

Trinity-Clifton United Church
Council Meeting Minutes
April 9, 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, Bob MacNutt, Rev. Dr. John Moses, Emily Bryant, Susan Willis

Regrets: Heather Cameron, Lynn MacPhail

1. **Opening Prayer:**

Gordon Matheson called the meeting to order and Rev. John led the council in prayer.

2. **Approval of the Agenda:**

Two items were added to the agenda: Seniors Community Grant and questions for the April 28th meeting. It was moved by Phil Floyd and seconded by David White that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

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

It was moved by Bruce Fitchett and seconded by Vicki Allen Cook that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

4. **Correspondence:**

Letter from Greg Potten, AMG Claims Inc., dated March 12, 2024

5. **Reports:**

a) Finance and Treasurer:

Phil gave an explanation of the HST (\$72,469.63) the church is responsible for as a result of repairs from Fiona. It was moved by Phil and seconded by David that \$72,469.63 be borrowed from trustees to pay the GST owing. Motion carried. Trustees will be repaid once the rebate for this has been received.

David and Phil met with the accountants and reported that the deficit for 2023 is \$126,000.00. Phil gave an explanation of some items that contributed to the deficit. \$20,000.00 of our line of credit is currently being used. Approximately \$73,000.00 will come from the Trustees to various accounts. Phil will e-mail the financial statements later in the week and paper copies will be provided for the annual meeting on Sunday.

b) Property:

Bob reported that, from the cleanup at Trinity, the sporting goods surplus equipment went to the city. John Kamphuis repaired the vent above the kitchen stoves. Harry Hibbs continues to work on the stained-glass window repairs. Work is slated for repair and painting to the eaves and windows in the manse. Parking lot pavement repairs will be done and a baby barn will be obtained for storage.

c) Worship:

The committee has not met. Rev John was thanked for the Easter services. The script for the Living last Supper is on the church website.

d) Outreach and Service:

Vicki reported that the food collected for Holland College and UPEI has been well received. There will be another supper for students on April 12th, 2024. A tea is scheduled with Stella Sheppard, author, for May 13th, 2024. Julie Pelletier Lush will speak on May 5th, 2024 on murdered and missing indigenous women. Red dresses are being collected. CD and Outreach committees are doing coffee and conversation in May, a form of radical hospitality.

e) Christian Development:

Alma noted that red dress pins are being made by Sunday school participants to be passed out to the congregation. There were positive comments on the Easter display done by Sunday school. Bible study is going well.

f) Pastoral Care:

It was moved by Anne Love and seconded by Phil Floyd that the following baptisms be done: Hendrick Joshua Pater (born on February 22, 2024), son of Megan Tesch and Justin Pater of Boston, Massachusetts, and Justin Archibald Albert Pater born in 1987 in Montague, PEI. Motion carried.

g) M&P: No report.

h) Clifton:

The spring meeting will be held in May.

i) UCW: No report.

j) Trinity Men:

\$900 was raised on the pancake breakfast. A supper will be held on April 16th with Jeff Collins as the speaker. On May 25th a sale with plants and other items is planned. Dr. Preston Smith will speak at a dinner on May 14th.

k) Nominating:

Phil is working to get people on committees and for council positions.

l) Trustees: No report.

m) Ad Hoc:

The committee met and had a conversation with Kindred Works who advised that an anchor tenant be considered for a part of the property. The current focus of Kindred

Works is to support congregations with ideas and suggestions as they do not want churches closed.

Vicki explained the need for early childhood centres in Charlottetown. Exploration on whether city bylaws will permit this at Trinity is being done.

6. **Minister's comments:**

Rev. John continues to contact people and there are some new people attending church. A community garden of the green space is being considered. Rev. John asked council members to promote the roast beef dinner.

Bible study was acknowledged by Bob MacNutt and others.

7. **New Business:**

a) Lighthouse Gospel Ministry:

Information on the rental request by Lighthouse Gospel Ministries was provided by Mary Ann, Gordon and Rev. John. Discussion on this potential rental took place including questions about Affirm, what space could be rented and rental rates. It was moved by Linda Dunning and seconded by Miriam Lank that we proceed with exploring a rental to Lighthouse Gospel Ministries and that we give the Executive the authority to do this. Motion carried. David White – nay vote.

b) Seniors Community Meals:

Emily Bryant gave the background and details for this \$5,000.00 grant from the PEI Department of Social Development and Seniors. Linda Dunning, Vicki Allen Cook and Susan Willis volunteered to work with Emily Bryant on this project.

Emily Bryant will provide information on the New Horizons for Seniors grant at the annual meeting.

Emily Bryant was thanked for all she does for Trinity and for others.

c) Information and Questions for the April 28th Meeting:

This information was circulated to council in advance of the meeting. It will be introduced at the annual meeting and provided to the congregation for consideration on April 28th. Any feedback on this draft information is to go to Rev. John and the co-chairs.

8. **Date of Next Meeting: May 7, 2024 at 6:30pm.**

9. **Adjournment and Benediction:**

Gordon Matheson adjourned the meeting and Rev. John led the benediction.