

**Brunswick Street United Church
Church Council “Brainstorming” Session
7pm, Wednesday, April 9, 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:

Present: SharonLaFramboise, Dineen Munteau, Elnora Roue, Lucinda Montizambert, Wade Mitchell, Diane Martin, Jeff Martin, Lisa Jarvis, Gus Pendleton, Lorna Pendleton, Lorraine, Hazel Andrews, Scott Barber, Jim Sykes, Susan LaForte, Doris McGrath, Arlene Shaw.

Meeting began: 7 pm

Welcome and Prayers

This is an informal meeting for “Brain Storming”. As Lorna stated, we need to do this NOW!

Kendal (is the conference personnel person) suggested that on the 22nd of April, we should have people speak to presbytery. He is not sure that there is an appeal process for Presbytery; however, Lorna pointed out that if the justice system has one then so should they!

Gus invited Presbytery to come and suggest with procedure & conflict resolution since there is not procedure being followed here at present.

Scott asked if a decision was made 1st and then the means to justify

It was suggested that the value of the property the our church sits on is worth in the neighborhood of \$2 million. It was also suggested that the funds were poorly distributed and managed in the past. It was also pointed out that BSUC has done so much good with virtually so little money! Hazel pointed out that for years, funding to BSUC has been drastically cut. Gus asked those who have been with the church for so many years, “why has this church resisted closure before?” and “Why did the older council resisted?” Jim thinks that this time Presbytery is suggesting to close the congregation.

Gus related that he has heard from people that if Presbytery were to take over the mission, the compassion and respect that people receive here would be lost due to the bureaucratic rules. Scott made a point that those who come here to BSUC are treated with dignity and respect.

Lorna pointed out that while we are in worship, St. Matthews is serving up breakfast to those in need and that is why those who usually use the services of BSUC during the week are not here on Sundays.

At one time BSUC did have a fund developer; their job was to develop a plan that would bring in funds however; the plan was drawn up but never implemented. Now when we hire a fundraiser, that person’s job will be to develop and execute a plan to bring funds into our church.

Information/Announcements Next meeting for council is on April 16th, 2003 @ 7 p.m.

Meeting with presbytery will be April 29th tentatively.

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Adjourned:

Prayers
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Appendix

Signed: _____ **(Secretary)** _____ **(Chair)**

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