

Trinity-Clifton United Church
Council Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2024

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

Regrets: Heather Cameron

1. **Opening Prayer:**

Gordon Matheson called the meeting to order then asked Rev. John to lead the group in prayer. Rev. John read a selection from the book, "God's Beloved Community", as a reminder of what we are about.

2. **Approval of the Agenda:**

Master calendar and stewardship were added to the agenda. It was moved by Linda Dunning and seconded by Bruce Fitchett that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

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

It was moved by Miriam Lank and seconded by Phil Floyd that the minutes of the January 9, 2024 meeting of council be approved. Motion carried.

4. **Business Arising:**

a) Short-and Long-Term Planning:

A meeting will be convened with the Executive and Trustees on this matter.

b) Progress on Large Stained-Glass Window Repair:

A second quote on this work was required and is being obtained. The insurance claim has been extended a year at the request of the insurance company. \$22,000 has been received in lieu of lost revenue. Harry Hibbs is making a case for further re-imbusement because of loss of revenue. The Executive and a Trustee representative met to support the property committee in this work.

5. **Reports:**

a) Finance and Treasurer:

It was moved by Phil Floyd and seconded by David White that the draft budget presented for the 2024 year be accepted. Discussion on the budget ensued. With approximately 2-3 years left before the congregation cannot pay the bills, the congregation needs to be invited into a conversation on this matter. Inviting the congregation to consider their level of support and gauging the potential of the congregation may be done through a stewardship campaign. Revenue generation was discussed as well.

After considerable discussion, it was moved by Phil Floyd and seconded by David White that the motion to approve the budget be rescinded with a new budget to be presented at the March meeting of council. Motion carried.

b) Property:

The minutes of the property committee were circulated in advance of the meeting. A sign-up sheet is available by the church office for the March 9th cleanup.

c) Worship:

The committee met and discussed Christmas and music. There were 84 at communion last Sunday. There will be services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Spring Park United has been invited to join Trinity-Clifton in a Maundy Thursday meal followed by a service in the sanctuary, "The Living Last Supper." The committee plans to meet as per the seasons of the year rather than monthly.

d) Outreach and Service:

Vicki Allen Cook reported on the very successful potato lunch last Sunday. The committee is planning a community luncheon for UPEI and Holland College students on Saturday, February 24, 2024. Cookies will be made on March 2, 2024. A calendar is being developed.

e) Christian Development:

The committee met and welcomed new members, April Smith and Corina Anderson. Vicki and Heather are using the scripture readings from the worship service as well as Rev. John's story as the basis for the program. There have been 9 children/youth attending the program.

f) Pastoral Care:

The committee is working to get a more accurate congregational list. The members of the committee make calls to people and there are some visits to nursing homes. Rev. John commented on the importance of the work of the committee.

g) M&P:

The committee met. No report.

h) UCW:

Lynn reported that UCW provided a reception after the funeral of Kay Boylan. World Day of Prayer is March 1, 2024 at Trinity. A meeting will be held with other churches to plan the service.

i) Trinity Men:

The group met on February 14th with 8 in attendance. There will be a pancake breakfast on March 16th with tickets to go on sale shortly. The group may have a supper in April but this hasn't been confirmed. They plan to have a plant sale on May 25, 2024.

j) Nominating:

Phil thanked Rev. John for speaking on this matter at the worship service last Sunday.

K) Trustees:

The group has met and will have a report.

l) Ad Hoc:

The committee is looking at ways to increase revenue from the property.

6. Minister's Comments:

The trend in the number at worship services is positive and the attendance at the potato lunch was good. The congregational list is being worked on and Rev. John is making calls to clarify information for some on the list.

7. New Business:

a) Stewardship:

There is a need for 3-4 people to take this on with the assistance of Rev. John. There is lots of information available so a number of approaches can be considered. We need to consider how the community of faith can be a part of this.

b) Annual Meeting Date and Format:

The annual meeting will be on April 14, 2024 after worship with lunch.

c) Coffee and Conversation:

Mary Ann and Gordon will do February 18 and 25, 2024. Christian Development will do March and UCW will do April. Committees were encouraged to invite members of the congregation to help.

d) Master Calendar:

A master calendar will be placed on the bulletin board outside Rev. Doreen's office and a notice regarding this will go in the bulletin.

8. Next Meeting: March 12, 2024 at 6:30pm.

9. Adjournment and Benediction:

Gordon Matheson adjourned the meeting followed by benediction led by Rev. John.