

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



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as called by the Chair

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

Chair: Jim Sykes

Recording Secretary:

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

Regrets: none

Quorum:

Meeting began: 8:30 pm

Welcome and Prayers

This meeting was called to order at 8:30, by Jim Sykes.

The Minutes from the previous meeting were read.

MOTION by Hazel Andrews to approve minutes. (Seconded by Arline Shaw)

MOTION carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Doris wanted to know if a letter of congratulations was sent to Lolly. Jim suggested that Dianne might do this, and she agreed.

Financial Report: Hugh gave a financial Report, and all present were given copies. Hugh went over the reports. Questions were asked and answered. We are still in real financial trouble. Hugh stressed the need for major fundraising.

The Camp Committee has voted to sell the camp van.

Hazel commented on the Drop-in and Benevolent funds each have surpluses.

Camp Committee: Lorna reported for the Camp Committee, saying that the camp is still not finished. There was a breakfast at the World Trade and Convention Centre, which went well. It was an introductory meeting with a number of people from various corporations. The longer range goal is to get corporate involvement with the camp costs. There were about 22 guests. Bert Loveless did a power point presentation. Tim Houck (of TD Canada Trust) is looking for more funding for us. Fred MacGillvary indicated his desire to help both the Camp and the Congregation raise funds.

Jim wanted to know where all this was taking us. Somehow, we have to have this all down on paper to see where we are going. Jim wants to see a financial report on camp.

Doris wanted to know when Lorna is ill, is there a program to pay her sick leave. Gus responded that while Lorna's position is a 3/4 time position, she works a full time schedule. She also does a good bit of work from home.

Music Program: Emanuel wanted to know if we wanted him to continue in the New Year. Hazel and Gus reported that, at present, we are paying him \$500 per month, on a verbal agreement until the end of December. Hazel will ask him if he will accept and extension of this agreement.

Property: Doris and Jim looked at three problems on the exterior. Jim contacted Rocket Construction about the

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issues, and they will work on them as time allows. Lorna said that there was extra trim from the front door in the attic. Hazel would like to see the front doors stripped and repainted. Then, no notices should be taped to the doors, as tape ruins the paint. Lorna said that paint for the doors has been donated, and she also requested an outdoor bulletin board.

Doris wanted to know if the Camp came under Property Management. Jim said that two years ago, the responsibility was given to the Camp Committee.

Other Business:

A letter came from Ron Briggs, officially asking to be removed from the administrative affairs of the church. These included his membership on Council, Trustees and Session. He also asked to be relieved of his responsibilities in counting collections and in signing cheques. Jim commented that this was a significant loss, and would like a letter sent to Ron accepting his resignation.

Christmas Program: Things are very busy and going well. We are planning to operate out of the gymnasium. There are, of course, kinks to work out, but we have set up a mock "Christmas Store" so that people can select gifts for their families. Angie MacKay and her husband, and Steve Cross will transport gifts to those who are not able to come.

Gus reported about the Pendleton's vacation plans. He stated his regrets to be taking a vacation at this time, with no secretary in the office. The Reverends Stew Clarke and Avery Kempton will share the work while Gus and Lorna are absent. They have drawn up a plan to cover the work between them. They expressed a preference to not have the Council meet while they are covering the Pendleton's vacation.

There was a question as to what this will do to the date of Annual Meeting. Gus will enquire about requirements on timing (from other courts of the church). It will either be late February or early March.

Renee Duffy is now a signer for both Church and "In Trust" accounts. Thank you, Renee!

MOTION: Jeff moved adjournment. Renee seconded.
MOTION carried.

Information/Announcements Next regularly scheduled meeting on February 19, 2003 at 7 pm.

Adjourned: 9:45 pm

Prayers Gus Pendleton

Appendix

Signed: _____ (Secretary) _____ (Chair)