

**Brunswick Street United Church  
Regular Church Council Meeting  
7pm, Wednesday, September 17, 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:** Vergensie Ward, Elnora Roue, Hazel Anderson, Doris McgGrath, Renee Duffy, Dianne Martin, Jeff Martin, Scott Barber, Sharon LarFramboise, Gus Pendleton, Lorna Pendleton, Lisa Jarvis, Jim Sykes, **Guests** Susan LeFort, Jim Mahoney, Hugh Creighton

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**Regrets:** Dineen Munteeneau, Shirley Camicheal

**Quorum:**

**Meeting began:** 7:30 pm

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## **Welcome and Prayers**

Gus led us in prayer.

Jim Mahoney was introduced as a representative from the Camp Committee and was attending in place of the Camp Committee Chair.

### **Motion**

Scott requested that a motion be made to invite Jim Mahoney to the council meeting and extend him full voting privilege for this meeting only as the Camp representative.

Sharon LaFramboise moved. Seconded by Vergensie Ward.

**Motion passed.**

### **Reading and Amendments to minutes:**

In last month's minutes, it stated that \$2,900 is owed to the camp committee, this was incorrect. What was stated was that the Camp Committee is engaged in a repayment plan at a rate of 20% of all donations recieved in it's name until total debt is covered.

**Motion** was made to accept as amended. Rennee Duffy moved. Seconded by Elnora Roue. **Minutes were passed as amended.**

## **Business Arising from the Minutes**

### **Membership**

There was a document circulated prepared by senior staff with Church Council and Committee members listed. This list was reviewed and roles and function of committees were discussed briefly.

### **Other business arising from the minutes.**

**Correspondence:** There was an update on the status of the 333 Review. A letter to Rev. Hart and another to Dianne Hill and the Review Committee on behalf of Church Council were read into the minutes **{see appendix}**

There was and update on our complaint against Presbytery. Conference has appointed a professional facilitator,

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his name is David Mangle.

A concern was raised as to whether both issues, the review process (3330 and our complaint against Presbytery should be hadled so close together. It waas suggested that perhaps we should wait on our complaint until the review was complete. Others among the group disagreed. Some discussion ensued. No clear conclusion was agreed upon. It was suggested that Council raise these and other qutestions to the review committee.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Ministry and Personel**

A staff person had requested being laid off .the Ministry and Personel Committee was asked to investigate the possibility. The committee contacted the Department of Labour and investigated the United Church Manual for advise in hteir decision making. What they found out was that htey could not lay someone off unless they changed the job description and/or that position was removed completely.

A suggestion was made that the position could be turned into part-time work with benefits. This suggestion was acceptable to the staff person involved.

A question was raised: Can we keep the person part-time and will he be eligible for benefits?

The committee was unsure and planned to investigate.

Senior management has agreed to meet with this staff person on a weekly basis to ensure that concerns are being addressed.

#### **Property and Mangement**

No Report

#### **Fundraising**

Great Thanksgiving Dinner to be on October 18, 2003 at the Holiday Inn on Robie Street. A wonderful meal of Seafood Chowder with Blueberry Grunt is to be served. Staff and some members of the camp committee are currently workin on entertainment for the event.

#### **Camp Committee**

Jim Mahoney has taken over the plumbing work for th camp. We are waiting for the inspector and we are grateful that local 56 of the union have donated their tim.

Survey is not complete because we are not payin for the work in advance. there is good news to report however, the survey is now more than halfway complete.

we are also waiting on a woodlot opportunities information package and with the assistance of this program would be able to apply to have a forest management plan developed with the assistance of an expert in the field for only a small cost to us of \$100.

#### **Choir**

Our choir is on again. Our music director has chosen great tunes.

Emanuel was on CBC presenting his composton. Council would like to officially congratulate him on his success.

**Motion:** Hazel moved that we congratulate Emanuel this Sunday at worship. Seconded by Elnora. **Motion passed.**

#### **Budget Task Group Report**

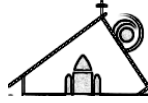
The accountant, senior staff and volunteers presented the budget for 2003. The new format will look a little different then what we have been working with in the past. We willnow be reporting all revenue in one section adn it is now acknowledged that money coming in as program donation si in fact fundraising revenue. New revenue categories include one for the Department of Community Services Trustee Program (bill payer services) which will net the church approximately \$1000 per month.

We left the wxpenditures in broader categories with notes attached for anyont that might need more dtail . It was noted by the task group that the outreach worker should have more flexibility and discretion on where and how the benevolent fund is spent. Th accomodate that they change the category to give her a set amount per month to spend how she deems necessary.

The budget shows the church as hving a small surplus by year-end without cashing in any investments.

Concerns were raised that the investments were not doing as well as they should.

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Another concern is that we were relying on the Camp repayment of debt to deep from being in a deficit position. The concern was that this money repayment was going into the operating budget and not back into investment. It was also argued that by investing money into developing the camp property that we have significantly increased member equity and have improved our financial standing. It was mentioned that we are showing responsibility by soing better with our expenses \*It was strongly suggested that we are cohesive as a group when we present this budget to the congregation. If we have any questions or concerns we need to address them now. People decided that the budget document was one that they could live with and decided to move it to a congregational meeeting.

**Motion:** Hazel Andrews moves that we bring this budget to the congregation in two weeks. Seconded by Lisa Jarvis. **Motion passed.**

We give 2 weeks notice and hold special meeting on September 28, 2003

**Information/Announcements**

Bible Study is now being held at 7 pm on Thursday evenings. Anyone interest contact Rev. Gus Pendleton.

Next Council meeting is October 22, 2003 at 7 pm

**Adjourned:** 9:47 pm

**Prayers**

**Appendix**

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