

**Trinity-Clifton United Church
Council Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2024**

Present: Mary Ann Burke-Matheson, Gordon Matheson, 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: David White

1. Opening Prayer:

Gordon Matheson called the meeting to order and Rev. John led a prayer for council members.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Two items were added to the agenda: 1) regional council representatives from Trinity-Clifton for the meetings at UPEI and 2) pickle ball request. 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 Lynn MacPhail that the minutes of the February 13, 2024 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

4. Business Arising:

a) Short and Long-Term Planning:

The Executive met twice (February 15th and March 1st) along with a trustee representative to discuss the involvement of the community of faith in conversation about the situation Trinity-Clifton is in going forward. Deficits incurred will only allow for a couple of years of operation of Trinity-Clifton. There will be a meeting of the Community of Faith on April 28th after the morning worship service to begin this conversation. There will be an introduction to this discussion at the annual meeting on April 14th.

The Ad Hoc committee will seek a proposal from Kindred Works for the entire property to determine if by broadening the scope, there may be viable options to consider.

b) Stewardship Update:

Rev. John, Phil and others will meet to determine an approach for stewardship. Council will need to appoint people to a stewardship committee.

5. Correspondence:

Letter from Emily Bryant regarding the New Horizons for Seniors Grant program

6. Reports:

a) Finance and Treasurer:

Phil Floyd gave an update and rationale on various items in the proposed budget for 2024, which have increased. It was moved by Phil Floyd and seconded by Linda Dunning that the budget presented, with a deficit of \$55,818.00, be approved to go to the Community of Faith. Motion carried.

Phil reported that we are using \$30,000.00 of our \$70,000.00 line of credit as of today. \$7,000.00 will come back from the restorative care program that Hannah MacDonald was on until March 1, 2024.

Phil distributed information on financial procedures which Trinity-Clifton is required to have.

b) Property:

At the cleanup on Saturday, things were discarded or designated for other purposes. An update on the stained-glass window repair was given. A second quote for the window repair is required by the insurance company, Ecclesiastical Insurance. Harry Hibbs continues to look for information from both the insurance company and the adjustor on this repair. A cheque in the amount of \$22,878.00 has been received from the insurance company for interruption to services.

c) Worship:

The committee has not met but a meeting will be planned after Easter. Easter services were outlined for council.

d) Outreach and Service:

On both March 22nd, 2024 and April 12th, 2024, a meal will be provided for UPEI and Holland College students. A poster with a QR code has been designed to advertise the meals and for students to use to sign up.

A tea will be held on April 23rd where the author Stella Sheppard will be the guest presenter. Donations will be accepted.

d) Christian Development:

The Sunday School is focusing on the Easter story with a story board being created for the life of Jesus and a parade planned during coffee and conversation on Palm Sunday – all are encouraged to attend.

As a random act of kindness by the Sunday School, messages were put on cars in the area. Lauchlan's Corner is enjoyable for both youth and adults.

e) Pastoral Care:

The congregational list is a work in progress. Committee members continue to visit and to call seniors living independently and in homes.

f) M&P: No report.

g) Clifton: No report.

h) UCW:

62 participated in World Day of Prayer on March 1, 2024. Positive comments were received on both the service and the reception.

Alma Mutch volunteered to be the UCW representative on the Outreach committee.

The next meeting of UCW is on April 8th, 2024 at 1:30pm.

e) Trinity Men:

There are good ticket sales for the pancake breakfast. Other activities of the group include a dinner in April and a plant sale in May.

f) Nominating:

Phil reported that there was a positive response when he passed the clipboard around for volunteers during the church service last Sunday.

g) Trustees: No Report

h) Ad Hoc:

The committee is exploring building options.

7. Minister's Comments:

Rev. John continues to contact people on the membership list. Re-animating the congregation and building community continue to be the focus often with an emphasis on meals.

The UCW was requested to provide sweets and to do the tea and coffee for lunch at the meetings on April 14th and 28th.

There may be a take-out roast beef dinner in May or June.

8. New Business:

a) Dates of Congregational Meetings:

Annual meeting – April 14th, 2024 – after worship

Community of Faith Meeting – April 28th- after worship

b) Coffee and Conversation:

CE and Outreach – March and May

UCW – April

c) Date of May Council Meeting: May 7th, 2024 at 6:30pm

d) Regional Council Representatives for the Meeting at UPEI:

Heather Cameron, Lynn MacPhail and Vicki Allen Cook will be the representatives.

e) Pickle Ball Request:

The rental form is on the church website and the rental rates are available in the office. The changes requested by staff to the rental arrangements last fall still need to be considered. It is the responsibility of finance and property to consider the rental rates last developed in 2010.

f) Fentanyl Kits:

Bob MacNutt agreed to get information on the kits for the bulletin.

g) Washroom Sign:

Miriam asked to have a sign put up for the washroom off the sanctuary.

h) Release Form for Children:

A signed release form is needed in order to post pictures of children on the website. Vicki will obtain a copy of the form used by schools.

i) PIE Day:

Rev. John gave background on PIE Day and reminded council members of the importance of supporting this at Park Royal on March 14th from 5:30pm – 6:30pm.

9. Adjournment and Benediction:

Gordon adjourned the meeting and the benediction was led by Rev. John.