

**SILOAM UNITED CHURCH**  
**Minutes of Council Meeting**  
**Sunday, July 16, 2017**

**Present:**

**Council:** Ric Graham, (Chair), Randy Donkervoort (Amalgamation Committee), Stuart Cunningham (Spiritual Life and Worship), Pauline Newton (Secretary), Steve Britton (Presbytery), Dick Huffman (Treasurer), Sharon Ashton, (Presbytery), John Burns (Property), Catherine Glover (Outreach and Social Justice), Allyn Todd (Trustees), Jim Sweitzer (Congregational Resources), Mike Ashton (Communications), Anita Elworthy (Congregational Life), Margaret, Smith (Rose Birrell), Lynn McClary, Pete McClary (Trustees), Carol Echlin (Trustees), Beth Roberts (Trustees), Dorothy Foster (Trustees), Sheridan Griffin (Trustees), Peggy Rivard (Trustees)

**Staff:** Rev. Isaac Mundy, Rev. Sheila Macgregor

Ric thanked everyone for attending and called the meeting to order.

**MOTION:** To direct the trustees to transfer up to \$15,000 as a loan to the operating budget of Siloam United Church

Moved by Catherine, seconded Sharon. Carried.

Sheila asked if \$15,000 was enough to cover our shortfall. Allyn responded that the trustees can only loan undesignated funds and at the present time that amount is \$14,000. As a result of the loan the trustees will have to defer their semi-annual June donation to Mission & Service until December.

Jim reported that as of the end of June givings were down by \$11,469 and that we need \$46,000 per month to pay the bills.

Ric offered to lead a task force to inform the congregation of our shortfall in givings and to initiate a stewardship campaign. He asked that those willing to be part of the task force send him an email. Pete suggested that any stewardship campaign should not be initiated until September.

Council agreed that stewardship should support the church that “Fundraising is not Stewardship”.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Ric Graham, Chair

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Pauline Newton, Recording

