



**First-St. Andrew's United Church
COUNCIL MEETING
October 18, 2016
Proudfoot Hall, 7:00 pm**

Present: Linda Badke, Audrey Coulthard, Mike Bancroft, Michelle Down, John Eberhard, Doug Gonder, Terry Head, George Jolink, Laurel Kenney, Bill Knowles, David Knoppert, Bruce Moor, Merran Neville, Jo Ann Silcox, Colleen Stewardson, Bob Swartman, Allyson Watson,

Regrets Barb Dalrymple, Tara Gonder, Jean Knowles, David Manness, Dale Pettit, Jane Westmorland, Katherine Wonfor

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

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

2.0 Welcome Remarks from the Chair: Bob Swartman welcomed Council members to the October meeting.

3.0 Approval of Agenda

Bob asked that 4 items be added:

- *Congregational meeting
- *Town hall survey to be sent out
- *185th Anniversary: Governor General to be invited
- *Liquor permit for Town hall meeting on November 1st

MOTION: That the Council Meeting Agenda of Tuesday, October 18 2016 be approved.
MOVED by Allyson Watson. Seconded by Michael Bancroft. MOTION CARRIED.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

MOTION: That the Council Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2016 be approved.
MOVED by Allyson Watson. Seconded by George Jolink. MOTION CARRIED.

5.0 Correspondence

- **Condolences** sent to John Lam on death of his wife by Bob Swartman
- **Letter of Acceptance of position of Organist Emeritus received from Paul Merritt**

5.1 Remit Party

Eight remits were approved by the 42nd General Council in 2015. The national level of the United Church requires remits be approved by pastoral charges and presbyteries

in order to make policy changes. Middlesex Presbytery held a Remit Party on Saturday, October 1st to discuss 4 remits.

- Remit 1: Three Council Model
- Remit 2: Elimination of Transfer and Settlement
- Remit 3: Office of Vocation
- Remit 4: Funding a New Model

A second Remit Party to consider the remaining 4 Remits will be held on Saturday November 19th at Siloam United Church.

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Christian Development – Allyson Watson

Written report circulated.

Might Children's offering be designated for Outreach. Moved by Allyson Watson, Seconded by George Jolink, Motion carried.

6.2 Communications and Marketing – Doug Gonder reported that they meet tomorrow.

Fund raising campaign for new sign will begin at Christmas. Trustees will match.

6.3 Finance – Mike Bancroft

A written report and Financial Statements to August 31, 2016 were circulated.

Revenue has been down.

More data regarding the pros and cons of a Ministry Internship are needed by Finance before considering moving forward. A spirited discussion about the possibilities and perils ensued.

6.4 Membership and Nurture – Audrey Coulthard

Lunch Bunch has begun again this Fall.

A Data Review Form is now on the web-site.

There is concern as well to reach out to persons who have not attended for some time.

6.5 Ministry and Personnel – Bruce Moor reported on the value attached to the new team as they learn to work together.

6.6 MOE – Barb Dalrymple

Written report of September meeting circulated. ELUCOC walkathon brought in about \$2400.00

6.7 Music – Merran Neville

Written report circulated.

6.8 Nominations – Jo Ann Silcox

Suggestions now being sought for Chair-Elect of Council

6.9 Property

Written report circulated. Insurance work is proceeding apace with some improvement in quality.

6.10 Stewardship

Written report circulated. Mail-out will occur in the next few weeks.

6.11 Trustees – John Eberhard commented on the submitted report.

Memorials Book now has an index.
David Manness attended the Remit workshop at Siloam for Trustees.
Capital Requisition for phone system approved.

6.12 Worship

Written report circulated.

7.0 Group Reports

7.1 Presbytery – Linda Badke

Written report circulated by David Knoppert.
October 29th workshop at Oneida United Church.

7.2 UCW – Laurel Kenney

The Boutique Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2016. Posters are available to advertise this event. All volunteers are welcome.
Laurel is looking for assistance in picking crab apples and making jellies.

7.3 Staff – Michelle Down

+November 11th small service of Remembrance will be held in the sanctuary
+Christmas Day luncheon will be hosted by Michelle and Joyce after service on December 25th
+Rev. Karen Low will be covenanted as a VAM on December at FSA.
+Terry continues to recruit for the choir
+Colleen expressed her pleasure with her new role.

Two Town Hall Meetings will have been held this Fall.

- October 5 - a conversation with the Planning Committee occurred and was attended by about 20 persons.
- November 1 – “Money Matters” a discussion of the budget, trust funds, and financial priorities of FSA

8.0 New Business

8.1 The Future of FSA—Congregational Survey—prepared by Planning Committee and submitted

8.2 Proposal for 185th Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee: The Worship Committee is making plans for a special anniversary service. We are awaiting word as to whether the UCC Moderator might agree to be our guest preacher.

The issue of a Proudfoot Lecturer is being explored. Worship explored Nadia Bolz Weber but the cost is high. Cost will need to be explored. Bob wondered about the Governor General as an alternative without high cost.

George proposed that the Ad Hoc Committee be made up of CD, Worship, UCW, Music and Communication and Marketing and Finance. Moved by George Jolink, seconded by Allyson Watson. Motion carried.

8.3 Wine and Cheese at Nov.1st Town Hall: Bob would like this Town Hall meeting to be supplemented by a wine and cheese reception.

Moved by: Mike Bancroft; Seconded by George Jolink. Motion carried.

8.4 Congregational Meeting: George was thanked for his leadership re the M & S meeting on this past Sunday.

Benediction: The Rev. Michelle Down closed the meeting with prayer and a reading from Philippians.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Bob Swartman, Chair

Jo Ann Silcox Acting Secretary