

SILOAM UNITED CHURCH
Minutes of Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Present:

Council: Ric Graham (Chair), Randy Donkervoort (Ministry and Personnel), Peggy Rivard (Congregational Life), Stuart Cunningham (Spiritual Life and Worship), Pauline Newton (Secretary), Margaret Smith (Rose Birrell), Steve Britton (Presbytery), Dick Huffman (Treasurer), John Burns (Property), , Al Appleby (Trustees), Sharon Ashton, (Presbytery)

Staff: Rev. Isaac Mundy, Rev. Sheila Macgregor

Regrets: Kevin Webb (Communications), Catherine Glover (Outreach and Social Justice)

Ric called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and Isaac led us in an opening prayer.

Agenda – Request for rental withdrawn. Addition - set a date for education and vote on remits.

Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the December 13th, 2016 council meeting as presented. Moved by Randy, seconded by Steve. Carried.

Meeting Times: It was decided that we would proceed on a month to month basis with the next official board meeting being held on Tuesday, February 21 at 11:00 a.m. It is likely that we will return to evening meetings in the fall.

Budget Finalization

The proposed budget shows a shortfall for 2016 of \$20,242.40. However, it was noted that the Eco Roof Rebate (\$17,044.00) was being shown as revenue under the roof project, and not under the operating budget, when in fact it was rolled into the general fund in July to cover operating expenses. This being the case, our actual shortfall would be \$3,198.40. A motion was made at the November meeting to use the monies from the toonie challenge and the HST rebate to retire the loans taken out to finance the roof project. It was moved by Randy, seconded by Kevin and carried.

It was suggested that we bring in the Auditors from Famme & Company to look at some of the inconsistencies in the operating budget.

MOTION: To approve acceptance of the operating budget as of January 24, 2017 with the following amendments:

Revenue – 34200 Projects Other & Special Events - increase from \$7,500 to \$15,000

Expenses - Add a line for Youth Ministries - \$6,500

41250 Insurance – increase from \$6,000 to \$6,500

Moved by Steve, seconded by Dick. Carried.

Amalgamation Update

The Amalgamation Committees have had two meetings and have prepared a document outlining Amalgamation Guidelines. Ric reviewed the guidelines with council. Under Ministry Personnel and Staff, it was suggested that we should amend section a) to “*Rev. Jan Fradette will continue with a half time contract ministry position at SILOAM*”

AGM Preparation

The Amalgamation document along with a summary of our governance model will be emailed to the members of the congregation this week with hard copies also available on Jan. 29th and Feb. 5th and will be voted on at our AGM.

The AGM will be held immediately after the service on Feb. 12th and will be chaired by Ric Graham. Pauline will ask Erin to make up the ballots for the vote. Only members of Siloam United Church will be allowed to vote to accept or reject amalgamation with Arva United Church.

Sheila led us in a closing prayer.

Due to time constraints, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15. Council will meet again on Tuesday, February 7th at 11:00 to finalize the budget and other items on the agenda that were not dealt with at today’s meeting.

Next Meeting Date – February 7, 2017

Ric Graham, Chair

Pauline Newton, Recording