

Siloam United Church
Minutes of Church Council Meeting
June 18, 2025 7:00 p.m.
O'Brien/Sproule Library Chapel

Present:

Pastor Mary Dillon, Tracey Brown (Chair), Wendy Barbour (Social Justice and Outreach), Steven Britton (Regional Representative), Dave Dunham (Property), Lynn McClary (Treasurer, HEAT), Pauline Newton (M & P), Dave Peeling (Trustees), Peggy Rivard (Secretary, Congregational Life), Margaret Smith (Spiritual Life & Worship), Barbara Walters (Rose Birrell)

Regrets: Jim Anderson

Welcome and Opening Prayer:

Chair Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Pastor Dillon to lead us in prayer before the start of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Moved by Pauline Newton and seconded by Dave Dunham that the minutes of the May 21, 2025 Council Meeting be approved as circulated. CARRIED

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION: Moved by Steven Britton and seconded by Margaret Smith that the Agenda for this meeting be approved as circulated. CARRIED

Continuing Business:

Covenanting Service

Chair Brown reported that Rev. Kerry Stover will be in touch sometime in July to go over details concerning Rev. Crawford's covenanting service to be held on September 28.

London United Churches Group

Tracey has volunteered to be the contact person for the newsletter for the United Churches Group. It is hoped that the first newsletter will go out sometime in July. Erin will ensure those on Siloam's email list will get a notice as she will send the newsletter in an e-blast. Tracey expects that there will be newsletter issued quarterly.

Fall Yard Sale

It has been decided that we will do a scaled-down version of a yard sale and feature only clothing, books and baking. Wendy Barbour has kindly agreed to oversee this event to be held on Saturday, September 27.

In Camera Session

MOTION: Moved by Steven Britton and seconded by Dave Peeling that Council move

in camera. CARRIED

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MOTION: Moved by Pauline Newton and seconded by Dave Dunham that Council move out of camera. CARRIED Discussion was held concerning future financial opportunities.

New Business:

Treasurer's Report

Lynn McClary went over the financial sheets that were circulated prior to the meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Lynn McClary and seconded by Barbara Walters that the financial reports be accepted as circulated. CARRIED

New Hymn Book

Steven Britton announced that there will be a new hymn book published in concert with the United Church's 100th anniversary. The new book, Then Let Us Sing, features an international flavour with hymns from around the world. Council felt that a discussion with Blythe, Pastor Dillon and Rev. Crawford should take place before we decide if Siloam wishes to purchase any of these books. We will be looking into the cost of a digital version of this hymn book which would suit Siloam's needs better than printed copies. ACTION > discuss this issue at our September meeting after we have heard from Blythe, Mary and Christina.

Survey

Siloam has been asked to do a survey for the United Church of Canada but, to date, no one has been able to access this survey online.

Staff/Committee Reports:

Pastor Dillon indicated that all is going well for her. She and the other staff members will be taking Rev. Crawford out for a "welcome" lunch upon her arrival.

Pauline Newton will be actively searching for two new members for the M & P committee.

Margaret Smith expressed her thanks/appreciation on behalf of all the members of the Spiritual Life & Worship committee to Pastor Dillon for her outstanding work as our interim minister. All Council members also expressed their heartfelt thanks.

Barbara Walters indicated that the Rose Birrell group will hold a soup/sandwich luncheon after the service on October 19 and November 16.

Dave Peeling gave a brief update on the financial situation of the Trustees. Money in the Beckstead/Newton/Johnson/McCurdy Fund will be transferred to the Choir

Scholarship Fund.

Lynn McClary indicated that she and Pete will be volunteering their tractor/trailer to be used in the London Pride Parade on Sunday, July 20. Please let Lynn know if you wish to be a part of the celebration that day.

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Congregational Life will provide a luncheon after Rev. Crawford's first service on July 13. They will also host a reception after Rev. Crawford's covenanting service on September 28.

Closing Prayer:

Pastor Dillon closed the meeting with meaningful prayer.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 17, 7:00 p.m.

Tracey Brown, Chair

Peggy Rivard, Secretary