

St Andrew's River Heights United Church
255 Oak Street
Council Draft Minutes
Council Meeting October 18, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Rob Siddall, Karen Lumley, Glenn Neufeld, Sarah Witiuk, Kathy Knowles, Bill Craddock, Anne Grewar, Lisa Richards and Michael Duncan.

1. 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.
2. Devotion: Glenn
3. Approval of September 20, 2022 minutes
 - Moved by Bill Craddock and seconded by Anne Grewar, all in favour.
4. Church Groups:
 - Presentation - Christian Education (Karen)
 - Sunday School has continued with small numbers, and is prepared for more children. It's important to keep it going just in case more families return.
 - Covid has been cited as a reason why families aren't returning.
 - For Christmas Eve, there will be a quick email survey to parents to propose getting the kids together for another recorded play they can watch online instead of an in person service.
 - Other Group Liaison Updates
 - Church groups are generally not reconvening with some exceptions.
 - M&P is reconvening and will be meeting next Monday.
 - Finance has met in person, coming into winter they will get back to their regular monthly meetings.
 - Stewardship met this past Sunday after church to plan the stewardship campaign.
 - P&A is always very active.
 - The handbell group was contacted about restarting for a Christmas Eve performance, but only half (5 of 10) were interested in returning. Katy will continue her recruitment efforts for handbell ringers.

Actions: Advertise the opportunity on Sunday mornings and in the bulletin.

Each Council member should touch base with their corresponding liaison to encourage each committee to start back up.

➤ November Presentation – Stewardship

5. Congregational and Youth Survey Update (Rob, Lisa)

- Lisa reviewed the survey content that Charlotte has inputted into Google Docs.
- There were some suggested additions/edits that will be incorporated into the final survey document.

ACTION: Send out the survey in next week's blast. The survey will close after the intergenerational service on November 13 (where there will be opportunities to complete a hard copy of the survey). Charlotte will then generate a report, and Lisa and Rob will summarize the findings for our next meeting.

6. Nametag Update (Kathy)

- Recommendation to purchase the magnetic nametags, which are more expensive than the clip on nametags (approximately \$4/tag). These come in a set of 12. Can pose a small risk with a pace maker or credit card due to the magnet.
- Bill Craddock made a motion to order 96 magnetic name tags, seconded by Glenn Neufeld, all in favour.

ACTION: Kathy to purchase these online and work with Charlotte to add the names of the regular attendees at our in person Sunday services. Tags to be displayed on a magnetic board to pick up and return after the service.

7. Treasurer's Report (Bill)

- Member givings were \$15,344 over budget year-to-date. This over budget situation will prevail for at least one more month because of members accelerated givings. I believe we will be significantly under budget on member givings by year end. On a positive note, rental income is significantly over budget at \$18,107 to the end of September. As a result of member givings and rentals being over budget, total revenue to date is \$25,145 more than expected.
- All expenses are basically in line with their budget projections except heating (gas) where we are \$4,356 over budget.
- The deficit at month end is \$7,399 or \$43,555 less than expected. Some of this favorable outcome continues to be because we have not yet been invoiced from the United Church of Canada for our annual assessment. For the past two years, this assessment was \$18,960 annually.

8. Other Business:

- Possible Choir Show

- It hasn't been discussed with the choir yet, it might never look the same as it used to before Covid.
- October Report to Congregation: Lisa
- Other
 - Finance committee is starting to look into possible funding sources for the roof replacement.
 - November 13th is "Let's Talk Church" Sunday service, which could be a perfect time for Council to host a luncheon to introduce the Council, act as servers and to connect with the congregation.
 - We were gifted a painting of the church by Rev. Dr. Terry Hidichuk and have chosen a space to hang the painting near the back of the church. Will arrange with Property to hang it in the chosen location.

9. Adjourned at 9:14pm

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 7:30pm
- Devotion: Michael
- Report to Congregation: Bill