

St Andrew's River Heights United Church
255 Oak Street
Service Team Meeting - Tuesday November 21, 2017
Lounge @7:00 pm

Remit Discussion and Voting:

Present: Karen Lumley, Cathy Kinsman, Paul Webster, Bill Craddock, Fred Cross, Peter Brehaut, Anne Grewar, Sharri Bertram, Jeff Kremer, Kelvin Koots, Linda Paul, Vinny Ashton, and Hartley Stinson.

Remit 6 – One Order of Ministry

Presbytery representatives: Peter Brehaut, Vinny Ashton, Linda Paul

A handout summarizing Remit 6 was distributed, followed by questions and discussion. Karen expressed concern that if the remit passes, diaconal ministers would likely lose their identity. It was noted that the current system allows for diversity among those who enter ministry and the path they follow. Linda stated that the reasoning for Remit 6 is vague, but perhaps it is intended to address a shortage of ministers in rural charges. However, it was noted that the remit could have the opposite effect by discouraging certain people from entering ministry.

The Question: Does the Pastoral Charge agree that there should be one new Order of Ministry encompassing the present categories of recognized designated lay ministers, diaconal ministers and ordained ministers with ordination to the ministry of word, sacrament, education, service and pastoral care as the single rite of entry and with provision for the continued identity of the diakonia within the ordained ministry?

Result: No (unanimous)

Motion: Vinny Ashton/Peter Brehaut to destroy the ballots. **Carried**

Service Team Meeting:

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Administration

1. **Call to Order:** 7:40 pm by Chair Paul Webster
2. **Devotion:** Karen Lumley
3. **Approval of Agenda:** The Service Team approved the agenda which was distributed prior to the meeting.
4. **Minutes:**
 - a. **Approval of Minutes from September 19, 2017:** It was agreed to accept the September Service Team minutes as circulated.
 - b. **Approval of Minutes from October 17, 2017:** It was agreed to accept the October Service Team minutes as circulated.

5. **Business Arising:** Karen informed everyone that Spirit Path has requested involvement of three people from our congregation. One person would be from Outreach, and Karen is willing to be this person if needed. It was decided that once more information on this role is available, Karen and/or Cathy will write an appeal for a volunteer to be communicated in the e-blast.
6. **Correspondence:** None.

Items for Discussion

1. Treasurer's Report – Bill

Bill presented the October 2017 financial statements. Our overall deficit at the end of October was \$40,192 which was about \$10,000 better than budget. Bill noted that our budget projects a year-end deficit of \$17,707 but that it would be better if we do not have to utilize our capital. Generally speaking, the financial situation is reasonable at this point.

Bill noted that one area we are falling short is in fundraising. We budgeted \$4000 for a garage sale and \$2000 for a games night but neither of these fundraisers took place this year. Other fundraisers have raised a bit less than expected. In addition, so far there is no one to coordinate the bridge luncheon in 2018, which is a significant fundraiser for the church.

2018 Budget Plan and Timeline

Bill then briefly discussed the upcoming 2018 budget. He noted that all committees should think about their budget and make any requests before the approval of the budget at the January Service Team meeting. Bill also explained that it will be a challenging budget due to uncertainty in regards to member givings as well as increasing costs. There is some prospect of increased rental revenue from the daycare, but this will not come into effect until July 1, 2018 when the lease is renewed.

Finally, Bill said that he will encourage the Foundation to make a greater contribution toward our next budget. He believes that the Foundation's capital gains should be used to support the church, rather than to grow the Foundation at this time.

2. Outreach Interest Group Presentation: Nancy Hodgson

- Recent areas of involvement include the things Outreach has traditionally been involved with (e.g. Mitten Tree, SNOW night); attending the St. Matthews Maryland luncheon; volunteering at Siloam Mission; supporting Just A Warm Sleep; helping with the Assiniboia Residential School reunion; participating in the Circles of Reconciliation; and providing food for Meet Me at the Bell Tower.
- One of the struggles for this group is being involved in lots of "one-off" opportunities. The Interest Group's goal is to make meaningful connections with people in the community. It plans to achieve this by making a firmer commitment to a smaller number of activities. The group is currently exploring volunteer

opportunities with Oak Table, as well as potential on-going involvement with Meet Me at the Bell Tower.

- The group has had discussion of its budget for 2018. The annual budget for Outreach is \$5000, of which \$2000 goes toward 1JustCity, \$1000 for community outreach, and \$1000 for ministers' discretion (for people in need). The remaining \$1000 is to be determined and the budget will be finalized in December.
- The Outreach group is currently involved in a postcard campaign for Bill C-262, which asks the federal government to ensure its laws are in harmony with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- The group is continuing the tradition of the Mitten Tree, but because hand-knitted mitts are not practical for our climate, people are encouraged to donate warmer mitts or to knit hats and scarves.
- Peter Brehaut regularly attends the Dreamweavers meetings and reports back to the Outreach Interest Group.

Items for Information

1. **Cookie Walk Reminder:** Everyone was reminded that all Service Team and committee members are expected to contribute 10 dozen cookies for this fundraiser.

Adjournment: 8:25 pm

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, December 19, 2017