

**Brunswick Street United Church
Special Meeting of Church Council
Wednesday, December 11, 2002**



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as called by We had a brief meeting before our regular Council Meeting to respond to the Presbytery Task Force. This is a group called together by Halifax Presbytery to help our congregation with our current difficulties.

Location: Brunswick Street United Church, 2107 Brunswick St., Halifax, Nova Scotia

Chair: Jim Sykes

Recording Secretary: Dianne Martin

Members: Jim Sykes, Hugh Creighton, Hazel Andrews, Arline Shaw, Doris McGrath, Renee Duffy, Jeff Martin, Dianne Martin, Lorna Pendleton, Gus Pendleton

Guests: Halifax Presbytery Task Force

Clergy: Chairperson, Jim Forbes (Retired), Sandra Cox (United Memorial), susan MacAlpine-gilles (Harbourside United), Bill Fraser (Retired)

Laity: Dainna MacGinn (Oxford Street United- Professor at Dalhousie Law.

Quorum:

Meeting began: 7:15pm

Welcome and Prayers

Jim Forbes thanked Gus for working with the Task Force, and wanted to let the congregation know that the Task Force had been formed. He also read a poem entitled "The Cross in the Manger". We then opened with a prayer, at 7:15 pm.

Jim Forbes then stated that he was in the dark as to how many people we help. Jeff explained that we host an average of 75 people at breakfast, six days a week. It was reported that the Clothing Centre serves around 65 people on each Monday and Wednesday and that many of these people pick up clothing for other family members. Each Thursday, the Food Bank serves around 70 people, and we also are able to give emergency food relief to several more each week. We work in coordination with the Metro Food Bank Society, the Salvation Army, Ward 5 and with Parker Street.

The "Trustee Program" was explained, as we manage the welfare cheque for more than 50 people, each month. for many of them, because of various difficulties, trusteeship represents the security of maintaining housing and electricity.

Information/Announcements

Adjourned: At about 8:15, the Task Force excused itself, and we proceeded with our regular Council business.

Prayers

Appendix

Signed: _____ (Secretary) _____ (Chair)