

**Brunswick Street United Church  
Regular Meeting of Church Council  
Wednesday, March 19, 2003**



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as called by the Chair

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

Chair: Scott Barber

Recording Secretary: Sharon LaFramboise

Members: Lorna Oendleton, Jeff Martin, Dianne Martin, Renee Duffy, Shirley Carmicheal, Arline Shaw, Hazel Andrews, Doris McGrath, Elnora roue, Lisa Jarvis, Gus Pendleton, Lucinda Monitzambert, Lindley Johnston

Guests: Jim Sykes, Hugh Crieghton, Wade Mitchell

Regrets: Vergensie Ward

Quorum

Meeting began: 7 pm

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## **Welcome and Prayers**

**Prayers:** Gus Pendleton opened with a prayer.

**Motion:** to approve agenda- Moved by Doris McGrath and seconded by Jim Sykes. **Motion passed.**

**Motion** to approve minutes from February 19, 2003. Moved by Hazel and seconded by Rennee.  
**Motion passed.**

### **Business arising from the minutes:**

The letter was sent to Ron Briggs.

Emanuel now has a mnth by month contract of \$500.00 for music.

**Motion:** It was moved that we continue as is untl the end of May. Moved by Hazel Andrews. Seconded by Doris McGrath.

**Motion passed.**

(Hazel will discuss this further with Emanuel.)

The grants that Lorna applied for are coming. She met with Karen Thurcott of HRDC. Karen asked that we seek another position (Camp Director for 6 months) Grant was given A) for Fund Developer and B) for someone to do soffice duties as well as to assist with the fundraising. This grant is for one year.

**Property Report:** Three items were looked at: A) the steps that go down to the parking lot B) the handrail that leads down to the drop-in Centre and C) work that needs to be done around the front door. Due to weather conditions this work will have to wait. The steps in the back are a liability, and we are looking at getting volunteers to take the steps down.

**Financial Report:** Hugh read over the financial report and gave explanation where needed. It is recommended that we have revenue of over 4100.00 a month to make ends meet. One suggestion was to sell off what investments we still own. Hugh suggested that Brunswick Street United Church do some fund-raising on our own, and that Presbytery does not have a lot of money. If we could refine our data base for "Friends of Brunswick Street United Church" and get a few hundred people to give donations anywhere from \$100.00 to \$1000.00

**Note** There will be a fundraising committee meeting tomrrow at 6 pm at Vergensie Ward's.

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Many good ideas for fund-raising were suggested, however, the fundraising committee is just getting started. One good suggestion for a fund-raiser was to sell tickets for a supper.

Hugh has volunteered to do the data for the database. It was strongly suggested that we give our volunteers the utmost respect!

There is a concern as to where we should cut costs to save money.

**Motion:** Acceptance of the financial reports was moved by Lorna Pendleton, and seconded by Hazel Andrews.  
**Motion Passed.**

**Credit Cards:** Credit Cards are primarily used for Christmas, except for the Staples card, which is needed for office supplies. Other cards are Piercey's, Canadian Tire and Zellers. There are still some balances owing on some of these cards.

**Camp Brunswick** There is also a cash flow deficit.

**Director of Mission:** Gus took the floor for his report. He apologized because he was unable to find the minutes from last year's council report. There was no sign of hard copy anywhere.

Gus reported on a **documentary**. John MacLean is the great grandson of John Freestone (a minister here in the 1920's) Mr. MacLean is attending King's College, in the Journalism Program. He would like to do a documentary on the Drop-in Program, as well as showing the church at Sunday worship. This will be shown on Eastlink in the near future.

**Mural:** A gentleman would like to come in to do a mural on the back wall (the outside back wall of the gym.)

**Presbytery:** Presbytery has a report that is about to come out about Brunswick Street United Church. It will then be discussed, before any attempt at implementation.

The shortage of office staff is making our lives difficult. It was noted that statistics from Brunswick Street United Church are late. Our books are not up-to-date and some tax receipts are late. (A volunteer had made a mistake as to who should be receiving tax receipts. Some receipts were duplicated and some had the wrong number.

**Easter Letter:** The Easter letters will be sent out well before the holiday arrives.

**Council:** Council Executive is asking the trustees to sell off \$10,000 worth of stock. This will be used to pay off the debts.

**Custodian/Ministry and Personnel:** Renee will call a meeting for next week re: custodian, ministry and personnel committee.

A question as to whether the Church has a "Church Manual" was brought up.

**Department of Justice:** The Department of Justice sent some material on "Circles of Support and Accountability". Our church was asked to participate with this program which is set up to help those who will be re-entering the community after serving their sentence for sexual crimes. This is an effort to help the person to not re-offend.

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**Information/Announcements** Next meeting of Church Council at 7pm, April 16, 2003  
**Thanks to Council and Guests**

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Adjourned: moved by Sharon LaFramboise and seconded by Jim Sykes.

**Prayers**

**Appendix**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_(Secretary) \_\_\_\_\_(Chair)