

**St Andrew's River Heights United Church**  
**255 Oak Street**  
**Council Draft Minutes**  
**Council Meeting October 19, 2021**  
**In-person meeting: 7:30 pm**

Present: Anne Grewar, Rob Siddall, Karen Lumley, Glenn Neufeld, Sarah Witiuk, Lisa Richards, Kathy Knowles, Michael Duncan, Bill Craddock, Greg Fearn (timed item only)

1. Call to Order: Greetings/Vision Statement (7:28pm)  
*To live as Christ would have us live, in love, with compassion and seeking justice, by sharing God's grace, learning from scripture, growing through the Spirit and being transformed by faith.*
2. Devotion: Rob
3. Stewardship presentation: Greg Fearn
  - Spoke to the congregation weekly at service over October. Jan will speak this week, working on sending out stewardship package the middle of November. Plan to send out thank you letters early in December.
4. Approval of September 21, 2021 minutes (see attached minutes)
  - Motioned by Glenn and seconded by Rob, all in favour.
  - Corrections to comments on P&A submitted\*
    - The boiler has been inspected and passed it for another year. Bill to attend the next P&A meeting.
  - Building discussion
    - Actions related to strategic planning stalled due to the pandemic. There are considerations on the future of this building and church and how the two intersect and help each other grow.
    - A building plan could assist us with moving forward with what this building could offer the community in the future. A key point of the plan would be all of the funding and financing aspects to make it work. Michael to discuss this further with Cam Regier.
    - There was a motion by Michael to accept Cam Regier offer to prepare a summary plan for council to review and then come in person to share it with council. Seconded by Kathy, all in favour.
    - The damaged sidewalk was repaired by Bill, Tyler and Gord with a concrete saw. We need to continue to acknowledge all the work that is done by our congregation and thank our group members for what they do.

## 5. Incident - Rob

- Congregation member was doing work outside the building, cables were laid over sidewalk, member warned an older lady who then tripped on them and broke her glasses. Council reached out to her and she was very pleasant. Her glasses were covered under warranty so she was satisfied with the outcome and didn't blame the church, but was very grateful for the interest we had in following up with her.

## 6. In-person update – Glenn

- Manitoba Health issued new orders on Oct 5<sup>th</sup>. The focus was expanding proof of vaccination for certain circumstances. No specific direction for requiring proof of vaccination for faith-based services, but we have capacity limits (33%) if we don't ask for proof of vaccination.
- 40-45 people on average attending in person (signing in and/or checked off, including those helping with the service). We continue with online service, as well as in person.
- At present we strongly encourage people to be fully vaxxed before attending, but we don't enforce it. It seems to be working fine, and we are staying within the capacity limits. It is likely that unvaccinated individuals are not attending in person.
- We have new plexiglass shield at the podium, also in front of standing mics to comply with the current orders (so Karen does not have to mask). P&A have supported this.
- We have had two funerals and a wedding coming up. We will need to check vaccination status for these events OR ensure that attendees do not exceed 25.
- Other Issue for Discussion:
  - Rental for ticketed event with reception downstairs- impression that it would be a small event but 250 people. The event ran for approximately 6 hours and used most of the church. We undercharged for this event, and were given cash. No standard pricing on the website.
  - **Decision-** each event is invoiced at a standard rate based on time and space used, with a contract and payment by etransfer or cheque.

## 7. Church Groups

Action - Liaison to connect with church groups and provide update.

Action - Review groups, members and openings (see attached list).

Action – Bring suggestions for people to fill openings.

- Highlight and Invite church groups to present at upcoming meetings (see attached reference guide).
  - Council all agreed to highlight a group each month during service and invite a group representative to attend and present at a council meeting.
    - November: P&A
    - December: Foundation
    - January: Finance
    - February: AGM

8. Treasurer's Report – Bill

- See attached report

9. Council Meeting Report to Congregation - Lisa

Date: October 23 or 31<sup>st</sup>

10. Other Business

- Reception for Derek: Need to set a date for the reception for Derek ideally before December. People will need to RSVP and be double vaccinated.
- Action: Michael to contact Derek about date for reception

11. Adjourned at 9:14pm

**Next Meeting:**

- **Tuesday, November 16, 2021** (see attached schedule)
- Devotion: Michael
- Report to Congregation: Anne