

**Trinity-Clifton United Church
Council Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2023**

Present: Gordon Matheson, Linda Dunning, Miriam Lank, Phil Floyd, Vicki Allen Cook, Alma Mutch, Lynn MacPhail, Rev. Dr. John Moses, Susan Willis

Regrets: Mary Ann Burke-Matheson, Anne Love, Bruce Fitchett, David White, Heather Cameron, Harry Hibbs

1. Opening Prayer:

Gordon Matheson called the meeting to order and Rev. John led the group in prayer.

2. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was changed to reflect that the trustees are doing coffee and conversation in October and the manse request will be dealt with in the report from the trustees. A date for a fall fair committee meeting is to be added to the agenda. With these modifications it was moved by Miriam Lank and seconded by Lynn MacPhail that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

It was moved by Alma Mutch and seconded by Linda Dunning that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted. Motion carried.

4. Business Arising:

a) Advertisement of Parking Space Rentals:

Phil Floyd will put an advertisement in both the Buzz and the Guardian. Linda will see about posting a notice at DVA.

b) Website:

There was some discussion on items that are important to have on the website and to be kept updated. Miriam Lank will meet with Hannah regarding her doing the work on the website.

c) Manse Committee:

It was moved by Phil Floyd and seconded by Miriam Lank that Alma Mutch, Emily Bryant, and Linda Dunning be members of the manse committee. Motion carried. It is understood that Jane Moses is a member of the committee.

d) Coffee and Conversation:

The trustees will do coffee and conversation for October and Lynn is to be added to this for Sept 10th. The date for the block party will be confirmed after consulting the outreach committee.

5. **Correspondence:**

The information on Faithful Footprints provided by Emily Bryant was circulated in advance of the meeting.

6. **Reports:**
 - a) **Finance and Treasurer:**

A deposit was made today and this will be done more frequently going forward. The financial statements were circulated by David White in advance of the meeting.
 - b) **Property:**

The material for the gym floor is not expected to arrive until mid-August and the installation date for this has not been determined. Harry Hibbs has requested installation of the kitchen lights but to date this work has not been confirmed.
 - c) **Worship:**

Linda reported that the committee had met. With Rev. John on holidays for the next 2 Sundays, Larry Hale will do the service on August 13, 2023 and Rev. Bill MacLeod on August 20, 2023. Rev. Barbara Cairns will provide pastoral care.
 - d) **Outreach and Service:**

It was noted that Trinity had participation in the Pride parade and that the front steps at Trinity have been painted in rainbow colours.
The committee will be getting ready for the fall including the block party.
 - e) **Christian Development:**

The committee will meet later in August.
Alma gave examples of 160th anniversary activities that were shared with her that could be considered at Trinity.
 - f) **Pastoral Care:**

Rev. John has visited all nursing and long-term care homes except 1 and will repeat this rotation.
 - g) **M&P:**

Hannah has requested a camera be installed because of cash and the sale of gift cards.
Miriam will take this request to the property committee.
Miriam has been in contact with the members of her committee.
 - h) **UCW:**

The group will meet on September 11, 2023 with the theme, 'back to school'.
 - i) **Clifton and Trinity Men:** No reports
 - j) **Nominating:**

Gordon spoke to the need to be considering chairs and other members for committees and referenced the three-year commitment that he and Mary Ann made to their current roles.
 - k) **Trustees:**

Vicki reported that there are recipients for both the Darrach and the Cairns scholarships and that she has been in conversation with UPEI about releasing the names of the recipients for advertisement in their churches.
The trustees request for the restricted fund for the manse to be unrestricted has been authorized by the Regional Council. An application to Regional Council is required for

repairs over \$10000. This information will go to the property committee and the logistics around the required work will be left to the property and the manse committees.

7. **Minister's Comments:**

Rev. John indicated that making contact with people has been a priority for him.

8. **New Business:**

a) Executive meeting:

Gordon indicated that there was discussion at the meeting on what our challenges are moving forward. Council and the congregation will be involved in discussion on the path forward.

b) Covenanting Service:

This is tentatively planned with morning worship on September 10, 2023 pending the availability of a regional council representative.

c) Christmas Fair:

Linda spoke about the announcements that have gone in the bulletin and that she will determine a date for a September meeting of the committee.

9. **Next Meeting: September 12, 2023 at 6:30pm.**

10. **Benediction:**

This was led by Rev. John.

Gordon wished Rev. John well with his holiday plans and travels.

11. **Adjournment:**

It was moved by Phil Floyd and seconded by Vicki Allen Cook that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.