

**Mark St. United Church  
COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday, April 13, 2015  
Friendship Hall  
6:30 p.m.

**Recorded by:** Coralee Vass

**Chair:** Pat Cole

**Present:** Maggie Allin, Christine Baayen, Murray Batten, Sylvia Cashmore, Pat Cole, Gail Corbett, Eilert Frerichs, Sarah Gilmore, Tim Holland, Carolyn Holmes, Rosemary Hughes, Peter Mitchell, Mitchell Parker, Ian Sine, Coralee Vass, Karrie Whitaker

**REGRETS:**

1. **Opening Devotions:** Pat Cole/Eilert Frerichs

2. **Corresponding Member:**

2.1. **Moved that Janet McLeod be made a Corresponding Member – Gail Corbett SECONDED – Tim Holland. Agreed.**

3. **Agenda**

The following additions to the proposed Agenda were noted:

- a) **Baptism – Eilert**
- b) **Transition Committee – Carolyn**
- c) **Welcome to Members – Mitchell Parker, Peter Mitchell, Rosemary Hughes, Tim Holland, Ian Sine**

4. **Adoption of the Agenda with Additions:**

**MOTION TO ACCEPT:** Maggie Allin

**SECONDED:** Christine Baayen

**ALL IN FAVOUR:** Approved

5. **Minutes of meeting held March 9, 2015**

**MOTION TO ACCEPT:** Sarah Gilmore

**SECONDED:** Christine Baayen

**ALL IN FAVOUR:** Approved

6. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

6.1. **Board of Trustees** Janet McLeod Trustees

The Board of Trustees has been re-generated and consists of: Janet

McLeod, Sharon Simpkins, Jim Haylock and Eilert Frerichs (Chair). Rental Property update: Unrented property: Asbestos needs to be removed and 3 quotes have been obtained; garbage to be removed; a cleaning company needs to come in; and additional trim that needs to be done – estimated rental date is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Council agreed that Christine Baayen will continue advertising for renters for this property. Title search complete - belongs to MSUC Trustees (held in trust for United Church). We are free to use income from rental properties.

#### 6.2. Finance Report

Carolyn Holmes

- 6.3. Financial report presented – deficit of \$19,535.52 is growing. Suggested that we get chairs in place for fundraising – bikeathon is not being headed by Murray Keys this year; is budgeted for this year.

**Moved** by Tim Holland that report be accepted.

**Seconded** by Peter Mitchell.

All in Favour: **Carried**.

#### 6.4. EDGE Report

Tim Holland

MSUC needs financial stability and a long-term plan. Feasibility study presented – mission and vision has to come first, before dealing with property. Community discussions have identified needs. Property Survey complete with the evaluation of assets. ‘Commercial/residential mix’ option requires a financial partner to achieve this. Timeline of 3 ½ years. EDGE is the property arm of the United Church of Canada. Discussion occurred re the need to look beyond 1 church and instead to church communities. Some Church communities (Presbyterian/United Church) share same building. Churches need to specialise in their ministries (need to have city-wide planning). MSUC needs to complete own goal setting process for next 5 years; Presbytery will be included.

**ACTION:** Tim to provide a report as soon as possible and send to Pat Cole.

#### 7.4 Health Committee Report

Coralee Vass (5 min)

Coralee presented the proposed MSUC Food Handling Guidelines. Council members proposed the following revisions : “It is mandatory that any food provided by Mark Street United Church will be supervised by a member who has taken the Food Handler Course provided through the Peterborough County-City Health Unit “.

**Moved:** Murray Batten

**Seconded:** Karrie Whitaker

**All Favour:** Carried.

With this revision the report was to be accepted by Coralee Vass,

**Seconded** Maggie Hilton

**All in favour: Carried**

The Health Committee to implement the policy.

6.5. **Governance Committee** Pat Cole

6.6. Anne Keys is considering to sit on this committee. Sylvia Cashmore is resigning. More people to be approached

6.7. **Presbytery Report** Murray Batten (5 min)

Murray will bring forward shared audit concept at next Presbytery meeting

6.8. **UCW Report** Gail Corbett (5 min)

Attached report - Fundraising event for Rummage Sale highlighted and other fundraising events.

## 7. **NEW BUSINESS**

7.1. **Covenanting of New Council** Eilert Frerichs

Date discussed to present new council members/returning members at service.

7.2. **Retreat – Council** Eilert & Pat (10 min)

4 hr retreat – to ground ourselves spiritually, and define Council's role as a governing body. Possible Venues: Sadler House or Kinsmen Garden Court. ACTION: Pat to send out possible dates and members to respond so that a date can be determined.

7.3. **Baptism** Karrie Whitaker

**MOTION:** that we have the baptism of Mason Marshall de Rivera and Westin Earl Patton. (Judy A.'s grandchildren) on Mother's Day – May 10<sup>th</sup> by Karrie Whitaker.

**SECONDED** by Christine Baayen.

**All in Favour:** Carried.

#### 7.4. Transitions Committee

Carolyn Holmes

Report attached.

**MOVED** to be accepted by Carolyn Holmes,

**SECONDED** by Sarah Dorsett.

**ALL IN FAVOUR:** Carried

#### 8. Closing

Eilert /Pat (5 min)

#### 9. Next Meeting - Monday, May 25, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

#### REPORTS:

##### UCW Report – Gail Corbett

- UCW meeting April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- Slide lecture by Karen Carter-Edwards on John Constable, British artist, *Salisbury Cathedral and other works*
- *Devotional: Myrtle Wilson and group*
- Rummage Sale on April 25, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30a.m.
- Catering the Elwood and Doreen Manley's 65th. Wedding Anniversary on April 26, 2015in Friendship Hall from 2:00p.m. until 4:30p.m.
- Muffin Party on May 13, 2015in CEC from 9:00a.m. until 11:00a.m.
- Catering to Agnes McCulloch's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Birthday party on May 30, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. until 4:00p.m. in Friendship Hall

##### Outreach Report March 2015

##### Community Gardens:

This is the “Year of the Soil”

The Community Gardens and the Church flower beds and the south lawn along Hunter St. need to be refreshed.

The plan is to refurbish the Gardens with fresh top soil & raise the beds 4 more board levels.

The lawn will need top soil to fill in the damage from the Mark St sign and seeded.

The Church flower beds need to have more top soil and mulch. Some of the evergreen bushes are very tired; we are missing the tree along Mark St by the Celtic Gardens.

Community Service of the City has several options; we are exploring them.

Grants are available in early Jan/Feb.; Mark St is now on their list for 2016.

Plan: Explore with the congregation options for supplies, labour and money.

Soup N Sandwich Sundays:  
The next Soup N Sandwich will be in April.

All other programs are stable.

Submitted by Sharon Simpkins  
Chair of Outreach

**Mark Street United Church  
Transition Team Report to Council  
April 13, 2015**

**Home Group Meetings:**

- Gathering information from groups that have already met
- Will attempt to do a blitz to enable all those who have not attended will have an opportunity to do so.
- Plan to have a report ready for a Congregational Meeting on May 24

**Communication:**

- We are attempting to find more effective ways of communicating as it has become quite apparent that the messages we report are not being heard. We thank those who have come forward offering suggestions in this regard.
- Jim Brown has produced a planned timeline and it was available on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Copies will also be available next Sunday.

**Worship:**

- A Worship Team is being formed by Eilert. Currently he has six members. Eleven will remain as Lay Worship Leaders.

**Trustees:**

- Eilert has rejuvenated the Trustees and they are now meeting as required. They have been active with renovations to 423 Mark St.

**Congregation Meetings:**

- Plan to host an Open House on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm for Questions & Answers – repeat of the meeting in November.

- The meeting on May 24 after church, will be for reporting the results of Home Group Meetings

**Progress:**

- Presbytery personnel report that we are on track and further ahead than they expected.

**Thank you:**

**The Transition Team is very appreciative of the recent positive feedback we have received. You could not realise how much influence it has made to assist us in the task we have committed to.**