

**Trinity-Clifton United Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Dec 4, 2023**

Present: Mary Ann Burke-Matheson, Gordon Matheson, Anne Love, Bruce Fitchett, Linda Dunning, Miriam Lank, Lynn MacPhail, Rev. Dr. John Moses, Phil Floyd, Heather Cameron, Vicki Allen Cook, Emily Bryant

Regrets: Alma Mutch, Susan Willis, David White, Bob MacNutt

In the absence of Susan Willis, Mary Ann functioned as Secretary *pro tem*.

1. **Opening Prayer:**

Gordon Matheson welcomed everyone. Rev. John led us in prayer.

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

Moved by Phil Floyd and seconded by Miriam Lank that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

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

The Minutes were amended to reflect that the Property Committee was in charge of the laminate flooring for the hall by the chapel and parlour. Moved by Linda Dunning and seconded by Lynn MacPhail that the minutes of the November 14, 2023, meeting of Council be approved. Motion carried.

4. **Business Arising:**

None

5. **Correspondence:**

None

6. **Reports:**

a) Finance and Treasurer:

Phil Floyd reported that we have used \$38,000.00 of our operating line of credit. The office is updating the accounting system. Phil will provide information to the congregation in the near future. He reminded committees to provide budget information.

b) Property:

Emily Bryant attended as the Property Committee representative. She reported that carpet cleaning of the Parlour was carried out by Harry Hibbs and her. There was discussion on repair of the large stained-glass window in the balcony. The downspout on the Manse has been replaced.

c) Worship:

Linda Dunning reported that the committee has not met. She spoke to the upcoming White Gift and Lessons and Carols services. On Christmas Eve, which is a Sunday, there will be a 10:30 service with seated Communion, and a 7 pm family service.

d) Outreach and Service:

The committee will meet this week and is preparing for the Prince St. school dinner. Gifts have been distributed out of the Benevolent Fund and out of the budget line item.

e) Christian Development:

Willis has agreed to provide his gift of music for the Turkey Dinner.

There will be a section dedicated to children at Coffee & Conversation.

f) Pastoral Care:

Anne Love reported that the committee met on Nov. 10th and will meet again in January.

Work is being done to update the list of those in nursing homes and residences.

The committee will help Sandra and Mark Richardson with the delivery of gift baskets next week. Trinity jams will be used in the baskets.

g) M&P:

No report.

h) Clifton:

Bruce Fitchett reported that a Christmas service would be held on Sunday, Dec. 10th, with refreshments and lunch to follow at the Cotton Centre.

i) UCW:

Lynn MacPhail reported that the AGM was to be held on Dec. 5th, with Marie Kenney, Pastor, as speaker.

The committee is doing a funeral reception on Dec. 6th and lunch for the Advent service on Dec. 13th.

j) Trinity Men:

Phil Floyd reported that a meeting was held in December.

k) Nominating:

Phil Floyd reported that this is a priority.

l) Trustees:

No report.

m) Ad Hoc:

No meeting has been held. The committee will be revived shortly and will revisit what has been looked at and seek new suggestions.

7. Minister's Comments:

Rev. John indicated that he is encouraged by in-person attendance.

He noted that additional sources of income will have to be found to sustain Trinity-Clifton, and that the congregation should be brought into the discussion.

8. New Business:

a) Emily Bryant discussed having a student under Canada Summer Jobs 2024. We had a student for 8 summers. The age requirement is 16-30 years old. Council agreed with submission of an application, which Emily volunteered to undertake.

b) Discussion took place on an incident which involved improper use of Trinity Wi-Fi and possible copyright infringement. If this issue arises again, further action will be considered.

Rev. John indicated that there could be a copyright issue with what is displayed on the sanctuary screens, and that One License would address this. He will follow-up on cost and inform Finance and Worship.

c) Coffee & Conversation:

Vicki Allen Cook said she will work on a Saturday with the youth to make and box cookies.

Gordon and Mary Ann agreed to do C&C in January. It was suggested that members of the congregation be approached to help.

9. **Next Meeting: January 9, 2024, at 6:30 pm.**

10. **Adjournment and Benediction:**

It was moved by Heather Cameron and seconded by Phil Floyd that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. Rev. John led Council in the benediction.