



**First-St. Andrew's United Church  
COUNCIL MEETING  
April 19, 2016  
Proudfoot Hall, 7:00 pm**

**Present:** Linda Badke, Beth Bailey, Paul Cooper, Audrey Coulthard, Barb Dalrymple, Michelle Down, Harold Jackson, George Jolink, Laurel Kenney, Bill Knowles, Jean Knowles, Michael Mandich, David Manness, Brenda McManus, Paul Merritt, Bruce Moor, Jim Silcox, Jo Ann Silcox, Bob Swartman, Allyson Watson, Jane Westmorland, Katherine Wonfor

**Regrets:** John Eberhard, Doug Gonder, Tara Gonder, Pat Pettit

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 led Council in A Covenant of Faithful Leadership.

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

**3.0 Approval of Agenda**

MOTION: That the Council Meeting Agenda of Tuesday, April 19, 2016 be approved.  
MOVED: By Allyson Watson, seconded by Jean Knowles. Motion carried.

**4.0 Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: That the Council Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2016 be approved.  
MOVED: By Jane Westmorland, seconded by Allyson Watson. Motion carried.

**5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes**

**5.1 Woodfield Resettlement Group Fundraiser**

The Woodfield Resettlement Group is holding a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on May 6<sup>th</sup> at FSA. Please support our neighbours as they fundraise to sponsor a family from Syria.

**6.0 Committee Reports**

**6.1 Christian Development** – Allyson Watson  
Written report circulated.

The CD Committee thanks the congregation for their support of the youth who are travelling to Nicaragua.

## **6.2 Communications and Marketing – Jim Silcox**

Written report circulated.

## **6.3 Finance – Harold Jackson**

Financial reports at March 31, 2016 were circulated.

- A surplus was reported at the end of the first quarter thanks to congregational givings and trust funds support.
- The Easter envelope campaign raised \$2,500 (\$6,000 budgeted). The designated overseas relief offering received Easter Sunday (\$90) will be sent to the national church for the purpose of Syrian Relief. The loose collection received Easter Sunday will support the operating fund.

MOTION: That the loose offering received Good Friday be sent to the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada.

MOVED: By Barb Dalrymple, seconded by Jane Westmorland. MOTION CARRIED.

- An Ad Hoc Retirement Event Committee is being chaired by Anne Cummings and David Wake. The committee is collecting money for a luncheon being held at the Lamplighter Inn. It is the committee's intention that the funds will be given to the church office and the office will pay the Lamplighter Inn.

MOTION: To authorize the Ad Hoc Retirement Event Committee to collect funds to support the cost of the luncheon contracted with the Lamplighter Inn and to give authority to the Committee to sign documents related to that function.

MOVED: By Bruce Moor, seconded by Jo Ann Silcox.

DISCUSSION: The Choir Treasurer will handle the financial arrangements.

MOTION CARRIED.

- Sunday collections are being counted by Brenda McManus with a second person to verify the accounting.

MOTION: To request volunteers to count the collection on Sunday mornings. The request will be placed in the Sunday bulletin.

MOVED: By Allyson Watson, seconded by Paul Cooper. MOTION CARRIED.

- A discussion paper regarding a new funding model for the United Church of Canada has been received. Finance will explore how the proposed new funding model will affect the finances of FSA and continue to report to Council.

## **6.4 Membership and Nurture – Audrey Coulthard**

Written report circulated.

## **6.5 Ministry and Personnel – Bruce Moor**

The Search Committee for the position of Director of Music is receiving and reviewing applications.

## **6.6 MOE – Barb Dalrymple**

Written report circulated.

- Part of the proceeds from the White Squirrel Golf Tournament will support the youth who are travelling to Nicaragua.

- The annual Grow-A-Row campaign is taking place. Proceeds support the work of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

#### **6.7 Music – Paul Cooper**

- A concert is being held on May 28<sup>th</sup> “Memories, from Bach to Rutter”, Paul Merritt conducting.
- A luncheon in celebration of Paul Merritt will be held on May 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> the Junior Joyfuls and Joyful Singers will be providing worship leadership.

#### **6.8 Nominations – Jo Ann Silcox**

Written report circulated.

MOTION: To approve Bill Hall as a member of the Finance Committee.

MOVED: By Jo Ann Silcox, seconded by Harold Jackson. Motion carried.

#### **6.9 Property – George Jolink**

Written report circulated.

Capital Requisition Form 2016-003 regarding an upgrade to the lightning protection system to conform to current CAN/CSA standards was circulated. Lightning protection was listed in the 2008 Avis Report as a medium to high priority deficiency item. Funding of \$40,687 is requested from the trust funds.

MOTION: To approve Capital Requisition Form 2016-003 regarding an upgrade to the lightning protection system.

MOVED: By George Jolink, seconded by Allyson Watson. Motion carried.

The Welcoming Sub-Committee has requested that outside benches be placed on the property. Property will move forward with this request and consider how the benches could be funded. Michelle Down asked that we be welcoming to all who may use these benches.

#### **6.10 Stewardship – Beth Bailey**

A Stewardship Fair where committees can share information about their work with the congregation is being considered for the fall.

#### **6.11 Trustees – David Manness**

Sunday, May 1, 2016 is Legacy Sunday. A leaf for the Proudfoot Legacy Tree will be dedicated to honour the legacy gift from the estate of Ruth Stewart Thompson.

The donation of a stained glass window in memory of Douglas and Madeline Cram has been received and will be dedicated during a future service.

#### **6.12 Worship – Jane Westmorland**

Written report circulated.

Large print hymn books have been purchased and will be dedicated in memory of Elspeth Watson.

## 7.0 Group Reports

### 7.1 Presbytery – Bill Knowles, Jean Knowles, Linda Badke Written report circulated.

On May 9, 2016 the United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel is hosting Peter Larson at a discussion group being held at FSA from 3 to 4:30 pm. In the evening Dr. Larson will be giving a public lecture entitled “The Youth of Gaza Face the Future” at King’s College.

### 7.2 UCW – Laurel Kenney

- A Rummage Sale is being held on April 30<sup>th</sup>. All donations and volunteers are appreciated.
- The UCW is supporting the young people on their mission trip to Nicaragua with a donation of \$1,000.

### 7.3 Staff – Michelle Down, Brenda McManus, Paul Merritt

- Presbytery meets at FSA on April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- A Town Hall meeting will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.
- On May 9<sup>th</sup> St. Paul’s Daily Bread Program is holding a Soup and Sandwich fundraiser.
- A certificate has been received from the national office in recognition of FSA’s contributions to the Mission and Service Fund over the past year.
- Five Oaks Education and Retreat Centre in Paris, Ontario will cease operations as of November 15, 2016.

## 8.0 New Business

### 8.1 Report from the Planning Committee – Michael Mandich Written report circulated.

Michael Mandich, Chair of the Planning Committee, reported to the meeting.

The Committee has set 3 priorities:

- determine who is in the pews
- determine the interests and passions of our members
- determine the needs FSA can fulfill

The Rev. Michelle Down closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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Bob Swartman, Chair

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Katherine Wonfor, Secretary