

**Brunswick Street United Church
Annual General Meeting
Sunday, March 16, 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: Sharon LaFramboise

Members:

Guests:

Regrets:

Quorum:

Meeting began: following regular Sunday Worship

Welcome and Prayers

Greeting, call to order and Prayers: Our Annual Meeting was opened with Prayer by the Reverend Gus Pendleton.

Previous Minutes: Last year's minutes were not present. Gus requested a **Motion** to empower our Church Council to deal with them, and to forward those minutes to the congregation, when they are available. **Moved by Beverly Johnston and seconded by Lindley Johnston. Motion passed.**

Introduction: Member of Presbytery Task Force is Dianna Ginn (Professor of Law at Dalhousie)

Motion: Motion to accept reports as a block was **moved by Elnora Roue and seconded by Irene (Renee) Duffy. Motion carried.**

Nominatons to Church Council

Positions	Nominations	Motion	Seconded	Carried
Chair	Jim Sykes (declined) Sharon LaFramboise (declined) Doris McGrath (declined) Lindley johnston (declined) Scott Barber**	Lindley Johnston	Sharon LaFramboise	Carried

**** Defer this nomination until the "Manual" is looked into. Chair is supposed to be a member of the church. Until then, Scott will be "Acting Chair". Scott accepted.**

Treasurer: Hazel Andrews Dianne Martin Renee Martin Carried

Church Property: Doris McGrath Jim Sykes Lorna Pendleton Carried

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Vice Chair:	Renee Duffy	Lorna Pendleton	Dianne Martin	Carried
Members of Church Council:				
	Lisa Jarvis	Scott Barber	Lindley Johnston	Carried
	Dianne Martin	Renee Duffy	Beverly Johnston	Carried
	Arlene	Doris McGrath	Hazel Andrews	Carried
	Lucinda Montizambert	Lorna Pendleton	Scott Barber	Carried
Secretary:	Sharon LaFramboise	Dianne Martin	Beverly Johnston	Carried
members	Shirley Carmicheal	Doris McGrath	Jim Sykes	Carried
	Jeff Martin	Hazel Andrews	Lindley Johnston	Carried
	Elnora Roue	Doris McGrath	Scott Barber	Carried
	Lindley Johnston	Sharon LaFramboise	Renee Duffy	Carried
	Beverly Johnston (declined)			
	Vergensie Ward	Lucinda Montizambert	Lisa Jarvis	Carried
	Mary	Gus Pendleton	Dinne Martin	Carried
	Richard (declined)			
	Dineen Munteau	Renee Duffy	Sharon LaFramboise	Carried
Clerk of Sessions:	Sharon LaFraboise	Sharon LaFramboise	Dineen Munteau	Carried

Committee of Trustees

Richard (declined)			
Doris McGrath			Carried
Renee Duffy	Dianne Martin	Sharon LaFramboise	Carried

Ministry and Personnel

Renee Duffy	Doris McGrath	Dianne Martin	Carried
Dianne Martin	Renee Duffy		Carried
Doris McGrath			Carried
Sandy Andrews			Carried
Lindley Johnston			Carried

*** We are not objecting to family members being on committees as long as one family does not dominate it.

Representatives to Presbytery

Jim Sykes (declined)			
Hazel Andrews (declined)			
Shirley Carmicheal (declined)			
Dianne Martin (declined)			
Sharon LaFramboise	Beverly Johnston	Dineen Munteau	Carried

*** This slate was voted upon and accepted****

Church Budget

Dianna Ginn re: role of task force help church in how to go on with the future.
Consider how best Brunswick Street United Church could move on. Need to hear today and to take it back to

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Presbytery. They do not want us to make a final decision on the budget today as the task force will make a recommendation to Presbytery at the end of March.

Questions re: budget

Scott: If salaries are cut, how can you serve the people?

Hugh: Don't know! Cut salaries, or do less for those who come for help, or both!

Lindley: Make a monthly commitment to the church, have a box for the church and put our spare change, loonies or even a twenty dollar bill. We as individuals should do this for at least a year and see how it goes.

Shirley: Ask Presbytery to help us. We need large fund-raiser to keep the church open. We need guidance from Presbytery.

Beverly: Could the church operate with optional budget?

Hugh: "We couldn't do as we are now. We wouldn't have the bodies to do so."

Hugh: "Friends of Brunswick Street United Church" to seek individuals to donate a specific amount each year.

Lorna has applied for a grant to help us for a year. The positions would be Fund Developer and an Assistan/Secretary.

Hugh: Question to Dianna Ginn "should we hold off voting on budget until Presbytery makes a decision?"

Dianna: there might be some merit in holding off until after the task force makes their recommendations to the Presbytery.

Jim: Are we not trying to decide if we can go on or wrap it up financially? (No answer needed)

Scott: How can we pass the budget without the feedback from Task Force?

Jim: He likes Scott's attitude and feels Scott has a positive attitude to be Chair of Church Council.

Gus: Are we at a point to vote on the budget, or should we wait? What is our pleasure? Would someone like to make a motion?

Jim: Ask Chair of Council and Council to have a go at the budget. Let the new Council make the decision.

Jim made a motion._____seconded-All in favor?

Hazel- covenant amount to Mission and Service for the year

2003- \$3175.50 sent in

2002- \$4000.00 pledged

Amount for this year---\$3500 (Hazel)

All in favor---passed

Shirley: lets get the envelopes out!

Hazel: Choir has grown from 3 to 9. Thanks to Emanuel Serra and to the choir for thier great work.

Motion to extend powers to act as church council. Seconded by Doris McGrath. Passed.

Information/Announcements

