

Gordon Matheson welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order. Gordon welcomed Rev. John back to Trinity-Clifton and to the meeting. Rev. John led the group in prayer.

2. Approval of Agenda:

The following 3 items were added to the agenda that was circulated: 1) employee compensation, 2) coffee and conversation for July to September and a donation for coffee and conversation, and 3) looking forward to 2024 and the 160th anniversary. It was moved by Bruce Fitchett and seconded by Miriam Lank that the agenda, with these additions, be approved. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

It was moved by Phil Floyd and seconded by Lynn MacPhail that the minutes of the May 9th meeting of council be approved. Motion carried.

4. Business Arising:

a) Development of a more user-friendly website:

Gordon gave background and status on the current website. If someone knows of a person with website background who would volunteer to work on our website to make it more user-friendly, please let Gordon know. Phil suggested that the congregation be made aware of this need. Rev. John will be given the right to add to the site.

b) Choir Section Leads Update re: Anonymous Donation:

Rev. John and Linda have discussed this. There will be a worship committee meeting in the next few weeks.

5. Correspondence:

Thank-you cards from Rev. Doreen Bird-Daley and Ellen Locke were read.

6. Reports:

a) Finance:

David White provided a financial statement by email and gave an explanation on some items in revenue and expenses. The request for Par in the bulletin did not add more members to Par; however, some existing contributors increased their contributions. Phil

suggested that there be an advertisement in August/September for parking rentals. This is to be in keeping with the spirit of the donation of the parking area from Simon Compton. Currently there are 2 spots rented. As well, there are 3 other spots rented for 24-hour use and it was Phil's suggestion that there should be confirmation of payment for these.

b) Property:

Harry Hibbs reported that the sanctuary washroom is completed.

Angus MacDonald is doing an assessment on the heating in the manse and as well, there are alternate sources of heat being investigated. Heat pumps are permitted as per the Heritage committee of the city.

Two heat pumps have been installed for the gym and are working.

A VCT floor will be installed in the gym. It was moved by Harry Hibbs and seconded by David White that council notify Derek Hudson that a VCT floor be installed in the gym. Motion carried.

Paul Holmes has been contacted by Emily Bryant for advice on sanding and refinishing the wood floors in the manse.

c) Worship: No meeting

d) Outreach and Service:

Notices for the picnic on June 25th will go to the churches on Prince St.

e) Christian Development:

Alma reported that they are working on the barbecue.

She also noted that many of the things that Rev. John noted in his explanation of the United church symbol were studied in Sunday School this year. Sunday School will do a box on Sydney St.

There are a number of graduates who will be recognized in church.

f) Pastoral Care:

Rev. John indicated that he has met with Anne Love to review the list. Rev. John plans to do visits at the hospital on Tuesdays as well as at one nursing home each week.

g) M&P:

Miriam Lank met with Hannah and Andy regarding a concern with a person who was in the building. On Fridays the Richmond St. door will be locked and a note put on the door regarding entry. Harry Hibbs will bring in a buzzer.

h) Clifton:

Clifton is operational including coffee after services.

i) UCW:

Lynn MacPhail reported that the bake sale raised \$935.00. \$500.00 will go to the Elaine MacDonald bursary.

20 people attended lunch at Papa Joe's on June 6th.

Trinity is hosting World Day of Prayer on March 1, 2024.

The dishes in the kitchen will be washed and put away after Andy finishes painting.

j) Trinity Men: No report

k) Nominating: No report

l) Trustees:

The Ukrainian family will be re-imbursed for the days they were not in the manse in May. This information will go in the bulletin.

It will be requested that the UPEI bursary information go to churches for their bulletins.

m) Ad Hoc:

There has been follow-up on Kindred Works.

7. **Minister's Comments:**

Rev. John indicated that he is getting re-oriented to the congregation. Priority has been given to contacting people. Input will be sought to determine what people want for an adult study. Welcome back wishes were expressed.

8. **New Business:**

a) Manse Committee:

Gordon will circulate the terms of reference for this committee. Alma Mutch offered to be the UCW representative and Linda Dunning offered to be the Trustee representative. Jane Moses would be a member of the committee and there will be a representative of the property committee. Names are to go to Phil Floyd once determined.

b) Trinity Grounds Maintenance:

Susan will prepare a bulletin notice requesting people to help with this for the morning of June 24, 2023.

c) Donation of Needlepoint Picture and Piano:

Linda Dunning will contact Don Fraser regarding the piano and she will make contact with Iris and David Rogers, donors, about the needlepoint picture.

d) Information on Events go to Hannah:

Gordon emphasized the need to let Hannah know about all events as well as illnesses and deaths.

e) Council Meetings in July and August:

Council determined that there will be an in-person meeting in August.

f) Employee Compensation:

It was moved by Linda Dunning and seconded by David White that the meeting go in-camera. Motion carried.

It was moved by Linda Dunning and seconded by Phil Floyd that the meeting come out of the in-camera session. Motion carried.

A motion on employee compensation was made and approved and this information will be provided to the individual.

g) Coffee and Conversation - July to September:

Mary Ann will send out a schedule to request volunteers for juice and cookies for July and August and coffee for September.

It was moved by Susan Willis and seconded by David White that the donation of \$20.00 go to UCW to help cover the costs associated with coffee and conversation. Motion carried.

h) Looking Forward to 2024:

Rev. John spoke of the 160th anniversary of both Trinity Church as well as the Charlottetown Conference and indicated that it could be a time to raise the profile of the church with events throughout the year as well as a time to potentially create a fund from church alumni. Linda and Vicki agreed to take the lead on this.

9. **Next Meeting: August 8, 2023 at 6:30pm**

10. **Benediction:** This was led by Rev. John.

11. **Adjournment:**

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