

## **Siloam United Church - Minutes of Council Meeting**

**January 31, 2024      7:00 p.m.**

**O'Brien/Sproule Library Chapel**

### **Present:**

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

### **Regrets:**

John Davidson (Outreach and Social Justice)

### **Welcome and Opening Prayer:**

After a welcome to all by Pauline, Rev. Ann led us in an opening scripture reading and a prayer.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION:** Moved by Lynn McClary and seconded by Steven Britton that the minutes of the January 24, 2024 meeting be approved as printed. CARRIED

### **Business Items:**

#### **Budget Workshop**

There was some continued discussion regarding figures in the 2024 proposed budget. Council members have decided that there will be Notes to the Financial Statement printed in the Annual Report which will (1) indicate that earnings on investments managed by the Trustees are being applied to eliminate the 2023 operating loss of \$32 173.00; (2) earnings on investments managed by the Trustees are also proposed to be available to offset a budgeted 2024 operating loss of \$35 363; and (3) it is critically important to note that such application of investment earnings will not impact the original capital value of funds invested by the Trustees. However, continuous application of earnings in this manner will erode the amount of earnings available to use.

#### **Conversation with Micol Cottrall**

**MOTION:** Moved by Steven Britton and seconded by Lynn McClary that we go in camera. CARRIED

**MOTION:** Moved by Catherine Glover and seconded by Dave Dunham that we come out of camera. CARRIED

During this time discussion was held regarding the youth ministry program.

Funding for Additional Garden Workers

Catherine, Randy Donkervoort and an Urban Roots employee have met. Catherine will be applying for two Eco Canada Grants (in addition to applications for Canada Summer Grants) in order to be able to hire more workers for the Siloam Garden during April and September. If the grants are not successful, Catherine asked for approval to use money from the Trustee funds as a backup. **MOTION:** Moved by Catherine Glover and seconded by Dave Dunham that the Trustees release no more than \$5 000.00 to support labour costs in the Garden in 2024 which will enable more food production. CARRIED

Reducing the Carbon Footprint of Siloam Campaign

Congregational Resources will oversee a campaign to raise money to help reduce Siloam's carbon footprint. This campaign will start on Earth Day (April 22) and will be run as a matching campaign between offerings from congregants and funds from the Trustees. **MOTION:** Moved by Catherine Glover and seconded by Lynn McClary that the Trustees release \$5 000.00 in matching Capital funds for purchase of heat exchangers, motion detector light switches and replacement windows as part of the funding for the "Reduce the Carbon Footprint of Siloam Campaign". CARRIED

**Closing Prayer:**

Rev. Ann offered a closing prayer for the meeting.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday, February 21, 7:00 p.m.**

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Pauline Newton, Acting Chair

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Peggy Rivard, Secretary