

Brunswick Street United Church
Regular Meeting of Church Council
Wednesday, February 19, 2003
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as called by the Chair

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

Chair: Gus Pendleton

Recording Secretary: Dianne Martin

Members: Dianne Martin, Jeff Martin, hazel Andrews, Renee Duffy, Arline Shaw, Gus Pendleton, Lucinda Montizambert, Hugh Creighton vergensie Ward, Scott Barber, Jim Sykes, Lorna Pendleton

Guests: Jim Forbes, Chairman of the Halifax Presbytery Task Force on Brunswick Street United Church.

Regrets: none

Quorum:

Meeting began: 7:10 pm

Welcome and Prayers

Hazel welcomed Lucinda who was present representing the Camp Committee.

Prayers: led by Gus Pendleton

Previous Minutes: The minutes from the previous meeting were read. Gus asked for a motion to accept them. Renee made the motion. Seconded by Vergensie. **All in favor, motion accepted.**

Business Arising from the Minutes: The letter was sent to Lolly as previously asked. A letter was drawn up in acceptance of Ron Briggs resignation, it was brought into council for approval and accepted by all. It will be mailed to him.

Emanuel accepted the verbal agreement until the end of February. We will ask him if he can wait until after the Annual General Meeting.

Financial Report: Hugh said that the left over money from the Drop-in, Benevolent and Christmas programs will be put into the church fund because of the tight situation. Jim asked if the 15% fee on programs system has changed. He also asked about the HST rebate.

Before we went more into the financial aspect, Hugh said that our service rocks on Sundays and thinks that if more people knew about this we would have more in attendance. Gus said he would do a video of one of our services.

Hugh felt if we cut back on expenses, ie. heat and salaries it might help. Gus stated that it is cold int drop-in and we had a pipe break. Regarding salaries, Gus said to cut the Minister not the Outreach Worker.

Jim Forbes said National has cut 4% at all levels. There eas \$1000 extra given to Brunswick Street United Church at the end of last year.

Lorna stated that we don't sell the mission enough. Salvation Army fundraising doesnt sell their church, but sells their work. She spoke at Bethany and they are strong supporters. They had no idea how much work goes on at Brunswick Stree United Church. They said what we need is money and all that htey have been giving us is clothes.

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They thought we were doing clothing and breakfast only. some people will personally donate money to the church. Lorna or Gus will speak at Bedford United about our outreach work. She stated that we need to put more energy into selling the mission. If we don't stand proud and tall, we don't stand at all. Lorna will be speaking at Timberlea on Sunday.

Hazel said we need to have some heads put together to finalize the budget.

Jim Forbes stated that the Task Force will report to Presbytery. They recognize the value of the work here. They will report to the executive, and the report will go to Presbytery on the church, mission and the camp. The camp committee are setting up their own board. There is a lot of support for Brunswick Street United Church, although there are those who are negative. The congregation cannot go it alone. Jim Forbes suggested that we go with this budget until Presbytery looks at it. We will call it a tentative budget at the Annual General Meeting. Jim Sykes said Presbytery seems more understanding of what we do, and asked if they have any more money. Jim Forbes said no. Jim Forbes asked if we can live for another 3 months and Hugh responded that we could if we sold off another \$18,000 in investments. Gus questioned why 3 months and the answer given was that it was hoped Presbytery would find people to help us with money.

Hazel wondered what will happen to the people we serve if we close and Gus asked what would be the first thing we would close?

Jeff stated that snow removal really has cost us so far this year.

We set the date for the Annual General Meeting on March 16, 2003 after worship with a potluck lunch.

Hazel reminded the meeting of the deadlines for conference grant applications, and hopes people will remember Brunswick Street United Church in their wills.

Lorna said she has three things in the works for a secretary at no cost to the church. Community Services or HRDC have programs that may do this.

Due to the length of time spent on the Financial Report and the set time for the meeting, no other committees were discussed.

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Adjourned: Jeff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Arline, motion carried.

Prayers Gus Pendleton
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Signed: _____(Secretary) _____(Chair)