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6:00pm, Wednesday, October 20, 2004

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as called by the Chair of Church Council

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

Chair: Scott Barber, Chair of Church Council

Recording Secretary: Scott Barber

Members: Doris McGrath, Arlene Shaw, Lindley Johnston, Beverly Johnston, Lucinda Montizambert, Tyler Morton, Elnora Roue, Gary Aitcheson, Hazel Andrews, Jim Sykes, Shirley Carmicheal, James R. Wilson, (Scott Barber)

Guests: David Hartley, David Hart, Don Farmer, David Inkpen, Deborah Logan

Regrets: Sharon LaFramboise, Kieth Allison, Ron Briggs, Sandy Oakley Andrews

Quorum: {requires OM personel settled or appointed in pastoral charge or an appointee of Presbytery}
{ Unsure of bylaws at BSUC as to what percentage of members must be present.}

Note: a question of quorum was made by Doris McGrath and responded to by David Hart and Scott Barber
Need to proceed, and properly announced with Rev. Hart in attendance.

Meeting began: 6:20 pm

Welcome and Prayers

Council Chair welcomed people to the meeting and described the purpose of this Congregational meeting is to elect Committee Chairs for Council according to the Interim and Immediate Organization proposed by the Support Team, and ratified at September's Council meeting.

He then invited Rev. David Hart to lead us in prayer.

Description of Committees

Don Farmer summarized the interim organization presented at last month's meeting. Opportunities for BSUC and urgent issues for example: timber rights, IYI, interim ministry, etc.... Need for more effective organization. New staff for May 2005 and other goals. Assigning areas of responsibility. Council approval and high level direction.

Don Farmer continued (with interjections from others present) with a listing and brief explanation of the committees for which Chairpersons are to be nominated and elected tonight.

- Trustees and Property Management
- Finance and Administration
- Ministry and Personnel
- Worship and Pastoral Care
- Mission and Outreach
- Christian Life and Growth
- * Council Secretary:
 - Council Representative to Halifax Presbytery

and also

- Support Team (David Hart, Don Farmer, and David Inkpen)
- Council Chairperson (Scott Barber)

and also

- the Camp Brunswick Society is now a legally separate entity
- Develop a working style for committees to bring forth motions, etc. to council
- to be considered: bi-weekly meetings council/committees, changing meeting times/dates

Question of Quorum



Doris McGrath raised a question as to whether we had the number of members present required to have legal quorum. Members of the Support Team responded, as did the Chair.

Nominations (1)

David Hart of the Support Team began to list nominations put forward by the nominating committee...

Question of Membership

Doris McGrath and Shirley Carmicheal questioned the legality of Tyler Morton's membership in Brunswick Street United Church.

This was addressed by Rev. David Hart who confirmed Tyler's membership in Brunswick Street United Church and the United Church of Canada.

Discussion

David Hart: Need to move forward with the work at hand. Brunswick Street United Church needs skills, heart and experience brought to bear. the whole thing will fall flat if we are legalistic. We face disaster if core people don't get over stuff. The question is: do we want to survive or do we want to shut it down?

Lucinda Montizambert: Some of us have committed too much work....

Scott Barber: We have to move on or we will be forcing Presbytery to close us...

David Hart: We need to get past negativity. The Support Team has put a great deal of work into this thing...

Shirley Charmicheal: Two years ago, asked at that time for Presbytery's help, not to tell us how to run committees. We asked for someone who could help us with fundraising- before healing we need money. No matter how many committees.... Not happy with what is going on in the church during the week. Heard stuff around town. Not sure where money is going. No direction. Organize vounteers.

Don Farmer: That's what we're trying to do (organize volunteers)

Doris: I've withdrawn.

Jim Sykes: Hasn't heard gossip about the church that Shirley mentioned. Rumours of problems. Difficulties now with Wayne Petipas as a volunteer and not paid staff. Very difficult to get anything done. If no paid person in charge then how can we function. Invite Herb Chapman to be an Interim Minister. Training/Experience.

David Hart: What is needed is a small, effective leadership team. A core set of people.

Shirley Carmicheal: Two years ago we asked for help with fundraising.

David Hart: Proper adminstration of money is needed.

Nominations and Voting (2)

The Chair interjected and began the election procedure by reading one by one the nominations for each Committee Chair position, asking for additional nominations/discussion, and calling for a vote.

Concensus: the Congregation decided by concensus following discussion to divide the proposed Trustee/Propery Management Committee into two separate committees: Trustees, and Property Management.

The following people were elected

- Christian Life and Growth - Lindley Johnston and Tyler Morton (co-chairs)
- Finance and Adminstration - Ron Briggs
- Worship and Pastoral Care - Hazel Andrews
- Ministry and Personnel - Sandra Oakley-Andrews
- Mission and Outreach - Keith Allison
- Trustees: Doris McGrath
- Property Management: Jim Sykes

and together with



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- Council Chairperson (Scott Barber)
- * Council Secretary: (Lucinda Montizambert agreed to do temporarily until a new secretary is voted in.)
- Council Representative to Halifax Presbytery (not voted on, currently Council Chair is filling in.)
- Support Team (David Hart, Don Farmer, and David Inkpen)

make up the Interim Council Organization for Brunswick Street United Church.

Votes are held by each of the seven committee chairs, and by the Council Secretary. The Chairperson votes only to break ties. The Support Team does not have a vote, nor will any member acquire extra voting privilege for Acting as Lay Representative to Presbytery. When a regular Lay Representative is elected, they shall have full (voting) membership as required by UCC regulation [Manual, 219 (c)]

Motions before the Congregation

The Chair for the meeting was given to David Hart in order for Scott Barber to bring several motions before the meeting of the Congregation.

Motion 041020-1: Fundraiser Training Project- motion passed with *amendment (in it laics)*.

It is moved that Brunswick Street United Church Council commission the Camp Brunswick Society to administer the Human Resource Development Canada grant for fundraising on behalf of both the Camp Brunswick Society and Brunswick Street United Church.

Grants and personel will be administered according to Human Resource Development Canada guidelines by the Board of Directors of the Camp Brunswick Society and/or their legal representatives, and payments will be made by the Camp Brunswick Society to Brunswick Street United Church representing fifty percent (50%) of monies raised through the program (as described in the application for the grant awarded by Human Resource Development Canada). *Subject to council's discernment that there are and will be no cost to the congregation.*

put forward by: Scott barber
seconded by: Lucinda Montizambert

in favor: 12____

against: 0

abstained: 0

Result: **motion passed**

Chairperson: _____

Secretary: _____

Motion 041020-2: Banner

That members of the congregation, with the assistance of the Church Custodian, install the banner gifted to Brunswick Street United Church by Choir Director Emanuel Serra in the Sanctuary: above and behind the organ (as viewed from the floor of the Sanctuary, facing west).

put forward by: Scott Barber
seconded by: James R. Wilson

concensus of Congregation:

Result: **put over to the attention of the Worship and Pastoral Care Committte to determine suitable installation.**

Chairperson: _____

Secretary: _____

Motion 041020-3 Discernment

It is moved that the Chairperson of Brunswick Street United Church Council engage the services of the Maritme Conference Resource Pool on behalf of both Church Council and Congregation, to assist Brunswick Street United Church as it seeks to discern God's Voice as we move into the future as God's



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people together.

forwarded by: Scott Barber

seconded by: Elnora Roue

in favor: 12

against: 0

abstained: 0

Result: **motion passed**

Chairperson: _____

Secretary: _____

Prayers: David Hartley led us in a closing prayer.

Adjourned: 8:10 pm

Information/Announcements:

- October's Regular Church Council Meeting was postponed by concensus and a **Special Meeting of Council** shall be held in its stead at Brunswick Street United Church at **7pm Monday, November 1st, 2004.**

Appendix

- * Interim and Immediat Organization presentation (by the Support Team).
- Correspondence between Chair of Council and Catherine Gaw, Chair of Maritime Conference.

Signed: _____(Secretary) _____ (Chair)