

**St Andrew's River Heights United Church**  
**255 Oak Street**  
**Council Meeting January 17, 2022, 7:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

Present: Rob Siddall, Karen Lumley, Glenn Neufield, Sarah Witiuk, Bill Craddock, Anne Grewar and Kathy Knowles

Regrets: Lisa Richards and Michael Duncan

1. Call to Order: Greetings/Vision Statement

***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: Anne

3. Approval of December 13, 2022 minutes

- Subject to amending Section 8 to refer to the Anna Blair Circle in place of the Fellowship, approval of minutes moved by Bill and seconded by Anne, all in favour

4. Church Groups:

- Presentation – Finance/Treasurer's Report
  - Bill presented the Finance Group/Treasurer's Report. He reviewed the 2022 results and presented the 2023 budget.
  - Member givings in 2022 were \$224,430 or \$528 less than budgeted. This compares to 2021 when member givings were \$233,088. Miscellaneous rental income was \$26,232, significantly greater than the budget amount of \$11,000 for the year.
  - Operations expenses were \$7,873 over budget. Most of this was due to gas cost which was \$6,075 over budget. Our gas cost in 2022 included \$7,898 of taxes, which was 34.2% of our total gas bill. Carbon taxes were 63.6% of total taxes.
  - In 2022 we donated \$13,152 to the wider church Mission and Service and \$12,164 to local mission needs.
  - We earned \$20,693 of interest and dividends on our Canadian investments.
  - We ended the year with a surplus of \$2,072 compared to our budget projection of \$62.
  - After discussion regarding the 2023 budget, it was moved by Glenn, seconded by Sarah, that the 2023 budget, as presented to Council, be approved, all in favour.
- Other Group Liaison Updates

- Rob advised that Joan Stevenson had tendered her resignation as head of the Outreach Group, a position that she assumed in the fall of 2021, and Council wishes to extend its appreciation to Joan for having headed the Outreach Group. Anne Grewar will replace Joan as head of Outreach, and Council thanks Anne for having assumed this role.
  - February Presentation – n/a
5. Congregational and Youth Survey (Rob, Lisa)
- Council will continue to engage with Worship, Outreach and Fellowship on the main initiatives coming out of the survey, including guest speakers, post-service tea and coffee, additional outreach opportunities and the liturgical and music programs. Many of these initiatives are now underway.
6. Youth Worker Position (Michael)
- Deferred.
7. February 26 Annual General Meeting (Rob)
- (a) Notice of Meeting
    - Notice requirements for the February 26 Annual General Meeting were reviewed. Announcements of the meeting will follow at upcoming Sunday services and in the e-blast.
  - (b) Agenda
    - The proposed Annual General Meeting was tabled.
  - (c) 2023 Council Membership
    - The two Council vacancies and possible candidates to fill those vacancies were discussed.
  - (d) Other
    - Council discussed some of the Annual General Meeting logistics.
8. Other Business:
- January Report to Congregation: Bill
  - Other
    - Kathy raised the possibility of once again having greeters at the doors on Sunday mornings. Karen will raise that with Worship.
    - Council discussed a possible choir show later in the year.

## 10. Adjournment

### Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 7:30
- Devotion: Kathy
- Report to Congregation: n/a - AGM