

Mark St. United Church
COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, January 27, 2016
Church Parlour

6:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Recorded by: Coralee Vass

Chair: Pat Cole

Council Members: Maggie Allin, Murray Batten, Sylvia Cashmore, Pat Cole, Eilert Frerichs, Carolyn Holmes, Rosemary Hughes, Mitchell Parker, Ian Sine, Coralee Vass, Peter Mitchell, Christine Baayen, Gail Corbett, Sarah Gilmore,

Regrets: Peter Mitchell, Murray Batten, Mitchell Parker, Christine Baayen.

1) Opening Devotions - Eilert Frerichs

2) Changes to the Agenda

- a) Finance Report - Carolyn
- b) Fundraising for UCW - Gail

Adoption of the Agenda as amended

Moved – Carolyn Holmes, Seconded – Rosemary Hughes – approved by all.

3) Approval of Minutes of meeting held December 16, 2015.

The Chair noted that the date for the next meeting should be Jan. 27, 2016, not 2015. Moved to accept the Minutes of the last meeting as corrected, – Sylvia Cashmore – Seconded Sarah Gilmore. Approved by all.

Moved that Peter Mitchell's resignation be accepted, with gratitude and regrets. Moved by Carolyn Holmes Seconded by Sylvia Cashmore. Agreed.

Coralee Vass will send card on behalf of the Council.

Open Issues

- a) Supply Minister - Pat Cole/Rosemary Hughes – 5 min
3 ministers have expressed interest. Gail Corbett/Jewell Bennett have been approached by 2 ministers expressing interest. Gail will direct those ministers to submit their résumé to Shining Waters Presbytery.
- b) Search/Interview Committee update - Pat Cole
Need 2 more members on committee. Will consult with Murray Batten. Presbytery had suggested 1 more from Transition Committee; 1 more from Congregation, however may take 2 from congregation so as to not overtax Transition Committee. The Committee currently consists of Jim Brown - Chair, Jewell Bennett, Jane McLennahan, Jim Batley, and Don McLaren. The list of members was announced in church on January 24th. The Committee will develop interview question; learn the Transition Team document and the United Church requirements over the next 2-3 months.

- c) **Nominations Committee Update** - Sylvia Cashmore
Rosemary Hughes and Maggie Allin working with Sylvia. Have had one meeting.
- d) **Chairs of Council – Unity of Peterborough United Churches** - Pat Cole
Met January 18th. Next meeting February 22nd.

Trinity Church affiliated with Homeward Bound. Trinity Church is now an Affirming congregation. St. Andrews and George Street continue to have discussions and meetings together regarding amalgamation.

The group discussed various short-term steps that could see the Peterborough United Churches working on. Time-lines discussed were '6 – 9 months and '6 – 12 months'. The participants were asked to present to their Councils to see if anyone was interested in participating or leading some of the projects. Please see the leads if interested in participating or put your name forward if you would like to lead.

6-9 months

- Joint Summer Services – Julie Van Haften, St. James United Church - lead.
- "United We Are Awesome" is a children's event that would occur during a PA day (involves all of the United Churches in Peterborough – Phil Hobbs -lead.
- **Co-operative Bible Study** groups: Building on existing arrangement to include other churches and other opportunities for Co-operative Adult Bible Study groups. Kevin Derry - Lead
- **Church Profile:** Working with local papers to have one church per week profiled using a standardised format. – Lead - Marilyn Tudhope, St. Andrews United Church.
- **Standardisation of advertising** of United Church services, church events, & other United Church Activities in local newspapers and other media avenues – Looking for champion
- **Website:** A shared website the United Churches of Peterborough would use—see Guelph United Ministries website <http://guelphunited.ca/> as an example of what it might look like. It was noted that it would have to be kept up consistently and could not be let slide – looking for a champion.

6-12 months

- **Rotating Vacation Bible School.** Looking for someone to champion it.
- **Centralised Church Business Activities.** Looking for someone to champion it.
- **Opportunities for sharing administrative costs:** joint business activities (accounting, goods and services procurement, shared administrative facilities)

- e) **Special Events Committee** (see attached report) Sarah Gilmore – 10 min
Had a few meetings. 2016 events have been determined. Events budget was set in November, 2015. Looking to have volunteer co-ordinators 2-3 months in advance. Will advertise for volunteers. It was agreed by Council that Sarah will bring the issue of lack of volunteers to Church Council for direction. Included in the planning are Movie Nights, Turkey Dinner (late October), Rummage Sales,

Spaghetti Dinner (September – in future February before Half-Marathon),
Strawberry Supper, Dinner Theatre (February 27), Pancake Supper (February 9).

- f) **Peterborough Together – A Celebration of Peace and Unity** - Carolyn Holmes
To be held on March 6th 2-4 pm at PCVS. Opening with Native Drumming. All levels of government have been invited – Municipal, Provincial, and Federal. Eilert is inviting different leaders of faith communities. All local religious groups will receive invitations – 73. Maggie Allin will help with phoning, getting religious groups e-mail addresses. PCVS cost - \$217 to rent. Had to prove we had insurance, MSUC is an unincorporated member of an incorporated body (UC of Canada). Need ushers. Has person to develop Facebook Page. May have free-will offering and discussion was held on what to do with profits.

- g) **Anniversary Sunday/Transfiguration Sunday, February 7, 2016 - Eilert**
Litany of Transfiguration. People to share stories as to how MSUC has transformed lives and transforming life of community. (8-9 people to tell stories).

February 10th is Ash Wednesday – 5:00 pm service. On Maundy Thursday – invited to go to Trinity United Church – 7:00 pm and St. Andrews will also attend.

End of Covenant with Eilert - Celebrate end of covenant with Eilert Frerichs – March 13th. Will be presided over by Maxine Reid – President, Bay of Quinte Conference.

Easter Breakfast and services inside.

4) Reports

- a) UCW Report Submitted by Gail Corbett
Fundraising for UCW May 1st Evening. Stockdale Central Musical Group. Would like to use Sanctuary. Will need to co-ordinate and consider Spiritualist Group. Gail will ask Heather to assist with organisation.

Motion that UCW be allowed to use Sanctuary May 1st for fundraiser with Stockdale Central as long as Spiritualists are in agreement - moved by Gail Corbett, Seconded by Sylvia Cashmore. Approved by all.

- b) **Health Committee Report** Submitted by Coralee Vass

c) **Finance Report - Carolyn Holmes**

Have a positive balance of \$9,408.88. Had increased givings and benefactors. Reviewed proposed budget. A Special Meeting of Council will be held including Finance Committee, 7:00 pm February 11, 2016 to deal with the 2016 proposed budget.

Motion to receive reports as presented. Moved by Sarah Dorsett, Seconded by Sylvia Cashmore. Approved by All

5) **New Business**

- a) Presbytery – Seeds of Hope Grant – Murray B (deferred).
b) Pat relayed from Melissa Hope that work will be starting on roof of garage at 427 Mark Street by Mike Cochrane and Sons Roofing on January 28th.

Motion to adjourn – Pat Cole, Seconded by Carolyn Holmes. Approved by all.

6) Next Meeting -Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the Parlour.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

REPORT FOR UCW
Submitted by Gail Corbett

UCW JANUARY Meeting REPORT for COUNCIL, JANUARY 27TH

UCW held its January meeting Wed. Jan.12, 1:15pm in the Friendship Parlour. We commenced with fellowship tea and refreshments. Pres. Jewell welcomed us and introduced guests Betty Halman-Plumley, EPC, and Sally Harding who introduced us to a Bible Study Programme.

We all agreed that Bible study was very important to our church growth and development. Jewell conducted the business meeting and we decided to hold our Annual Spring Rummage Sale Saturday April 23, 2016. We will host and sponsor a fundraising concert with Stockdale Central playing Sunday, May 1st in the Sanctuary. Council to approve dates.

Emily read the minutes of the past meeting and brought us up to date on the work of the wider UCW.

An interesting and inspirational devotional was presented by Jean, Lorraine and Brenda.

President Jewell gathered us in a friendship circle for the closing benediction.

Health Committee Update Submitted by Coralee Vass

The Health Committee had a guest speaker – Matt Faris - a Public Health Inspector from the Peterborough County City Health Unit on January 17th, 2016 after Church. Matt spoke about Food Safety. The session was well attended with 32 congregants staying after church. Matt will be repeating his session on March 8th for the UCW group.

Our Health Committee meeting was January 26th and we will be reviewing the Parish Nurse pamphlet; continue to work on implementing the MSUC Food Regulation Policy; set up our next guest speaker and get a Parish Nurse update.

Events Committee Report Submitted by Sarah Gilmore January 23 2016

The events committee has been busy the last few months talking to people of the congregation to find volunteers and see what events people may be interested in.

Events coming up in February are the Anniversary birthday bash and the pancake supper which the Outreach committee has agreed to organize. A dinner theatre has also been planned for the end of the month and tickets are on sale now.

We are also looking forward to March and are in the process of finding a volunteer to organize the March Movie Night.

We hope to have a bulletin board up within the next few weeks to display current and future events, as well as a volunteer sign up sheet.

We are also making notes after each event to create an events committee binder with specific details of each event, to aid future event organizers.

Thanks

Sarah Gilmore and Greg Simpkins