

Trinity-Clifton United Church
Council Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2024

Present: Mary Ann Burke-Matheson (Zoom), Anne Love, Bruce Fitchett, Heather Cameron, Linda Dunning, Miriam Lank, Phil Floyd, Vicki Allen Cook, Alma Mutch, Lynn MacPhail, Bob MacNutt, Rev. Dr. John Moses, Susan Willis

Regrets: Gordon Matheson, David White

1. **Opening Prayer:**

Phil Floyd called the meeting to order and invited Rev. John to lead the Council in prayer.

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

The Executive meeting and communion were added to the agenda. It was moved by Vicki Allen Cook and seconded by Bruce Fitchett that the agenda be approved with these additions. Motion carried.

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

It was moved by Miriam Lank and seconded by Alma Mutch that the minutes of the December 4, 2023 meeting of Council be approved. Motion carried.

4. **Business Arising:** None

5. **Correspondence:**

Christmas cards were received from Andy and Janice Doiron and Rev. Doreen Daley. Confirmation of restorative care for Hannah MacDonald was received.

6. **Reports:**

a) Finance and Treasurer:

Phil reported that he and Rev. Doreen have worked diligently to complete the 2023 year. The budget is being prepared for the February meeting of Council. Miriam acknowledged the many hours of time that Phil Floyd has given to this work.

b) Property:

No meeting since the December meeting of Council.

c) Worship:

The committee has not met. Linda reported that there were 164 at church on December 24th in the morning and that the Christmas Eve service in the evening was well attended.

d) Outreach and Service:

Heather Cameron reported that the Prince Street School dinner was a success, that gift cards provided to organizations were gratefully appreciated and that the coats sent to the Outreach Centre were well received.

e) Christian Development:

Alma reported that the committee will meet on Thursday to plan for Sunday School. There are between 4 and 9 attending Sunday School. Lauchlan's Corner has been set up in the gym to have something for children during coffee and conversation.

f) Pastoral Care:

Anne Love indicated that the committee will meet on Friday.

g) M&P:

The keys to the M&P cabinet cannot be found. Contact will be made with Hannah to see if she knows where they might be.

Miriam reported that the recommended increase for staff from UCC is 6.3%. This will be considered in the budgeting process.

h) Clifton:

Bruce reported on the well-attended Christmas service at Clifton and the great event at the Cotton Centre after the service.

i) UCW:

New signage has been put in the small kitchen re-cleaning after using it. The ovens in the large kitchen need cleaning and some of the burners need to be replaced. Lynn indicated that March 1, 2024 is World Day of Prayer with Trinity hosting this year. An organizational meeting will be held. The next meeting of the group is on February 5, 2024 with Mary Hughes presenting on Therapeutic Touch.

j) Trinity Men:

A meeting is planned for January 17th to discuss a pancake breakfast.

k) Nominating:

An email has been received from Emily Bryant regarding a strategy used by another church for recruiting.

l) Trustees: No report.

m) Ad Hoc:

Phil plans to call a meeting of the committee for later this month.

7. **Minister's Comments:**

Rev. John indicated that it has been hopeful to see increases in attendance at services over the fall. There are the realities of available funds and limited time. How do we invite people in the congregation to be aware of the challenges and to be a part of the solution?

The music on Christmas Eve needs to be re-visited. Coffee and conversation on Dec 24th would have been important in terms of engaging people. Discussion ensued on some of these matters.

8. **New Business:**

a) Coffee and Conversation:

Mary Ann indicated that January has been covered. Phil indicated that he can help in February. There is a list of those who have volunteered in the office.

b) Short and Long-term Planning for Trinity-Clifton:

The Executive and Trustees will meet to consider what to present, who will do this and the format.

c) Executive Meeting:

Mary Ann reported that the Executive has met regarding the process of repair to the stained-glass windows. Harry Hibbs is in contact with the adjustor and the insurance company.

d) Communion:

It has been clarified that the cleanup of trays is the responsibility of the UCW. The procedure for serving communion needs to be reviewed. It is important that people are aware of their responsibilities for communion. Gathering in the parlour before church to review the procedure and to have prayer is important. The Worship committee will address this matter.

e) Thanks:

Mary Ann expressed thanks to Phil for his work in the office and to Linda for her support in the office at the start of Hannah's absence and between Christmas and New Years.

9. **Next meeting: February 13, 2024 at 6:30pm**

10. **Benediction:**

This was led by Rev. John.

11. **Adjournment:**

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

