

Siloam United Church Council

Minutes of Meeting

May 27, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Present: Tracey Brown (Chair), Jim Anderson (Congregational Resources), 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), Allyn Todd (Trustees). Pastor Crawford joined the meeting later by ZOOM.

Absent: John Little (Congregational Resources), Wendy Barbour (Outreach and Social Justice)

Welcome:

Chair Brown welcomed all to the meeting and advised that the Agenda order would be changed to allow a ZOOM meeting with Rev. Dr. Richard Bott, the Conflict Resolution Facilitator with whom Council has been working. Rev. Dr. Bott came on line and welcomed all in attendance.

Motion: Moved by Margaret Smith and seconded by Dave Dunham that the meeting move to in camera. CARRIED

Motion: Moved by Lynn McClary and seconded by Chassidy Hall that the meeting come out of camera. CARRIED

Motion: Moved by Steven Britton and seconded by Chassidy Hall that Council names Lynn McClary, Dave Dunham and Tracey Brown to act as a Commission for the Council in the matter of negotiation, guided by the in-camera conversations. CARRIED

At this time, Rev. Dr. Bott left the meeting and Pastor Crawford joined the meeting by ZOOM.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION: Moved by Dave Dunham and seconded by Margaret Smith that the Agenda be approved with the addition of noted amendments. CARRIED

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Moved by Lynn McClary and seconded by Jim Anderson that the minutes of the April 15, 2026 Council Meeting be approved as circulated.
CARRIED

Continuing Business:

Sale of Property

Jim Anderson reported that Skyline Home Builders has submitted severance and rezoning requests to the city; they have asked to now build 44 units; all necessary documents have been submitted to the city by the developer; to date, there have been no concerns received by neighbouring properties about the new request; it may be possible to close this deal by October.

Church Liability for Off-Site Events

Allyn Todd reported that he has been in touch with McFarland Rowlands, Siloam's insurer, but the person we need to be in contact with has been away. Allyn is waiting for a reply. Siloam's Harassment and Abuse Policies have been submitted to the insurer.

New Member Directory

Peggy Rivard reported that Anita Elworthy has agreed to set up the next church directory and will be assisted by members of Congregational Life. Anita will be working on different page formats and will present these at our September Council meeting.

Communications Capital Equipment Need

A new laptop is needed for Christine Taleski but we will be able to re-purpose the old one. **Motion:** Moved by Steven Britton and seconded by Lynn McClary that the new laptop be purchased with a request to Trustees to cover the cost. CARRIED

A new laptop is also needed for Mary Dillon. As this, also, is a capital expenditure, we will ask the Trustees to pay the cost. **Motion:** Moved by Steven Britton and seconded by Dave Dunham that a laptop be purchased for Mary Dillon with the cost covered by a request to the Trustees. CARRIED

Allyn Todd has agreed to purchase the laptops as soon as possible and then submit a request for reimbursement from the Trustees.

Chicken BBQ

Margaret Smith reported that 277 tickets had been sold as of this date. All Siloam members MUST put on a push to sell more.

New Business:

Treasurer's Report

Lynn McClary reported that we are down in Givings. She will prepare a monthly statement to be sent out by email. **Motion:** Moved by Lynn McClary and seconded by Margaret Smith that the financial reports be approved as circulated. CARRIED

Lynn will connect with HOPE Council concerning the \$5 000 grant Siloam received earlier. She will return the unused portion of the grant.

A donation is pending from someone for Siloam United Church and for the Siloam Cemetery. At this time, it is not certain what funds might be given to the general fund or to the cemetery fund by the donor. Lynn and Allyn will look into this matter to clarify the donor's wishes.

Confirmation of Baptism

Motion: Moved by Pastor Crawford and seconded by Chassidy Hall that the following people be added to the membership of Siloam United Church: Eilish Anne Carey and Kathryn McIntyre through confirmation; Omolara Bernard through reaffirmation of faith; and Kamsi Bernard, daughter of Omolara and Chukwuka Bernard, through baptism. These people will be welcomed to Siloam during the service on May 31. CARRIED

Ministry/Staff/Committee Reports:

170th Anniversary Committee

Margaret Smith reported that two volunteers, Linda Peeling and Harla O'Neil, have agreed to serve on the committee.

Spiritual Life & Worship

Since we are using hymns from the newest hymn book, Then Let Us Sing, it was felt that we should have some copies available for those who wish to have the printed music available to them. Money to purchase these books could be taken from the Choir Fund. Dave Dunham volunteered to ask the choir members if they would support this idea.

Regional Representatives

Mary Dillon and Steven Britton reported that the Regional Council meeting will be held at the end of June in London at The Lamplighter.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, June 17, 7:00 p.m.**

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Tracey Brown, Chair

Peggy Rivard, Secretary