

Mark St. United Church
COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, September 23, 2015
Friendship Hall
6:30 p.m. – 8:40 p.m.

Recorded by: Coralee Vass

Chair: Pat Cole

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

Regrets: Carolyn Holmes, Tim Holland, Sylvia Cashmore, Rosemary Hughes, Gail Corbett, Sarah Gilmore, Karrie Whitaker.

Motion: Peter Ferguson, Transition Committee Chair be made a corresponding member to present information. Moved: Murray Batten Seconded: Ian Sine. Accepted by all.

- 1) Opening Devotions- Eilert Frerichs
- 2) Changes to the Agenda
 - a) Eilert – to speak re: proposed developments on Hunter Street
 - b) Eilert – Refugees

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt agenda with changes – Moved: Maggie Allin Seconded: Mitchell Parker

- 3) Minutes of meeting held June 22, 2015
Moved to accept: Christine Baayen Seconded: Murray Batten. Accepted by all.
- 4) **Open Issues**
 - a) Special Events Committee members update – Pat Cole
Sarah Gilmore and Rick Simpkins looking after next 2 events – Turkey Dinner – October 17th and Rummage Sale – October 24th. Lynn Holland has resigned from special events.
 - b) Newsletter - Maggie - has been produced. Council members will take additional copies for shut-ins. Thank-you to JoAnn Miller for all of her efforts. Coralee will phone/e-mail her/send card.
 - c) Finance: - Audit of Financial statements (Steven Bark). Carolyn Holmes
 - d) Edge representation – Tim Holland will stay on but will resign from Church Council.
Eilert/Pat
- 5) **Reports**
 - a) Finance Report - no report
Carolyn Holmes
 - b) Presbytery Report
Murray Batten (5 min)

Refugee committee – being overseen by Anglicans. \$1,700.00 out of \$30,000.00 raised so far. Bringing 1 family here before end of 2015. Bedford House on Aylmer Street (started by Alan Reeve) is a lay-training facility/theological learning centre. Presently 3-4 programs going on at Bedford House. Presbytery has approved \$20,000 for EDGE program in this presbytery. Covenanting service for Reverend Phil Hobbs – Rev. Warren Vollmer and Rev. Bob Root will be speaking. Moved that Maxine Reed be invited to make a presentation about church structure by Murray Batten; Seconded: Maggie Allin. Approved by all.

- c) Chair Report Pat Cole
Met with Church Council chairs on Monday, September 21st.
 - d) UCW Report Gail Corbett (5 min)
(see attached)
Move to accept reports. Moved: Christine Baayen. Seconded: Mitchell Parker.
Approved by all
 - e) Outreach Committee (see attached)
- 6) Transition Committee Presentation** Peter Ferguson (30 Min)
Presented and reviewed by Peter Ferguson and questions answered.
Will be presented to Congregation this Sunday, September 27th.
- 7) 42nd UCC General Council Meeting – reviewed.** Eilert (15 Min)
- a) Jim Haylock had met with Sammy Shehedagh (local businessmen) re: proposed developments on Hunter Street. Asked that MSUC trustees have copy of the proposal to review.
 - b) Refugees – 1 in 122 persons globally are a displaced person. (United Nations statistics). Will come forth with ideas and put on next agenda as to how MSUC can be involved in addressing this issue.
 - c) Annual Meeting – February/March, 2016. Will ask Chair to consult for names for the Nominating Committee for October meeting.
- 8) Closing** Eilert /Pat (5 min)
- 9) Motion to adjourn – Peter Mitchell Seconded Christine Baayen**
- 10) Next Meeting** -Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 6:30 pm.
- 11) APPENDICES**

UCW REPORT

- a) A good turnout attended the September UCW meeting .We celebrated Carol Payne’s birthday and enjoyed devotions by Linda Dorsett. Jewell announced the success of the Auction Sale in July and the upcoming Fall Tea and Bazaar November 3.
- b) Emily reported the upcoming UCW interchurch convention to take place at Elim Lodge, Sept 29. Over 25 members answered the role call.

Submitted by Gail Corbett

Outreach Report September 23, 2015

Big neighbourhood event: **Play Street**

Sept. 26th Saturday 10 am – 2 pm on Douro St. Promotes meet your neighbours, offers kid friendly events on a car-free street!

Outreach has been working with the Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network along with Moms from King George and Armour Heights to create kid friendly accessible events in East City. The event on Saturday is sponsored by Green-Up. Street closure applications and family activities were invited by Brianna Salmon of Green-Up.

NB Mark St asked for the event to be on Saturday vs Sunday because Douro St is between 3 active churches. Pleased the request was honoured.

Breakfast for Learning:

Meets Monday @ 9 am

King George has requested help to **offer hot meals** in the winter months, have asked UCW to consider partnering! Details to follow!

PCCHU Collective Kitchen:

Laura Jack and the young Moms' group have started their fall session in the CEC; Outreach continues to finance grocery money \$75.00/ month.

Community Gardens:

All plots were rented. Renters took better care of their gardens this growing season! Have asked the City to put Outreach on their 'grant' listings for applications. Outreach is seeking funds to improve the gardens with defined plots, soil and enhance the south lawn and the flower bed along the south wall! Definitely will need expert help in filing the application!

Food Bank @ St Luke's:

Items are coming in but very few, plan: to promote this initiative.

Mitten Tree:

We need a tree!

Submitted by Sharon Simpkins