

Siloam United Church Council

Minutes of Meeting

April 15, 2026 7:00 p.m.

Present: Pastor Christina Crawford, Tracey Brown (Chair), Jim Anderson (Congregational Resources), Wendy Barbour (Outreach and Social Justice), Steven Britton (Regional Representative), Mary Dillon (HEAT), Dave Dunham (Property), Chassidy Hall (Ministry & Personnel), Lynn McClary (Treasurer), Peggy Rivard (Secretary, Congregational Life), Margaret Smith (Spiritual Life & Worship)

Absent: John Little (Congregational Resources), Dave Peeling (Trustees)

GATHERED IN WORSHIP

Grounding our work in prayer and trust

Welcome and Opening Prayer:

Chair Brown welcomed all in attendance and invited Pastor Crawford to lead us in an Opening Prayer. Pastor Crawford gave a prayer of thanks to God as he continues to walk and work with all of us.

UNITED IN SERVICE: SETTING THE MEETING

Clear Process, shared understanding

Motion: Moved by Dave Dunham and seconded by Margaret Smith that the Agenda, with amendments noted, be approved. CARRIED

Motion: Moved by Dave Dunham and seconded by Steven Britton that the minutes of the March 25 Council Meeting be approved as circulated. CARRIED

UNITED IN SERVICE: STEWARDSHIP & ONGOING WORK

Attending to responsibilities entrusted to Council

Continuing Business

Minister/Council Role Clarity

Prior to this meeting, an email was sent to each Council member asking for approval to spend \$500 to engage the services of a Conflict Resolution Facilitator,

Dr. Richard Bott. Approval was unanimously given. Chair Brown reported that the plan going forward is for Dr. Bott to contact Pastor Crawford, meet with Council at an in-person gathering hopefully before our next Council meeting, reach out to two other individuals, meet with Council and Pastor Crawford together and facilitate a reconciliation with the Siloam congregation.

Sale of Property

Jim Anderson reported that a form has been signed to indicate that we had a legal agreement with Skyline Home Builders, the name of the developer. This is in addition to the agreement previously signed with the owners of the company, Masar Development. Jim also reported that the developer has submitted an application to the city for a zoning bylaw change to allow the additional building at the rear of the two existing structures the developer is currently building. As noted in our contract, the latest date to approve all conditions of this transaction is October 31 but Jim *thinks* this date may be moved up.

Church Liability for Off-Site Events

Following our last meeting, Pastor Crawford sent a copy of Siloam's "Care of Duty" to Allyn Todd. She has not heard as yet if Allyn has received any further comments from Siloam's insurance company regarding our questions.

New Member Directory

Peggy Rivard indicated that we are still unsure if we can retrieve photos from some USBs given to us by the company that organized our last directory. If we are unable to retrieve these photos, it was suggested that each member/family could simply submit a current photo of choice that was taken on a cell phone. Congregational Life would look after compiling the information listing names/addresses/phone #s/email addresses etc that would be listed at the back of a new directory. Peggy also indicated that an amount of ~\$1 500.00 would be needed for upfront costs before we got the actual copies to sell to congregants.

Bulletin Boards

Chair Brown indicated that she would be in touch with Allison O'Connor to see if the Young At Heart would like to be in charge of one of the bulletin boards in Tolpuddle Hall. Margaret Smith reported that a volunteer from the Rose Birrell group will update the bulletin board representing their group.

New Business

Chicken BBQ

Margaret Smith indicated that Siloam's BBQ on June 6th will be convened by Sally

and John Bell. It was felt that the adult price of a ticket should remain at \$25 but it was duly noted that we would need to sell 500 tickets at this price to break even. After the Spring Yard Sale, Margaret said that the metal sign on the property will be changed to advertise the BBQ and tickets will be printed. A donation board will be put up in the Arva Atrium to secure volunteers and donations.

Yard Sale

Wendy Barbour indicated that she and Pauline Newton have been working with getting the upcoming yard sale organized.

170th Anniversary

Margaret Smith pointed out that 2027 marks Siloam's 170th anniversary and an organizing committee should be struck now in order to start our plans on how we would like to celebrate this occasion. Margaret has graciously volunteered to be on the committee but has indicated she will not act as Chair for the event. Having chaired other Anniversary celebrations in the past, Margaret stressed that we will need lots of volunteers. One suggestion made was that each of our church committees could delegate a member of that committee to help with the celebration. We will plan to put out an announcement on Sundays to try and attract as many volunteers as possible.

UNITED IN SERVICE: FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Transparency and Trust

Financial Report

Lynn McClary reviewed the financial statements that she previously circulated. It was mentioned again that our PAR givings are down ~\$1 500/month in April as compared to January of this same year.

Motion: Moved by Lynn McClary and seconded by Dave Dunham that the financial reports be approved as circulated. CARRIED

UNITED IN WORSHIP & SERVICE: MINISTRY REPORTS

Receiving the life and work of the church

Steve Britton reported that his wife, Linda, is the Treasurer for the ARWRC. Steve also mentioned that Camp Kee-Mo-Kee is going to try and go back to overnight

camping in order to actually make some money. The day camp experiences did not generate the income needed.

Please watch for a new email address for Dave Dunham.

UNITED FOR THE WORK AHEAD *Looking forward together*

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 27 at 7:00 pm

GREAT MOMENTS

Celebrating positive anecdotes from the church community

Chair Brown shared that she is having so much fun being a camera operator and working with the Communications Team on Sundays.

Pastor Crawford shared her happiness that everyone worked together to create a time and day for the family of Joyce Shoebottom who had requested Joyce's funeral to be held on a day that already had several bookings in place. She expressed her joy that people cooperated and changed plans so that a beloved church member and her family would be accommodated during this time of grief.

Everyone praised the quality of the latest edition of Siloam Spirit. Many thanks and appreciation to Marnie!

UNITED IN PRAYER *Closing the meeting theologically*

Closing Prayer

Pastor Crawford closed our meeting with thanks for the leadership and creativity that is being presented within our Council and congregation to promote the type of life we all want.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Tracey Brown, Chair

Peggy Rivard, Secretary

