

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

**April 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

**O'Brien/Sproule Library Chapel**

### **Present:**

Rev. Ann Corbet, Dave Dunham (Acting Chair, Property), Jim Anderson (Cong. Resources), Wendy Barbour, (Outreach and Social Justice), Steven Britton (Regional Representative), Tracey Brown (Communications), Mary Dillon (Regional Representative), Lynn McClary (Treasurer, HEAT), Pauline Newton (M & P), Peggy Rivard (Secretary, Cong. Life), Margaret Smith (Spiritual Life & Worship), Barbara Walters (Rose Birrell)

### **Regrets:**

Allyn Todd (Trustees)

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

Chair Dunham welcomed Mary Dillon as a new member to Council. Rev. Ann opened the meeting with prayer.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION:** Moved by Steven Britton and seconded by Pauline Newton that the minutes of March 20, 2024 be approved as printed. CARRIED

### **Agenda Amendments and Approval:**

Two amendments were made to the agenda and approved.

### **Continuing Business:**

#### Congregational Meeting Announcement

Pauline read a drafted announcement that will be made to the congregation beginning on April 28 concerning Siloam's withdrawal from the shared Ministry of Youth and Young Adults with First-St. Andrews, Metropolitan and Marilyn Arthur. The announcement will indicate that a congregational meeting to vote on this will be held after the church service on May 12.

### **New Business:**

#### Garden Grant

Chair Dunham announced that a grant application created by Catherine Glover to support the Garden Ministry and submitted to the TD Friends of the Environment Fund was successful. A grant of \$6 688.00 will be received and will offset some of the Custodial costs already in our operating budget for the garden.

Treasurer's Report

Lynn McClary reviewed previously circulated financial statements. Everyone is aware of the difficult financial situation which faces Siloam and so many other churches at this time.

Gift for Marilyn Arthur

In recognition of Marilyn's commissioning as a Diaconal Minister, Mary Dillon and Rev. Ann will choose an appropriate gift to be presented to Marilyn at a later date here at Siloam.

Search Committee Membership Change

Catherine Glover has resigned from the Search Committee; David Dillon has accepted the invitation to replace her. **MOTION:** Moved by Pauline Newton and seconded by Barbara Walters that David Dillon be accepted as a member of the Search Committee. CARRIED At this time, Tracey Brown asked if she could be given time each month during a service to update the congregation about progress that the Search Committee is making.

Official Thanks

Council wishes to offer thank-you notes to Catherine Glover, Stu Cunningham and Dick Huffman for their contributions which have enhanced the Siloam community of faith. ACTION > Peggy will prepare and send cards of appreciation to each one.

New Members

Rev. Ann announced that there will be an adult baptism at the April 28 service and a welcoming of thirteen new members. A luncheon for the new members will follow the service; Dave Dunham will represent Council at this luncheon. Thanks was extended to Margaret Smith and Beckie Robb for organizing the luncheon.

Community of Faith: Financial Viability Statement

Lynn McClary explained that the statement was merely an updated version of an earlier statement submitted to ARWRC in February. **MOTION:** Moved by Lynn McClary and seconded by Pauline Newton that Council approve the updated Community of Faith: Financial Viability Statement as circulated. CARRIED

Revised Mission Statement

Lynn McClary reviewed with Council members a pre-circulated document which outlined Siloam's current statement regarding our Mission Statement and our Core Values. She explained the changes that would make this document clearer when presented on the church's website. **MOTION:** Moved by Lynn McClary and seconded by Margaret Smith that the changes to the website of our Core Values be approved as presented and that the title Mission Statement be added to the statement currently on the website. CARRIED

Chicken BBQ

This event will take place Saturday, June 1. Sign-up sheets for volunteers will be put up in the church following the garage sale. Please sign up **early!** John Bell has the chicken ordered; Pauline and Margaret have been looking after a lot of the organizational details.

ZOOM Workshop

Steven Britton reiterated some of the points covered in the ZOOM workshop dealing with the topic of "Signs Your Church May be in Trouble" which was viewed by several Council members. Jim Anderson pointed out that our Congregational Resources Team has lost some members and needs some new additions.

**Staff/Committee Reports:**

Property

Dave Dunham mentioned that there will be a lot of work done the week of May 13 as lights in the gym are replaced as well as other necessary fixes.

Rose Birrell

Many wonderful reports were given about the recent ham/scalloped potato dinner hosted by the Rose Birrell Group. As usual, it was a sellout.

**Closing Prayer:**

Rev. Ann closed the meeting with prayer.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday, May 15, 7:00 p.m.**

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Dave Dunham, Acting Chair

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Peggy Rivard, Secretary