

**Brunswick Street United Church
Special Meeting of Church Council
7:30 pm Wednesday, June 4, 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

Present: Sharon Laframboise, Dineen Muntenau, Scott Barber, James Wilson, David Dunn, Grace Beazley, Arline Shaw, Elnora Roue, Hazel Andrews, Dianne & Jeff Martin, Vergencie Ward, Gus Pendelton, Susan LeFort, Wayne, Beverley & Lindley Johnston, Jim Sykes

Regrets: Renee Duffy, Lucinda Montizambert

Quorum:

Meeting began: at 7:28 pm

Welcome and Prayers

Gus led us in prayer

Vergencie would like to start a "Butterfly Banner" a sign of a new start. We can either make or buy a butterfly and pin it to the banner. The colors would match the gold and white that is already in our church.

I (Sharon Laframboise) move that Vergencie start with our butterfly banner. Seconded by Dineen. motion was passed and agreed on.

Scott asked Gus to bring those who were absent from our last meeting up to date. Gus has approached the new chair of Halifax Presbytery regarding BSUC.

A letter was sent to Gus regarding BSUC. Gus has spoken to Lorna who is away at a conference in Toronto. She suggested that Gus inform Eric that BSUC wishes to make a complaint against the task force & the new section 333. To date, Gus still has not received the appropriate documents from presbytery regarding the task force or this new section 333. Halifax Presbytery did not properly present the task force to the whole of Presbytery and there for the work that it had done is nul and void.

Two of BSUC members have left our congregation to join another. They are Keith and Donna. We wish them all the best.

Gus pointed out that we all make mistakes; but that Halifax Presbytery was not up front with BSUC for a very long time. We discussed the letter that Presbytery had sent to all members on May 27, 2003, regarding BSUC. In this letter we, as a congregation, were able to bring to light the many misinformed points. Scott read a letter to us that Elaine Gray of Halifax Presbytery sent him. In it, it is strong advised that we **do not bring to the floor** Brunswick Street United Church. Gus was able to tell us the differences between Sect: 333 and 363. The first one 333 looks into the review of the review about a church; the second one looks into and reviews the pastoral charge. Sharon asked if this church got dismantled, where would we go for spiritual worship. As Gus explained, we could still use the church for a gathering, but we would not be recognized as a congregation because there is no pastor, or we could simply join with another church. As was pointed out, HP left out some very important information such as; due to the mis-information that was given to HDC by HP, HDC retracted their recent grant. Gus also went over a motion that was brought up at our last "brain storming sessions", Gus would like to suggest that if he is voted down at next weeks Presbytery meeting, that we have a press conference.

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Vergenci moved that Gus carry our motion to Presbytery on June 10, 2003, this was seconded by Lindley
-motion was passed.

Sharon moved that we adjourn our meeting. Arline seconded it. passed

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Information/Announcements Next Meeting: June 18, 2003 at 7 p.m.

Adjourned: 9:30 pm

Prayers

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Appendix

Signed: _____(Secretary) _____(Chair)