

**Trinity-Clifton United Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2023**

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

Regrets: Heather Cameron, David White

**1. Opening Prayer:**

Gordon Matheson called the meeting to order and invited Rev. John to lead council members in prayer.

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

With the addition of communications and the supper added to the agenda that was circulated, it was moved by Miriam Lank and seconded by Linda Dunning that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

**3. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the August 12, 2023 meeting of council were approved with the correction of a typographical error in 4(d). Motion carried.

**4. Correspondence:** None

**5. Reports:**

**a) Finance and Treasurer:**

It was moved by Phil Floyd and seconded by Vicki Allen Cook that \$70,000.00 of Council funds be requested from Trustees to pay down the approved loan. Motion carried.

Linda Dunning noted the need for information on cash flow more frequently. Phil Floyd indicated that this would be provided at council meetings.

Phil plans to send out financial information as well as updated e-transfer information to the congregation.

**b) Property:**

The minutes of the committee were circulated in advance of the meeting. Harry indicated that the wheel chair lift has been repaired. With respect to the use of the lower area, Mary Ann Burke-Matheson gave information from the Fire Marshall's office which indicates that up to 300 people can meet with 1 usher per 100 people if there is no sprinkler system. Some discussion ensued on this matter.

Harry Hibbs indicated that this is his last meeting with council as chair of the property committee. With this committee change, the property committee will operate as follows:

Harry Hibbs – post Fiona problems

John Kamphuis - plumbing and heating problems and contact with contractors

Graeme Linkletter - safety and security

Judy Irwin - liaison with UCW re-kitchen

Bill Irwin - work with Hannah on budget and Enwave oversight

Bob MacNutt – permanent liaison with council

Emily Bryant – develop committee agenda, chair meetings and circulate minutes

Austin Bowman – historical information

Gordon thanked Harry for his outstanding service. The property committee was commended by Mary Ann for the model they have created.

The insurance company will issue a cheque now for the work to be done on the windows in the spring of 2024, as a result of Fiona. Harry advised that council may want to consider repair to other windows at that time but there is no quote for this work yet.

**c) Worship:**

The committee has not met this month.

World Wide communion is on October 1, 2023.

Rev. John noted that on September 28, 2023 both St Paul's and Trinity will be open for people to pray for the care of creation. Information on this will be put on the new sign.

**d) Outreach and Service:**

Vicki reported for Heather Cameron. The block party will be on September 24, 2023.

There will be book club starting in November with the list of books on social justice available by October 11th. Food bank collections in October will be for UPEI. October 1st will be Truth and Reconciliation recognition. November will be Sock it to 'Em. Calendars will be made for seniors to go in their baskets at Christmas and pictures for this are welcome.

**e) Christian Development:**

The committee met with O&S and will have another meeting to do planning.

**f) Pastoral Care:**

Anne Love provided a report in advance of the meeting.

**g) M&P: No report.**

**h) Clifton:**

Bruce reported that it had been a great summer at Clifton. Anniversary Sunday will be at the end of the month. One baptism was held and another is planned.

**i) UCW:**

Lynn MacPhail reported that there were 20 at the first UCW meeting on Monday. A food safety course will be arranged. Don Fraser thanked the group for their participation in choir on a Sunday in May and encouraged their participation in choir.

Melanie Fraser will lead Chair Yoga on Mondays (if not a holiday or UCW meeting) at \$5 per session for anyone interested. At the next UCW meeting members will note something for which they want to give thanks.

**j) Trinity Men:**

Phil Floyd will try to bring the group together again. It was suggested that there be contact with Mark Richardson regarding any funds that Trinity Men may have to support taxi service to church. Rev. John suggested that a Saturday morning breakfast in early November, possibly with a speaker and the inclusion of the other Prince Street churches, could be considered.

**k) Nominating:**

Phil will put a notice in the bulletin about volunteers.

**l) Trustees:**

Vicki reported that they have been working on financial pieces. Some discussion ensued on various aspects of scholarships.

Gordon indicated that Trustees and the Executive of Council met to discuss financial matters but no decisions were made at the meeting.

**m) Ad Hoc:** No report.

6. **Minister's Comments:**

Rev. John noted that it was good to see the number of people in church on Sunday. He has completed his first round of nursing home visits and will repeat the cycle. He connects with members of the congregation for various reasons.

7. **New Business:**

**a) Coffee and Conversation:**

Mary Ann looked for committees to take responsibility for this by month but without agreement with this approach she will put a request in the bulletin for individuals to indicate responsibility for this on a per Sunday basis for November, December and January.

**b) New Horizon's Grant:**

Emily Bryant is drafting an application for a New Horizon's grant that will involve seniors and youth in a lunch and learn series.

Emily Bryant is also pursuing a UCC grant for rebuilding church communities.

**c) Communications:**

It is important to update the congregation on the work of committees and the status of projects. Mary Ann will send a note to committee chairs to have them provide Hannah with information to go to the congregation. Susan will meet with Hannah to compile this information for the congregation.

**d) Projector:**

Rev. John is trying to get quotes for this.

**e) CPR:**

Ushers should know where the defibrillator is and there should be training for this .

**f) Supper:**

A roast beef dinner will be held on October 14th. There are 125 tickets at \$20 each. Some take-out meals will also be considered.

8. **Next Meeting: October 10, 2023 at 6:30pm**

9. **Benediction:**

Rev. John led benediction for council members.

10. **Adjournment:**

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