

St Andrew's River Heights United Church
255 Oak Street
Council Draft Minutes
Council Meeting December 14, 2021
In-person meeting: 7:30 pm

Present: Rob Siddal, Karen Lumley, Glenn Neufeld, Sarah Witiuk, Michael Duncan, Bill Craddock,
Kathy Knowles, Lisa Richards

Regrets: Anne Grewar

1. Chair for this meeting: Rob
2. Call to Order: Greetings/Vision Statement (7:30pm)
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.
3. Devotion: Bill
4. Approval of November 16, 2021 minutes (see attached minutes)
 - Motioned by Glenn and seconded by Michael, all in favour.
 - Action: Add Treasurer report to last month's minutes.
 - Bill clarified that the foundation has allocated \$35,000 to the church for 2022.
 - Edit Cam's last name spelling to Regier.
5. Update on Action Items:
 - Date for Cam Regier to present a plan for consideration by Council? (Michael)
 - There is a robust provincial government program that provides funding for community-based developments, amounts provided vary depending on the project. Looks to support concepts that grow sustainable communities.
 - Plan is for 1st or 2nd week of February to present proposal, set as a separate date from a council meeting.
 - Decision: 15th February 2022 special meeting date is set.
 - Rentals: update pricing
 - Sarah found pricing from other church websites. They were not completely clear and transparent on their pricing outlines. Provided copies to the council members. Prices range from \$250 - \$1300 for a day.
 - Situation on rental information on websites might be limited due to COVID.
 - Consider creating a pricing structure for a for profit entity, compared to a non for profit (free ticketed event) with half day pricing and full day pricing.
 - Marketing is another aspect to attract renters.

- Potentially check financial statements of other select locations to see how other venues are achieving larger volumes of rentals.
- Action: Sarah & Rob to come up with a proposal after further research, report back at the next meeting.
- Anne still needs to reach out to Augustine Centre re: PATH
 - Deferred- will revisit next meeting.
- Request from P&A for budget funding and forming a garden lawn committee
 - No follow up on an estimate of cost from P&A.
 - Rhonda might be willing to assist with garden, Bill to budget out an amount.

6. In – person services update – Glenn

- No change in health orders that would impact St. Andrew's since the last council meeting.
- Requiring full vaccination to attend in person service, also applies to committee meetings or church events within the building.
- Our Sunday numbers are gradually increasing, 72 as of Sunday December 12th 2021. A lot of excitement over the Christmas Eve service.
- Recommendation to maintain social distancing, perhaps encourage congregants to consider getting their booster.
- Proposal to terminate recording of services after Christmas. T
 - Decision: Continue filming an unedited version so something from our congregation is available virtually after the service. Reassess in the spring.

7. Church Groups Updates:

- Outreach
 - On Friday, 18 people attended the tour, it was excellent! January outreach is working with Westworth for some other events coming up.
- Stewardship
 - Almost as many pledges as last year, projecting givings to continue to go down over the last few years. Our financial position has been helped by having only one minister and by additional rental income. Thank you notes were sent out to everyone that sent in a pledge.
- Fellowship
 - Nothing to report.
- Nominating (will be contacting Council members)
 - Glenn will be phoning committee chairs to see if they are willing to continue on for another year.
- Other groups; CE, Finance, Worship, Foundation
 - Nothing to report.

Action: Liaisons to connect with their church groups to remind that their reports for the AGM are due January 5th. Charlotte already emailed them all.

8. Highlight and invite church groups to present at upcoming meetings (see attached reference guide)

- January: Finance
- February : AGM
- March: Worship

9. Treasurer's Report – Bill

- We ended the month of November with a surplus of \$478. The projected situation was for a deficit of \$73,069. This change in fortune occurred because revenues were \$45,152 more than expected and expenses were \$28,395 less than projected. Every revenue line in the summary page was better than budgeted. The biggest difference was in operations income, primarily due to rentals. The provincial government grant of \$20,200 was the next biggest difference. On the expense side, operations cost were down \$20,632 from what we expected. Also, committee expenses were \$7,395 less than the reduced amount we had expected.
- Our outreach expenditures totaled \$3,400 which was \$3,752 under budget. However, since month end, the total outreach outlays are now \$8,632 and will likely equal the annual budgeted amount of \$9,500 by year-end.
- We will have a small surplus on our operating account for 2021. Achieving a surplus in 2022 will be more challenging.

10. Council Meeting Report to Congregation - Rob

Date: December 19, 2021

11. Other Business:

- 4-5 singers spaced in the choir, is it because of comfort? Waiting to hear back from choir members about whether or not the choir will reassemble sometime in the new year.
- Youth focus group, is it time to get that going in future? Parents might not be in a space yet to return, perhaps revisit in the spring for fall planning.

12. Adjourned at 8:54pm

Next Meeting:

- **Tuesday, January 24, 2022**
- Devotion: Anne
- Report to Congregation: Kathy?