



**First-St. Andrew's United Church
COUNCIL MEETING
April 18, 2017
Proudfoot Hall, 7:00 pm**

Present: Linda Badke, Mike Bancroft, Audrey Coulthard, Barb Dalrymple, Michelle Down, Terry Head, Laurel Kenney, David Manness, Merran Neville, Dale Pettit, Pat Pettit, Jim Silcox, Jo Ann Silcox, Heather Vouvaldis, Allyson Watson, Jane Westmorland, Katherine Wonfor

Regrets: John Eberhard, Steve Elson, Doug Gonder, George Jolink, Bill Knowles, Jean Knowles, Bruce Moor, Bob Swartman

The regular meeting of Council was called to order at 7:00 pm by Jo Ann Silcox, Past Chair. A quorum was present.

1.0 Invocation: The Rev. Michelle Down opened the meeting with prayer.

2.0 Welcome Remarks from the Chair: Jo Ann Silcox welcomed Council to the April meeting.

3.0 Approval of Agenda

An additional item was requested under New Business:

- Seating at church events where food is served

MOTION: That the Council Meeting Agenda of Tuesday, April 18, 2017 be approved with the above addition.

MOVED: By Allyson Watson, seconded by Linda Badke. MOTION CARRIED.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

MOTION: That the Council Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2017 be approved.

MOVED: By Allyson Watson, seconded by Jane Westmorland. MOTION CARRIED.

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

- A "Planning for the Future" session will take place on Wednesday, May 3rd. The Ad Hoc Planning Committee will present the five Future of FSA scenarios. Please encourage all members of the congregation to attend.
- The Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 31st. Supper will be served at 5:30 pm and the meeting will begin at 6:30 pm.

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Christian Development – Allyson Watson

Written report circulated.

- The Camp Kee Mo Kee weekend will be held on June 2 to 4. A potluck lunch will be served and committees were asked to help provide the food.
- The Lenten project proceeds will go towards the Heritage Week at Camp Kee Mo Kee. To date \$1,000 dollars has been raised.

6.2 Communications and Marketing – Jim Silcox

Written report circulated.

The Communications and Marketing Committee has discussed the number of events and fundraisers being hosted by various committees. While the work of the committees with regards to outreach is commendable, Communications and Marketing feels that FSA is approaching donor fatigue and that events are possibly competing for patrons.

Council agreed that the church calendar of events is very full and that the timing of proposed events and fundraisers should be looked by a committee to ensure that events are not competing and are successful.

MOTION: That the timing of FSA events and fundraisers be reviewed by the Communications and Marketing Committee.

MOVED: By Allyson Watson, seconded by Jim Silcox. MOTION CARRIED.

6.3 Finance – Mike Bancroft, Dale Pettit

The proposed 2017 Budget was circulated.

- the deficit before support from the trust funds and UCW is \$161,483
- trust fund and UCW support is budgeted at \$145,000
- the deficit could further be reduced by approximately \$20,000 if the position of Visitation Minister is not filled after the Rev. Tom Hiscock's retirement in May 2017
- Council considered whether the decision regarding the continuation of the Visitation Minister position should be brought to the congregation. It was suggested that options be presented to the congregation with the financial implications made known so the congregation can make an educated decision. Council requested that representatives from Membership and Nurture and Ministry and Personnel meet to discuss options and bring forward recommendations to the May meeting of Council.

Statement of Revenue and Expenses at January 31, 2017 was circulated.

- at January 31st there was a surplus of \$13,120
- revenues were under budget by \$1,545
- expenses were under budget by \$10,282
- support from the UCW of \$6,500 was received in January

Statement of Revenue and Expenses at February 28, 2017 was circulated.

- at February 28th there was a deficit of \$12,304
- revenues were under budget by \$8,373
- expenses were over budget by \$3,988
- February expenses included furniture and equipment for the office of the Church Administrator (\$2,818) and consulting fees for Drake Personnel (\$1,500)

6.4 Membership and Nurture – Audrey Coulthard
Written report circulated.

6.5 Ministry and Personnel – Linda Badke
No report.

6.6 MOE – Barb Dalrymple, Pat Petitt
Written report circulated.

6.7 Music – Merran Neville
Written report circulated.

6.8 Nominations – Jo Ann Silcox
Written report circulated.

6.9 Property – Heather Vouvalidis

The Capital Requisitions (balcony railing, Farquhar House exterior painting, Farquhar House roofing) approved by Council at the March meeting have been approved by the Finance Committee and will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval at their April 21st meeting.

6.10 Stewardship
No report.

6.11 Trustees – David Manness
No report.

6.12 Worship – Jane Westmorland
Written report circulated.

7.0 Group Reports

7.1 Presbytery – Linda Badke

Middlesex Presbytery will meet at FSA on Tuesday, April 25, 2017. A workshop will be held prior to the meeting to learn about the Heritage Week Camp at Kee Mo Kee.

7.2 UCW – Laurel Kenney

The UCW is presenting a concert "Remember – A Sentimental Journey" on May 6th at 7 pm. Desserts will be served following the concert.

A Rag Doll workshop is being held on Tuesday, April 25th at 1:30 pm at Wesley-Knox United Church. A Bread Not Stones presentation in the House of Commons is being planned for the fall and 338 dolls are needed.

7.3 Staff – Michelle Down

At the March meeting of Council a suggestion was made that a binder of Council minutes and reports be made available for those who do not have access to a computer. Michelle has created the reports binder and it is now available in the Library.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Worship Survey – Jim Silcox, Jane Westmorland

The results of the recent worship survey were presented. The Worship Committee continues to review the information and plan next steps. Comments from the survey are being forwarded to other committees as appropriate. The complete survey results are available in the Library.

8.2 General Council Remits – Michelle Down

Council voted on the remits from the 42nd General Council.

Remit 1 – Three Council Model

Does the pastoral charge agree that:

- (a) the United Church be re-organized in the three-council model approved by the 42nd General Council 2015; and that
- (b) the Basis of Union be amended to reflect this change?

Yes: 12
No: 0

Remit 2 -- Elimination of Transfer and Settlement

Does the pastoral charge agree that:

- (a) the processes of transfer and settlement for members of the order of ministry within the United Church be eliminated, including the elimination of the General Council Transfer Committee; and that
- (b) the Basis of Union be amended to reflect this change?

Yes: 10
No: 1
Abstained: 1

Remit 3 – Office of Vocation

Does the pastoral charge agree that:

- (a) a denominational office of vocation be established in the structure of the United Church, with responsibilities and structure as approved by the 42nd General Council 2015; and that
- (b) the Basis of Union be amended to reflect this change?

Yes: 8
No: 4

Remit 4 -- Funding a New Model

Does the pastoral charge agree to a new funding model for the United Church with the budgeting process guided by the following principles?

- (1) use Mission and Service to fund ministry and mission activities;
- (2) fund governance and support services of other courts/councils by assessing communities of faith/pastoral charges;
- (3) share assessments equitably across the whole church;
- (4) permit conferences/presbyteries/regional councils to use additional resources for regional purposes; and
- (5) encourage sharing of all resources across the church.

Yes: 6
No: 6

Remit 5 -- Ministry Partners will be voted on by presbyteries. Pastoral charge approval is not required.

Remit 6 -- One Order of Ministry

Does the pastoral charge agree that there should be one new order of ministry encompassing the present categories of recognized designated lay ministers, diaconal ministers, and ordained ministers, with ordination to the ministry of word, sacrament, education, service and pastoral care as the single rite of entry, and with provision for the continued identity of the diakonia within the ordained ministry?

Yes: 6
No: 5
Abstained: 1

The completed ballots for the remits will be sent to the General Council Office.

8.3 Seating at church events where food is served

MOTION: For each church sponsored event where food is served, two positions along the long side of a table should be reserved for wheelchair seating.

MOVED: By Jim Silcox, seconded by Allyson Watson. MOTION CARRIED.

Benediction: The Rev. Michelle Down closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Jo Ann Silcox, Past Chair

Katherine Wonfor, Secretary