

Siloam United Church - Minutes of Council Meeting

January 18, 2022

Held electronically via Zoom

Attendance:

Rev. Dr. Sheila Macgregor, Steve Britton (Regional Representative), John Davidson (Outreach and Social Justice), Dave Dunham (Acting Chair and Property), Dick Huffman (Treasurer), Pauline Newton (M & P), Harla O'Neill (Congregational Life), Betty Ross (Rose Birrell), Margaret Smith (Spiritual Life & Worship), Allyn Todd (Trustees and Communications), Peggy Rivard (Secretary)

Regrets: Catherine Glover

Welcome and Opening Prayer:

Dave Dunham welcomed each member to the meeting; Rev. Sheila led us in prayer.

Agenda Amendments and Approval:

Motion: Moved by Pauline Newton and seconded by Harla O'Neill that the agenda, with four additional items, be approved. CARRIED

Correspondence:

Dave read an e-mail from Richard Auckland, Chairperson, Mission and Discipleship Commission, Antler River Watershed Regional Council, confirming that Siloam would be receiving a grant in the amount of \$3 000.00 from the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Fund.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Moved by Peggy Rivard and seconded by Pauline Newton that the minutes of council meetings from November 21/2021, December 16/2021 and January 6/2022 be approved as circulated. CARRIED

New Business:

Sunday School

Pauline Newton asked for clarification for work required by Allison O'Connor with regard to preparation of Sunday School classwork. It was decided to ask Allison to provide a 3-4 minute video aimed at children and youth to be included as part of our online service starting on January 30. When Siloam re-opens to the congregation, Allison will be asked to prepare a Sunday School lesson for any children who may be present and then, at the end of the service, make a brief presentation with the youth summarizing their discussion.

Re-Opening Committee

Margaret Smith will set up a meeting with the members of the re-opening committee to review policies established at prior re-openings and to discuss any changes that may need to be made.

Budget Discussion

Dick Huffman brought to members' attention a bookkeeping error that has necessitated a revised estimate for Givings for 2022. It was felt that a 2022 budget showing a very high deficit should be examined again. **ACTION:** Dick, Dave, Margaret, Allyn and John will meet on January 25 to dissect the proposed budget. A further meeting will be held at a later date to discuss grants that we may be able to procure.

Board of Trustees Update

Motion: Moved by Allyn Todd and seconded by Steve Britton that the Trustees, subject to Council approval, have approved permitting the Siloam Operating Account to retain until December 31, 2022 any unused balance of the \$30 000 granted earlier in the year from the Non-Designated Fund for the support of salaries and insurance costs during Covid (as authorized by the Antler River Watershed Regional Council) under the same conditions as originally agreed upon (can only be used to offset year-end deficit for both 2021 and now also 2022 with any unused balance at Dec. 31, 2022 to be returned to the Trustees on January 1, 2023).
CARRIED

Motion: Moved by Allyn Todd and seconded by Steve Britton that the Trustees, subject to Council approval, have voted in favour of contributing \$2 000.00 from the Non-Designated Fund to support the Siloam music program through engaging soloists and/or instrumentalists during 2022. This would bring the total of contributions from Trustee managed funds for 2022 to \$17 500.00. CARRIED

Allyn also informed Council that Rogers has completed installing equipment which will increase both our uploading and downloading speed for internet usage. Although we are not quite ready to be able to livestream, the technical groundwork has been laid.

Annual Meeting Planning

Without a final budget to present at this time, there was no discussion about the annual meeting.

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Closing Prayer:

Rev. Sheila ended the meeting with a blessing.

Adjournment:

Dave adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Council will meet on February 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Dave Dunham, Acting Chair

Peggy Rivard, Secretary