

**Mark St. United Church  
COUNCIL MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 24, 2016  
Conference Call  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Recorded by:** Sylvia Cashmore

**Chair:** Pat Cole

**Council Members:** Maggie Allin, Murray Batten, Sylvia Cashmore, Pat Cole, Carolyn Holmes, Rosemary Hughes, Ian Sine

Eilert Frerichs couldn't sign on and so Pat will call him following the meeting.

**Regrets:** Mitchell Parker, Sarah Gilmore, Gail Corbett, Coralee Vass, Christine Baayen

In light of the nasty weather, the meeting was changed to a conference call.

- 1) **Opening Devotions** deferred Eilert Frerichs 10 min
- 2) **Changes to the Agenda:** Addition of treasurer's report.
- 3) **Adoption of the Agenda** Moved by Maggie and seconded by Jewel. **Passed**
- 4) a) **Approval of Minutes of meeting held January 27, 2016.** Moved by Murray and seconded by Rosemary. Passed  
b) Approval of Minutes of Budget meeting held February 11, 2016 Moved by Carolyn and seconded by Ian. Passed
- 5) **Open Issues**
  - a) Supply Minister Pat Cole/Rosemary Hughes – 5 min  
Rosemary and Pat gave detailed impressions of the candidates they interviewed for the role of full-time supply minister. The following are a few points illustrating their strengths:

Candidate A: has had this experience as a supply minister, and dealt with some serious congregation issues. The candidate is very knowledgeable about how to bring people to accept change by providing a comfortable and caring environment. The candidate demonstrates a great maturity and knowledge to lead Mark Street congregation, in a very comfortable manner, into the final transitional stage of our quest for a new minister. The candidate shows excitement to the possibility of being hired for this job. And is willing to work full time at this job and is immediately available to work in this capacity.

Candidate B: is a highly energetic, creative, intelligent and motivated person with a vast experience with various committees in a variety of projects. The candidate is very committed to personal spiritual growth. The candidate demonstrates a comfortable and compassionate manner. The candidate has many strengths that would also be of benefit to Mark St. United Church.

Candidate C: Withdrew from the process due to a desire to work only part-time.

It was moved by Rosemary and seconded by Carolyn to make an offer of employment to Candidate A. The name of the successful candidate will be announced after the candidate has accepted. Passed.

- b) Trustees: Deferred Eilert Frerichs – 10 min
- c) Nominations Committee Update Sylvia Cashmore – 10 min  
Sylvia read the nominating committee report. Moved by Sylvia to present the report to the congregation at the AGM. Seconded by Murray. Passed.

**6) Reports**

- a) Outreach Report: attached. Submitted by Sharon Simpkins
- b) Treasurers Report: attached Carolyn Holmes  
Carolyn presented the month end report and explained the details. Moved by Carolyn and seconded by Jewell to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Passed.

Motion to receive reports as presented. Moved by Murray and seconded by Jewell. Passed.

**7) New Business**

Some upcoming events were emphasized:

May 1, 2016: UCW Fundraiser of Stockdale Central, a band performing in the sanctuary with country and gospel music. Ray Vandervelde, one of our choir members is the lead singer and guitarist and Daryl Bennett is guest soloist. Tickets are \$20.

This Saturday's dinner theatre is sold out at 100 tickets!

On March 13 following the deconsecrating service for Eilert, the UCW will host a lunch.

- 8) Motion to Adjourn:** Carolyn moved that we adjourn at 7:30 pm. Seconded by Maggie. Passed.
- 9) Next Meeting -** Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the church parlour.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The nominating committee presents nominations for new members to the Mark St. United Church Council and special committees. Please note that the council membership is changed according to the new mandate of the church council as agreed to in the transition committee recommendations:

### 1. **Membership**

1.1 The membership of the Council shall consist of:

- 1.1.1 Chair
- 1.1.2 Vice-Chair
- 1.1.3 Past-Chair
- 1.1.4 Secretary
- 1.1.5 Treasurer (or Chair of the Finance Committee)
- 1.1.6 UCW representative (appointed by the United Church Women)
- 1.1.7 Presbytery representative(s) (elected by the congregation)
- 1.1.8 3 members-at-large
- 1.1.9 Members of the Order of Ministry settled or appointed to this congregation as non-voting members

### **Nominations to serve on Council**

#### **Returning Members:**

Sylvia Cashmore (past chair)

Coralee Vass

Maggie Allin

RoseMary Hughes

Mitchell Parker

#### **Treasurer**

Carolyn Holmes

#### **UCW Rep**

Gail Corbett

#### **New Members**

Diane Bestard

Peter Ferguson (chair)

#### **Presbytery Rep(s)**

Vacant (Murray Batten has agreed to continue to serve until a replacement found)

#### **Retiring Members**

Sarah Gilmore

Peter Mitchell

Tim Holland

Pat Cole

Christine Baayen

Kerrie Whittaker

Ian Sine

**Nominations to serve on Ministry & Personnel**

**Returning Members**

Beth Steinmiller

Brenda McKinley

Doreen Anderson-Roy

**New Member**

Wendy Love

**Retiring Member**

Murray Keys

**Property**

**Returning Members**

Melissa Hope (with Vern Pinn – Advisory)

**Trustees**

**Returning Members**

Jim Haylock

Janet McLeod

Sharon Simpkins

(Don McLaren – advisory)

**With Thanks**

We would like to give special thanks to all the retiring members who have served in so many capacities for their dedicated service to Mark St. United Church.

**Respectfully Submitted by the Nominating Committee**

RoseMary Hughes, Maggie Allin, and Sylvia Cashmore

## **Financial Report to Council February 24, 2016**

### **January Month End**

#### **General Account**

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<b>General Revenue <u>Year to Date</u></b> (Including M&S)	\$ 17,587.87
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*(Offerings total \$15,861.87)*

<b>Expense <u>Year to Date</u></b> Includes Payroll, Worship, Administration & Maintenance, Mission & Service)	\$ 18,638.09
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<b>Year to Date Net Income (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$(1050.22)</b>
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<b>Mission &amp; Service <u>Year to Date</u></b> <i>Income</i>	\$1,296.00
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#### **Memorial Fund**

Account Balance January 31, 2016	<b>\$35,682.71</b>
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#### **Investment Savings Account** *(now named Tangerine)*

Account Balance January 31, 2016	<b>\$143,141.56</b>
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*Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Holmes  
Chair, Finance Committee*

## REPORTS TO COUNCIL

OUTREACH Report

February 2016

Submitted by Sharon Simpkins

### **Bulletin Board**

The Bulletin board (just outside of the Friendship Hall kitchen) updates the congregation of the happenings with Outreach. The Mission & Service part of Outreach will have its own bulletin board; we will update the former M & S board; you will find it just by the Lift. The “window to the world” window frame, will be refurbished and kept current.

### **Friendship Hall Kitchen**

The kitchen needs a ‘spring’ cleaning, reorganized and identify the groups who reside there. The “Breakfast for Learning” supplies will be stored behind the west door in the upper cupboards, and a shelf in the cooler reserved perishables.

### **St Luke’s Food Cupboard**

This ‘outreach’ project is a vital service for many folks in our own neighbourhood! In the weekly bulletin there will be a list of non-perishable and perishable items. St Luke’s has refrigerators and freezers.

### **Community Gardens**

The gardens will be refreshed with new defined borders, soil and a revised contract to reflect the changes. Tenants will be responsible to weed, lay newsprint and straw over the beds for the winter; it has been proven roto tilling is not good nutritionally for the soil.

Once the ground thaws and firms up we will be asking for help to redefine the gardens/lawn on Hunter St.

This is the “Year of the Pulses”, we encourage all of you to create more meals using the legumes/beans that are so healthy and economical!

