

**Brunswick Street United Church**  
**Regular Meeting of Church Council**  
**7pm, Wednesday, August 20, 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:**

**Members:** Scott Barber, Reene Duffy, Diane Martin, Jeff Martin, Gus Pendleton, Lorna Pendleton, Lucinda Montizambert, Elnora Roue, Jim Sykes, Vergensie Ward, Doris McGrath

**Guests:** Emanuel Serra, Hugh Creighton

**Regrets:**

**Quorum:**

**Meeting began:**

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## **Welcome and Prayers**

Gus: "Let us be together in the spirit of prayer..."

2nd item approval of July minutes  
Lucinda (1) p.(2) of minutes change to "Wade"

Suggestions for the agenda

Question: Who on building maintenance committee?

Answer: The committee is called property management on p.2 of July minutes under building needs, Doris is the chair of that committee.

Hugh: can I ask about finances?

Scott: somebody could move that after accepting minutes

Scott: could someone move to accept the minutes

Lucinda: **move to accept the minutes**

Elnora: seconded

Scott: **passed motion**

Chair acknowledges Hugh to discuss budget

Scott: move that Hugh discuss the **budget/finances**

Vergensie: seconded

Scott: pass

Hugh: a draft budget is in the works

There have been several meetings by budget group, will be one more before presentation

Highlights

Sources of funding will be shown differently than here. e.g. more coming in from UCWs, etc.

also where will need fundraising campaigns

budget shows monthly activity

will need congregational meeting

Scott: when do we need meeting?

H: we need one more meeting, we hope to present the budget at Sept 17th Council meeting

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Gus: so long as council moves it to a congregational meeting  
Gus: budget committee needs to be clear but it needs to go to council first

Hugh: p2 budget presentation will change, e.g. sources of funding  
collection envelopes open offering  
revenues remaining ahead of last year  
program admin. fees will be shown  
increase of funds from bldg uses, organizations  
dividends on bank stocks from trustees  
Benevolent fund e.g. of something that will be shown more detail  
Camp rebuilding to be more detailed

H: Salaries + benefits \* may need to retroactively pay Lorna, worked underpaid for the last few years (need to be clarified by National office)

Manse includes electricity expense also heat

Operating other: honorarium for music director, visiting preacher, clergy travel, and books \$6777 rent subsidy  
bus tickets  
salary incr. for drop in centre will be 40%  
camp prg. \$1947 some tax, electricity some energy set up for camp rebuilding  
have money in the bank in July  
make HST clean back-\$2200

We now owe the camp committee money ~\$2900  
All told were about \$8000 surplus Jan 2003- Jul. 31st

Scott: any further questions?

**Lorna: move to accept financial statement**

**Vergensie: seconded**

**Scott: motion carried**

Next agenda item contact information for membership

Gus: concerns about council membership

We elected council, needs to ID clearly new members

need to ID guests

they could speak but not vote E.g. Hugh + I (Gus)

my membership is not with BUSC but with Presbytery

Concern raised - About vice-chair never being called.

Scott: I have made attempts but have had difficulties. We need better contact information

Lucinda: Who is called on the executive for meeting?

Gus:

chair

vice chair

clergy

treasurer

secretary

Scott: next item on the agenda **congregational life and worship**

Lorna invited to speak

Lorna: before Avery and Stu, discussed how to be done as a church body (versus mission) proposed we do more as church body as brothers + sisters in faith because we're small " we could do worship committee + something else"(Avery +Stu )

Lorna:

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every week participate in worship  
coordinate greeting ushering

**Outreach +renewal**

When Bedford observed new housing structures within their congregational district they designed their programs, worship and services to include the anticipated increase  
New (up scale) townhouses are being built across the street and the families that move in might be encouraged to attend church here if we had programs and services that would meet their need

**Within the church**

We could start with study +meal followed by choir

Diane: we used to have Adult fellowship invited people for music or other fun interacted with members of other churches social focus primarily

Lucinda: I like that idea

Diane: so much division lately we need to become friends ourselves

Scott: what about an informal music night?

Lucinda: what about a church camp or picnic?

Gus: two new committees: I am wondering if we want to take part in committee?

(1) Workshop in nature

(2) Outreach + renewal

Are there four or five people who would like to be involved?

If these are not the committees we want, then we need to think more about it.  
Does the council feel these are the committees we want to have?

Lorna move these two committees be instituted as committees of church council

Reene: 2nd that

Scott: Do people want to discuss or vote?

Discussion followed:

Gus: Presbytery is asking in the 333 review if BSUC is a real church?

Diane: will these committees be real acting bodies

Discussion of the need to do more together as a Church body and to get to know each other better

Discussion of need for good public relations for BSUC

Suggestion to start bible study with a meal Thursday night

Several council members described adult fellowship night as a good example of a positive and enjoyable activity that BSUC used to organize. This activity would involve members of other churches in addition to BSUC. A light meal and various activities

It was also suggested that each Thursday someone could bring a verse from the Scripture and discuss with the group how this is relevant to their life experience

Members discussed the idea of forming the two committees.

**Lorna moved that the two committees become committees of the Church Council**

**Reene: seconded.**

**The motion passed.**

Council members emphasized that the above motion was a priority and we needed to move on it.

**Camp Brunswick Discussion**

Scott told members that J. Sykes had reviewed some of the material concerning the Camp Committee's research around selective cutting out at Camp Brunswick and that he has some concerns about working with Irving

Lucinda mention the Camp Committee had decided that a task team should be struck to examine all of the factors involved in a process to carry out silva culture and selective cutting at the camp and to negotiate the contract with whoever we decide to use to do the cutting.

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Lucinda mentioned that she had already broached the idea with J. Sykes and he is interested in participation on the task team. Susan LeFort will also participate as will Lucinda. Lucinda asked Doris if she would also consider being a member of this task team as Chair of the Property Management Committee. Doris agreed, and mentioned that she is aware of smaller logging company that we may want to investigate as an alternative. Lucinda invited Council members who are interested to let her know if they would like to participate on the task team.

She also mentioned that Hugh has suggested that his father is knowledgeable in the area and may be interested in providing advice as well. Lucinda will get contact information for these two people from Hugh. A meeting will be called in the next few weeks. Don Royal is coordinating the survey that is underway at Camp Brunswick.

**Review #333 Discussion**

Gus mentioned that the 333 Review would begin in September. There are four people on the committee. David Hart is the Chair. He also mentioned that the 4 members of the committee have not read the task force report. Gus mentioned that Susan LeFort has been working as a volunteer doing research to interpret the United Church manual in order to get a good understanding of the 333 guidelines. This will ensure that we can respond effectively to the review committee. If anyone has any questions about what Susan is doing please feel free to ask him.

Gus mentioned that the 333 review would focus on whether or not we are functioning as a Church. They will look at council minutes, committees, etc.

Scott mentioned that there has been no formal response to our letter to Conference. If you want a copy of the letter, Scott will give it to you. Please let him know. Hazel has asked for a copy of the letter.

Doris made a motion to extend the meeting for 10 minutes. Seconded by Vergensie.

**Fundraising Discussion (Brunswick Bowls)**

Vergensie mentioned the Brunswick Bowls event to raise money for BSUC. We have been offered a room at the Holiday Inn on Quinpool by Cindy Gascon, (who works public relations and marketing at the Holiday Inn) We can have it either Oct.5 or 18. She has also offered to provide soup or fish chowder, coffee, tea, and dessert at half price. They will also have a cash bar and will provide us with a table for a display and flyers. After a discussion, it was decided that the event would take place on October 18. We will need to sell tickets and hope that we can ensure approximately 300 people at the event. Please let Scott or Vergensie know if you have any questions, are interested in selling a few tickets, or would like to buy some.

**Information/Announcements** Next council meeting September 17th 7pm Brunswick Street United Church

**Adjourned: 9:10pm (?)**

**Prayers**

**Appendix**

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