



**First-St. Andrew's United Church  
COUNCIL MEETING  
April 16, 2019  
Proudfoot Hall, 4:00 pm**

**Present:** Barb Dalrymple, Michelle Down, Steve Elson, Terry Head, Mary Ann Hodge, George Jolink, Doug Jones, Ivana Klouda, Heather Locking-Cusolito, Merran Neville, Bill Peel, Jo Ann Silcox, Bob Swartman, Heather Vouvalidis, Katherine Wonfor

**Regrets:** Kerry Hill, Laurel Kenney, Bruce Moor

The regular meeting of Council was called to order at 4:00 pm by George Jolink, Chair. A quorum was present.

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

**2.0 Remarks from the Chair:** George Jolink welcomed Bill Peel and Doug Jones, new Co-Chairs of the Board of Trustees, and the members of Council to the April meeting.

**3.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following additions to the agenda were requested under New Business:

9.1 The Environment – Mary Ann Hodge

9.2 Bridges Out of Poverty

MOTION: That the Council Meeting Agenda of Tuesday, April 16, 2019 be approved with the above additions.

MOVED: By Heather Locking-Cusolito, seconded by Steve Elson. MOTION CARRIED.

**4.0 Approval of Minutes**

The following amendments to the circulated minutes were made:

- The Good Friday service will be held at Metropolitan United Church at 10 am.
- The Wearable Art Show and Sale raised \$810 for My Sister's Place and \$1,610.23 for FSA.

MOTION: That the Council Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2019 be approved with the amendments noted above.

MOVED: By Jo Ann Silcox, seconded by Bob Swartman. MOTION CARRIED.

## **5.0 Correspondence**

### **5.1 Governance Workshop**

A workshop “New Governance Structures for a New Day” hosted by EDGE: A Network for Ministry Development will be held on May 8, 2019 at Siloam United Church. George Jolink, Bob Swartman and Steve Elson indicated an interest in attending the workshop.

MOTION: To approve the expenditure of \$200 for members of First-St. Andrew’s United Church to attend the “New Governance Structures for a New Day” workshop being held on May 8, 2019. MOVED: By Jo Ann Silcox, seconded by Bill Peel. MOTION CARRIED.

## **6.0 Business Arising**

### **6.1 Ad Hoc Committee to Examine FSA’s Financial Future**

At the March 19, 2019 meeting of Council a motion was approved to create an Ad Hoc Committee to examine FSA’s financial future. Doug Jones clarified that a representative from the Board of Trustees will sit on the Committee, but it may not be one of the Co-Chairs. George Jolink will call a meeting of this new Ad Hoc Committee.

### **6.2 Sunday, May 5, 2019**

Sunday, May 5th is Legacy Sunday when Bob Slater will be honoured with the installation of a leaf on the Proudfoot Legacy Tree. The kick-off of the annual Grow-A-Row campaign in support of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank will be May 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **6.3 Kerry Stover**

This spring Kerry Stover will complete all the elements of preparation for United Church ministry, the last steps before pursuing a Call. Council discussed how to celebrate Kerry’s journey. A reception after the service on June 2<sup>nd</sup> was proposed. Members of the congregation will be invited to contribute to a purse for Kerry.

## **7.0 Committee Reports**

### **7.1 Ad Hoc Planning Committee – Steve Elson**

The Planning Committee continues its work exploring outcomes from the Service and Social Action Round Table.

The Eco-Meditation Garden is scheduled to be completed in mid-May. On June 23<sup>rd</sup> the opening of the garden will be celebrated. Funds have been obtained to complete and install the pipe organ sculpture. Barrie Evans will be in contact with those who volunteered to assist with garden maintenance in the recent Time and Talent survey.

### **7.2 Faith Development – Jo Ann Silcox**

Written report circulated.

### **7.3 Finance – Ivana Klouda**

Financial statements at March 31, 2019 were circulated.

Committee chairs were requested to inform Finance if the Committee’s differential from budget is significant to allow for explanatory notes to the financial statements.

Property expenses are over budget due to repairs to the boiler and exterior de-icing in January.

The Finance Committee has been discussing fundraising at FSA. Laura Wood gave a presentation about fundraising to the Committee. Finance suggested that she be asked to present to Council.

MOTION: To invite Laura Wood to the May meeting of Council to discuss fundraising.  
MOVED: By Steve Elson, seconded by Bob Swartman. MOTION CARRIED.

The Zomaron donations kiosk has been installed in the Atrium. It was suggested that the Mission and Service Fund be added as an option for donations.

#### **7.4 Membership and Nurture – Heather Locking-Cusolito**

Written report circulated.

Membership and Nurture is exploring ways to reach out to new members. Plans for a Newcomers' Friendship Group are in the works.

#### **7.5 Ministry and Personnel**

No report.

#### **7.6 Mission and Outreach – Barb Dalrymple**

Written report circulated.

A fundraising campaign to honour Jean Knowles is being planned. The Committee will appeal to those who do not attend the golf tournament. St. Paul's Social Services is in need of a refrigerator.

Bob Swartman was thanked for looking into how FSA could assist with Beth Emmanuel and their Urban Haven program.

#### **7.7 Music – Merran Neville**

Written report circulated.

The spring choir concert will be held May 4, 2019. "The Peacemakers" by Karl Jenkins will be performed.

Terms of Reference for the Clark Wilson Fund were circulated to Council. Please review the terms and forward any recommendations for changes to the Music Committee. The Terms of Reference will be brought to the May meeting of Council for approval.

#### **7.8 Nominations – Bob Swartman**

As approved at the March Annual Meeting of the Congregation, FSA's representatives on the Antler River Watershed Regional Council are Debbie Schram, Linda Badke, and Jo Ann Silcox.

#### **7.9 Property – George Jolink**

Written report circulated.

Beginning in June Meals On Wheels will be renting Classroom A and the Fireside Room kitchen. They require use of these spaces Monday to Friday 8:30 am to noon. The carpeting in Classroom A is being removed. Electrical improvements to the space will be paid for by Meals On Wheels. No additional parking is required by MOW.

Repairs to the stained glass windows are required. A Capital Requisition Form for this project will be presented to Finance and Trustees for approval before coming to Council.

#### **7.10 Trustees – Doug Jones, Bill Peel**

The first installment of \$25,000 on FSA's three year pledge to Camp Kee-Mo-Kee will be presented on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at the service being held at the Camp.

### **8.0 Group Reports**

#### **8.1 UCW**

No report.

#### **8.2 Staff – Michelle Down**

- To accommodate schedules, the next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 4 pm.
- There has been an increase in thefts at local churches. Please encourage everyone to minimize risk by not leaving purses, coats and other personal belongings unattended. The staff continues to consider how FSA can be welcoming and secure.
- Free will offerings did not fully cover the costs for the lunch held on St. Patrick's Day and the lunch prior to the Annual Meeting. So no cost would be incurred by the church, Michelle Down and Joyce Payne covered the outstanding bills. Merran Neville thanked the staff for providing the members of FSA with these opportunities to socialize and build relationships.
- There are many meetings, activities and events happening during the spring months. The staff will not be able to attend everything. Please be supportive of the choices people make.

### **9.0 New Business**

#### **9.1 The Environment – Mary Ann Hodge**

Mary Ann Hodge spoke to Council about the environment. Climate change is the issue of our time. The earth is changing for our children and grandchildren and we must be serious about protecting God's creation. If nature declines, humanity declines. The City of London is considering declaring a climate emergency. To start a conversation about environmental issues and create awareness, Mary Ann Hodge proposed forming a group at FSA. This group would educate the congregation on environmental issues, advertise local events with an environmental theme, and bring forward initiatives the congregation could be part of.

Council discussed the proposal.

- Messages about the environment could be included in the bulletin and weekly e-blast.
- It was suggested that Environment Sunday be re-instated.
- The need to advocate all levels of government for policies to protect the earth was discussed.

Council expressed unanimous support for an interest group focussed on environmental issues and thanked Mary Ann for spearheading this important work.

Mary Ann will put out a call in the weekly e-blast to ask people to be part of the group.

## **9.2 Bridges Out of Poverty**

FSA members are no longer involved in serving meals to the Bridges Out of Poverty program. George Jolink will send a letter of thanks to the meal coordinators.

## **10.0 Adjournment**

The Rev. Michelle Down closed the meeting with prayer.

The April 2019 Meeting of Council was adjourned at 5:27 pm.

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George Jolink, Chair

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Katherine Wonfor, Secretary