



**First-St. Andrew's United Church
COUNCIL MEETING
November 20, 2018
Proudfoot Hall, 7:00 pm**

Present: Barb Dalrymple, Michelle Down, Steve Elson, Kerry Hill, George Jolink, Laurel Kenney, Heather Locking-Cusolito, David Manness, Merran Neville, Bob Swartman, Heather Vouvalidis, Katherine Wonfor

Regrets: Linda Badke, John Eberhard, Terry Head, Bill Knowles, Bruce Moor, Jo Ann Silcox

The regular meeting of Council was called to order at 7:00 pm by George Jolink, Chair. A quorum was present.

1.0 Invocation: The Rev. Michelle Down opened the meeting with a poem from "Kneeling in Jerusalem" by Ann Weems. Michelle invited Council to consider how we prepare for communion. Michelle led Council in prayer and we remembered Jean Knowles.

2.0 Remarks from the Chair: George Jolink welcomed Council to the November meeting.

3.0 Approval of Agenda

MOTION: That the Council Meeting Agenda of Tuesday, November 20, 2018 be approved.

MOVED: By David Manness, seconded by Heather Locking-Cusolito. MOTION CARRIED.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

MOTION: That the Council Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2018 be approved.

MOVED: By Merran Neville, seconded by Bob Swartman. MOTION CARRIED.

5.0 Correspondence

5.1 Thank You from Bill Knowles

A note of thanks was received from Bill Knowles expressing gratitude to those who took part in Jean's funeral service.

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Ad Hoc Planning Committee -- Steve Elson

Written report circulated.

- Construction has begun on the Eco-Meditation Garden.

- On November 9th a community round table on service and social action was held at FSA. A list of the organizations that took part was circulated. One hour of the two-hour session involved people talking in small groups. Detailed notes of these conversations were made and are currently being collated and summarized and will then be circulated to the participants and Council. The Mission and Outreach Committee and the UCW were thanked for helping to plan the event.

Thomcare, a home for people living with mental health or addiction issues, is located across the street from FSA. A representative from Thomcare attended the round table and is interested in partnership opportunities with FSA.

- Merran Neville reported that the third Arts After Five event was held with several new people attending. The next Arts After Five will take place on February 1, 2019.

6.2 Faith Development

No report.

6.3 Finance – Kerry Hill

FSA Financial Statements at October 31, 2018 were circulated.

- A Christmas Envelope Appeal will be made to help with the deficit. Envelopes will be distributed in December.
- Kerry Hill has written an article on Stewardship for the next issue of Tidings. Kerry was thanked for his leadership of this year's Stewardship Campaign.
- A webinar will be held on November 27th at 7 pm. The new governance model of the United Church and the new funding formula will be discussed. Joyce Payne, President, London Conference will attend to answer questions. Kerry encouraged all who are interested to attend this important webinar.
- Representatives from the Givepoint donations kiosk system have been invited to make a presentation at the December Council meeting.

6.4 Membership and Nurture – Heather Locking-Cusolito

Written report circulated.

George Jolink expressed his appreciation to the Membership and Nurture Committee for their work on the new photo directory.

6.5 Ministry and Personnel

No report.

6.6 Mission and Outreach – Barb Dalrymple

Written report circulated.

- Bridges Out of Poverty: The Ontario Government is making an announcement on November 22 and it is feared by a number of social service agencies that their funding will be cut, including Ontario Works which supports the Bridges program. MO will discuss FSA's future support of the Bridges program after the funding announcement is made. An article on Bridges Out of Poverty will be in the Advent issue of Tidings.

- ELUCO: Ann MacPhail, a member of the ELUCO Board, has designed a card to notify people when a gift has been to ELUCO in their honour or to notify family of a memorial gift. MO requested that Ann be allowed to set-up a table at Coffee and Conversation during December to display the cards.

MOTION: That Ann MacPhail be allowed to set-up a table at Coffee and Conversation during December to display the gift cards in support of ELUCO.

MOVED: By Barb Dalrymple, seconded by Bob Swartman.

DISCUSSION: November 25th is the last Sunday for the Christmas Share gift cards campaign in support of ELUCO.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION: That the loose offering from the Christmas Eve service be donated to ELUCO.

MOVED: By Barb Dalrymple, seconded by David Manness. MOTION CARRIED.

A fundraising concert for ELUCO featuring Marty Kolls will be held on Friday, January 25, 2019 at FSA.

- Sunday Announcements: The Grow-A-Row Campaign had its most successful year in 2018. MO believes this success is due in part to Michelle Down championing the project and educating the congregation about the Canadian Foodgrains Bank during a Sunday service. Mission and Outreach requested that FSA restores having verbal announcements during Sunday services.

MOTION: That announcements during Sunday services be made at the discretion of the Minister of Worship and Congregational Life.

MOVED: By Bob Swartman, seconded by Barb Dalrymple.

DISCUSSION: Council agreed that announcements are an important way to share the story of FSA.

MOTION CARRIED.

It was requested that committee chairs inform their committees of this change.

6.7 Music – Merran Neville

Written report circulated.

6.8 Nominations – Bob Swartman

No report.

6.9 Property – George Jolink

Written report circulated.

- Meals on Wheels is consolidating its locations. In order to achieve this consolidation, some renovations to Farquhar House are required. MOW has requested permission to explore the scope and cost of renovations to Farquhar House. The renovations would include removing a wall to expand the kitchen.

MOTION: To support Meals on Wheels as they explore the scope and cost of renovations to Farquhar House.

MOVED: By Kerry Hill, seconded by Bob Swartman.

DISCUSSION:

- MOW is currently in year 3 of a 5-year lease.
- MOW rents 11 parking spots from FSA, an additional 5 parking spots are rented to individuals. MOW may request more parking spots as they consolidate their programs at Farquhar House.

- The exterior of Farquhar House is designated by the City of London as a heritage property, but not the interior.

MOTION CARRIED.

- At its November 19th meeting, Property discussed reserving parking meters on Waterloo Street. Currently bags are placed over the meters to reserve parking for funerals. Permission to reserve the meters is required from the Parking Enforcement Office of City Hall prior to the funeral. Property considered if FSA groups may want to reserve parking for other events. If you are planning an event and are interested in reserving parking, please contact the Property Committee.
- Please remember to turn out the lights when you leave a room. Tim Miedema, Facilities Manager, has met with Netenergy Systems about installing motion sensors so lights will turn off automatically.

6.10 Trustees – David Manness

Written report circulated.

The Board of Trustees is addressing two action items coming from the ad hoc committee of Council to address FSA's financial future.

- The Investment Committee is meeting on November 27, 2018 to consider increasing the equity component of the investment portfolio to a higher level in order to attract higher returns. This will go the Trustees in December and then to Council.
- The chairs of the Board of Trustees have met with Bruce Moor to discuss the work and support required for David McKane to re-activate his work on legacy giving. Bruce will meet with David to discuss legacy giving.

At October 2018 year-to-date investment performance is -1.3%.

7.0 Group Reports

7.1 Presbytery

Written report circulated.

The last meeting of Middlesex Presbytery was held on November 20th. Michelle Down reported that in the new church governance model congregations will have more autonomy.

7.2 UCW – Laurel Kenney

The Boutique Bazaar was held on November 17, 2018. The total raised to date is over \$16,000. Thanks were extended to all the volunteers who willingly offered their talents and warm welcome to make the Bazaar such a successful event. The sense of community and spirit seen at the Bazaar energizes all who attend.

Laurel thanked the staff for their support of the Bazaar. It was suggested that when scheduling church activities bazaar week should be kept clear to avoid adding extra work for the staff and volunteers.

MOTION: Council expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation to all the 2018 Boutique Bazaar convenors and volunteers who contributed to the Bazaar's outstanding success.

MOVED: By Kerry Hill, seconded by Bob Swartman. MOTION CARRIED.

UCW Executive met on Monday, November 19. The UCW remembered Eva Archibald and her many contributions to the UCW and FSA.

7.3 Staff – Michelle Down

- Presbytery dues for 2018 have been remitted.
- Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa, Executive Secretary of London Conference, will be the guest preacher for Anniversary Sunday, November 25th. As of January 1, 2019, Rev. Stadelbauer-Sampa will serve as Executive Minister for Regions 7, 8, and 9.
- The Rev. Gretta Vosper, West Hill United Church and Toronto Conference have settled all outstanding issues between them. The Rev. Vosper will remain in ordained ministry at West Hill.

The Right Rev. Dr. Richard Bott, Moderator of the United Church of Canada, issued a statement stating the United Church's faith in God and our commitment to being an open and inclusive church.

The Rev. Michelle Down has written a liturgy for Sunday, November 25th based on "A Song of Faith", one of the statements of faith of the United Church.

8.0 Adjournment

The Rev. Michelle Down encouraged us to have a conversation with our families about our faith. Michelle closed the meeting with prayer.

The November 2018 Meeting of Council was adjourned at 8:41 pm.

George Jolink, Chair

Katherine Wonfor, Secretary