



**First-St. Andrew's United Church
COUNCIL MEETING
November 15, 2016
Proudfoot Hall, 7:00 pm**

Present: Linda Badke, Mike Bancroft, Audrey Coulthard, Barb Dalrymple, Michelle Down, Steve Elson, Doug Gonder, Laurel Kenney, Bruce Moor, Merran Neville, Jo Ann Silcox, Bob Swartman, Allyson Watson, Jane Westmorland, Katherine Wonfor

Regrets John Eberhard, Tara Gonder, Terry Head, George Jolink, David Knoppert, Bill Knowles, Jean Knowles, David Manness, Dale Pettit, Colleen Stewardson

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 and prayer.

2.0 Welcome Remarks from the Chair: Bob Swartman welcomed Steve Elson, Chair of the Ad Hoc Planning Committee, and members of Council to the November meeting.

3.0 Approval of Agenda

MOTION: That the Council Meeting Agenda of Tuesday, November 15, 2016 be approved.
MOVED: By Allyson Watson, seconded by Merran Neville. MOTION CARRIED.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

MOTION: That the Council Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2016 be approved.
MOVED: By Allyson Watson, seconded by Mike Bancroft. MOTION CARRIED.

5.0 Committee Reports

5.1 Christian Development – Allyson Watson
Written report circulated.

5.2 Communications and Marketing – Doug Gonder
Written report circulated.

5.3 Finance – Mike Bancroft

A written report and Financial Statements to September 30, 2016 were circulated.

- The Stewardship Campaign forms were reviewed by Finance and they were pleased with the clarity of the forms. Thanks were extended to Colleen Stewardson and Tara Gonder for their work on the Campaign.
- The 2017 budget is starting to be developed. The Finance Committee recommends a 0% increase in Committee budgets.

5.4 Membership and Nurture – Audrey Coulthard

Written report circulated.

5.5 Ministry and Personnel – Bruce Moor

No report.

5.6 MOE – Barb Dalrymple

Barb Dalrymple reported that the Christmas Eve loose offering has traditionally been donated to a local project. Council agreed that FSA should continue to support local programs and requested that the MOE Committee select a beneficiary and inform the office.

5.7 Music – Merran Neville

Written report circulated.

5.8 Nominations – Jo Ann Silcox

Council was asked to consider if the positions of Chair-Elect of Council and Chair of Council could be filled by Co-Chairs. Some Committees have found co-chairs an effective and practical way to share the work.

MOTION: To allow for Co-Chairs for the position of Chair-Elect of Council and Chair of Council.

MOVED: By Jo Ann Silcox, seconded by Mike Bancroft. MOTION CARRIED.

5.9 Property

No report.

5.10 Stewardship

No report.

5.11 Trustees

No report.

5.12 Worship – Jane Westmorland

Written report circulated.

MOTION: That Jo Ann Silcox, Congregational Visitor, be included in the staff listing in the bulletin.

MOVED: By Barb Dalrymple, seconded by Mike Bancroft. MOTION CARRIED.

6.0 Group Reports

6.1 Presbytery – Linda Badke

No report.

6.2 UCW – Laurel Kenney

- The Boutique Bazaar was held on Saturday, November 12, 2016. Thanks were extended to everyone who contributed to this special occasion.
- Representatives of the “Bread Not Stones” mission project of the United Church of Canada will meet with Chris Ballard, Minister of Housing and Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy, at Queens Park on November 24th. All MPPs will

receive a doll of hope to bring attention to the problem of child poverty. Congratulations were extended to Laurel Kenney who brought this project to Ontario.

6.3 Staff – Michelle Down

- Worship is working collaboratively with our neighbours at Metropolitan United Church. We will be joining Met for Sunday services on February 12th and April 23rd to take part in their speaker series.
- A proposed fees structure for weddings and funerals was circulated to Council. The purpose of the new fee structure is to create a consistent policy that is aligned with other rentals. The new fees would be effective in January 2017.

DISCUSSION:

- Funeral fees are comparable to fees charged by funeral homes.
- Joyce Payne has put together a FSA catering team that can be booked for receptions.
- Marketing FSA as a wedding venue is being considered in hopes of promoting FSA to the community.
- The fees will be paid by one cheque to FSA and the Church Administrator will disburse the fees to the staff and rental budget.
- Council requested that the Property Committee review the fee structure.

MOTION: To accept the proposed fee structure for weddings and funerals subject to Property Committee approval.

Moved: By Allyson Watson, seconded by Bruce Moor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- Eight remits were approved by the 42nd General Council. The national level of the United Church requires these remits be approved by pastoral charges and presbyteries by June 2017. Council will discuss the remits at its March 2017 meeting.
- At the November 13th service the Youth Group reported about their recent trip to Nicaragua. Thank you to Jane Dockrill and the youth for a very moving service.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Report from the Ad Hoc Planning Committee – Steve Elson

A report on the findings of the congregational survey on the future of FSA from the Ad Hoc Planning Committee was circulated to Council.

The survey questions were based on the discussions from the recent Town Hall meetings. The goal of the survey was to discover the congregation's hopes and aspirations for FSA and to make the congregation aware of the work of the Planning Committee and to encourage transparency, support and acceptance.

Ninety-nine survey responses were received and the Committee will reach out to young families through "Sing for Your Supper" and the young people through the "God Squad" for additional feedback.

Committee Chairs were asked to bring the report to the attention of their committee members and to review the "suggested next steps" of the report. Please forward feedback to Steve Elson.

The report will be made available to the congregation, including on the website and poster boards at Coffee and Conversation.

MOTION: To receive the report from the Ad Hoc Planning Committee and approve it being shared with the congregation.

MOVED: By Jo Ann Silcox, seconded by Merran Neville. MOTION CARRIED.

The Committee was congratulated for the care taken in developing the survey and report.

7.2 Annual Report

Committee Reports for the annual report are due by the end of January.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Bob Swartman, Chair

Katherine Wonfor, Secretary