

Siloam United Church - Minutes of Council Meeting

January 24, 2024

7:00 p.m.

O'Brien/Sproule Library Chapel

Present:

Pauline Newton (Acting Chair, M & P), Rev. Ann Corbet, Wendy Barbour (Outreach and Social Justice), Steven Britton (ARWRC rep), Dave Dunham (Property), Catherine Glover (Congregational Resources), Dick Huffman (Treasurer), Lynn McClary (HEAT), Peggy Rivard (Congregational Life, Secretary), Margaret Smith (Spiritual Life & Worship), Allyn Todd (Communications), Barbara Walters (Rose Birrell)

Welcome and Opening Prayer:

Pauline welcomed everyone and asked Rev. Ann to lead us in prayer.

Agenda Amendments and Approval:

MOTION: Moved by Dave Dunham and seconded by Dick Huffman that the agenda be approved as presented. CARRIED

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Moved by Steven Britton and seconded by Lynn McClary that the minutes of December 13, 2023 and January 17, 2024 be approved as printed. CARRIED

Business Items:

Letter of Resignation

Catherine Glover submitted a letter of resignation from her role as Past Chair of Church Council and also her role as Interim Chair of Congregational Resources as of February 18, 2024. Catherine was thanked for her service of between 10-12 years as a member of Council. Members expressed best wishes to Catherine as she shifts her focus to activities as a member of the UCC General Council Executive and member of the Board of Directors of the UCC Foundation as well as continuing her work applying for grants for Siloam United Church.

Budget Discussion

More information was shared regarding the proposed 2024 budget.

In Camera Discussion

MOTION: Moved by Margaret Smith and seconded by Dave Dunham that we go in camera. CARRIED

MOTION: Moved by Dave Dunham and seconded by Margaret Smith that we come out of camera. CARRIED

During this time, we addressed the fact that we are able to balance the 2024 budget only because we will be able to access money from the Trustees' account.

Proposed Agenda for Annual Meeting

MOTION: Moved by Catherine Glover and seconded by Lynn McClary that we announce at the AGM that Council has decided to use money earned from interest from the non-designated funds held by the Trustees as revenue in order to balance the 2023 year (\$32 K) and balance the 2024 budget plan (\$33 K). Note that using interest income from Trustee Funds in this way is an acceptable practice allowed by the United Church of Canada. CARRIED

Update from Nominating Committee

Margaret expressed thanks to the Council members who have agreed to act as rotating chairs for 2024. She was also pleased to announce that Tracey Brown has agreed to act as Chair of Communications. Jim Anderson has agreed to be a Co-Chair of Congregational Resources once another Co-Chair is in place.

Committee Members

Allyn Todd asked each Committee Chair to complete a form listing all members of his/her committee.

Update from Trustees

Allyn indicated that the Trustees will look into an insurance plan (UCCP) available through the United Church of Canada. If we change insurance providers, an inventory would need to be done--the work required to do this could be shared by different committees. Allyn has agreed to act as Chair of Trustees for 2024 and mentor Dave Peeling who has agreed to become the Chair in 2025.

Siloam's Core Values

Pauline would like to review the core values of Siloam so Christine Taleski can present them clearly on our website. This review will take place at a later date.

Closing Prayer:

Rev. Ann closed the meeting with prayer.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, January 31, 2024 7:00 p.m.**