

Minutes of Siloam Church Council Meeting

September 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting held both via ZOOM and in person at Siloam United Church

Present:

Rev. Dr. Sheila Macgregor, Catherine Glover (Chair), John Bell (BBQ committee), Steve Britton (Regional Representative), John Davidson (Outreach), Dave Dunham (Property), Dick Huffman (Treasurer and Congregational Resources), Pauline Newton (M&P), Margaret Smith (Spiritual Life and Worship), Allyn Todd (Trustees and Communications), Anne Wheatley (bookkeeper), Peggy Rivard (Secretary and Congregational Life)

Regrets:

Betty Ross (Rose Birrell)

Welcome and Opening Prayer:

Chair Glover welcomed Rev. Dr. Sheila back from her sabbatical. Rev. Sheila then led us in a prayer entitled Prayer For Those Who Never Came Home in honour of the lost indigenous children.

Summary of Chicken BBQ:

John Bell, Chair of the BBQ Committee, extended his thanks to Margaret Smith, Pauline Newton, Heather Vosper, Enid Wilson, Mary Ella Pettigrew (and her team consisting of David, Robin, Pat Cox, Ilene Bamford) and the Property Committee. As John stated, it was very rewarding to see everyone able to meet together for a meal and chat. Tickets were sold to 459 adults and 10 children. Our approximate revenue was \$12 000; approximate costs were \$5 700; and our profit was approximately just over \$6 000.00. A HUGE vote of thanks was given to John and Sally for their countless hours of work on this project. **Motion:** Moved by John Bell and seconded by Pauline Newton that John contact Pineridge and confirm with them a date of June 3, 2023 for the next Siloam Chicken BBQ. CARRIED

Finance Discussion:

Information from pre-circulated copies of the most recent Profit and Loss statement concerning third quarter performance was discussed. The main variance is in envelope givings. We will have a stewardship campaign starting this fall and continuing until Advent. Wib Dawson and Allyn Todd have already prepared some videos to be shown during the campaign. Appeals do need to go to those who are not on e-mail and those who are watching on-line but are not physically attending services.

Dick Huffman will ensure that quarterly reports will be issued to the congregation next year.

Anne Wheatley informed Council members that \$8 349 had been received from the Canada Summer Jobs program – Chair Glover stated that she will follow up to obtain the rest of the money owed to us from this program.

Allyn Todd pointed out that there are some areas where money has not been requested for items and that money in Trustee accounts could be used to pay for these items as opposed to paying out of general funds. Margaret Smith and Anne Wheatley will work together to sort this out.

Correspondence:

A thank-you letter has been sent to Allyn Todd from Council thanking him for his leadership over the past years, especially during the pandemic, as Interim Chair of the Communications Committee.

Chair Glover will send a congratulatory note to St. John's Anglican Church on the occasion of their 200th Anniversary.

A letter was received from the United Church of Canada indicating that Chair Glover has been appointed as a member of the General Council Executive.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Moved by Pauline Newton and seconded by Dave Dunham that the minutes of the June 21 Council meeting be approved as printed. CARRIED

Motion: Moved by Dave Dunham and seconded by Allyn Todd that the minutes of the July 19 Council meeting be approved as printed. CARRIED

Motion: Moved by Steve Britton and seconded by Dick Huffman that the minutes of the August 11 Council meeting be approved as printed. CARRIED

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Moved by Pauline Newton and seconded by Allyn Todd that the agenda for this meeting be approved. CARRIED

New Business:

United Property Resource Update

This item has been deferred to the October Council meeting.

Filling Vacancies on Church Council and Church Committees

Chair Glover has drafted an "Ask" to go to the congregation to try and find people who are interested in serving on committees or Council. It is hoped that we can find co-chairs for vacancies on committees so that someone can be in a learning role at the beginning before

stepping up to a Chair position. Chair Glover will ask Erin to submit lists of each committee's current membership to Council members so as to know who already is involved with the work of the church. It was also suggested that each Council member speak to four people to see if they would be interested in doing "something" within the church setting.

Request from Rev. Ann Corbet

Pauline Newton indicated that Rev. Ann has asked for two additional weeks of holiday (with no additional cost to the church) in 2023 to pursue some other interests. **Motion:** Moved by Pauline Newton and seconded by John Davidson that Siloam grant Rev. Ann Corbet two weeks of additional vacation in 2023 on a one-time basis to allow her to supplement her income. CARRIED

Continuing Business:

Grant Opportunities

Dave Dunham indicated that he has tried many times to get in touch with the individual involved with doing an Energy Audit as part of the Faithful Footprints Grant, but with no success. Chair Glover will try and track this individual down.

An application for a Mission Support Grant to help with costs incurred by our garden project has been submitted.

Mennonite farmers were the instigators of the Kindred Credit Union Grant, a grant of a \$5 000 GIC that would stay with Kindred. Chair Glover has submitted an application for this as any revenue received from this GIC would be used to help with our garden project expenses.

Fall Fundraising Activities

The Chicken BBQ is approaching; an intergenerational Pub Ministry is starting; and a Stewardship Campaign is in the planning stages.

Anniversary Planning Update

Another meeting of the planning committee will be held this week. Anita Elworthy has printed tickets and designed a poster for the concert. Tickets for the Saturday Anniversary concert will be available for sale starting Oct. 1.

Staff/Committee Reports:

Stewardship videos will start to be shown on October 16.

Allyn Todd asked Rev. Sheila to recognize and thank the Trustees for the funds they provided in order to purchase the new projector for the sanctuary. Allyn also noted that more students from Fanshawe College are participating in the Sunday services as they need work-related experience for their college A/V programs.

A brief discussion was held about the placement, on Fanshawe Park Road, of a portable sign announcing the chicken BBQ. The company that installed the sign has adhered to all bylaws concerning the placement of such signs.

Dave Dunham gave an update on the health condition of Dave Graham and his status regarding remuneration while he recovers.

Closing Prayer:

Rev. Sheila closed the meeting with prayer.

Next Meeting:

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Catherine Glover, Chair

Peggy Rivard, Secretary