

St Andrew's River Heights United Church
255 Oak Street
Council Meeting September 19, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Rob Siddall, Karen Lumley, Glenn Neufeld, Michael Duncan, Bill Craddock, Leigh Harris-Carlson; Lisa Richards, Kathy Knowles

Regrets: Iris McKay

1. Call to Order: Greetings/Vision Statement

2. Devotion: Michael

3. Approval of June 20, 2023 minutes

Moved by Glenn and seconded by Leigh; all in favour

4. Church Groups:

Presentation – Property & Administration

Gord Shawcross presented to Council, and identified a variety of building issues, which are all past their best before date. A portion of the roof is a concern and is patched regularly, quotes have been obtained to fix this. Looking for permission to go to Prairie to Pine to approve getting funding from the Winnipeg Foundation for this (permission was granted). Likely we will only receive a portion of what we need. Will request \$100 K. Likely would not receive any funding until the spring. Roof is over the daycare, so this is a required upgrade. Water system pipes are very old. Steam pipes are also leaking, but boiler is being maintained. Electrical system is a risk because the main switch is adjacent to the kitchen. Grandfathered from existing building code. Some of the circuit panel also needs to be replaced. If replacement is planned it would occur quite quickly, but if unplanned, it could be up to a month to get the parts. Efficiency Manitoba has been consulted, and roofs are not applicable unless it is for adding insulation. While much could be done, the state of the building does not currently present any health risks.

Westworth United is getting grant funding from the United Church and other funding organizations- likely \$10-20 K at a time. We thanked Gord for the service he and his group provides to the church.

Plan: Committee will send Council a summary of the required repairs, priorities and estimated costs.

Other Group Liaison Updates

Outreach Committee is having a special guest speaker this Sunday. Council members should RSVP for this.

October Presentation – Christian Education

5. Bell/MTS Proposal (Rob)

Rob provided a brief overview of the history of the issue. Have been attempting to negotiate the contract with the consultant. There is no public consultation required. Once lease is signed, they will apply to the City of Winnipeg. Rob, Bill and Gord have been negotiating with the consultant. There are some remaining outstanding issues that have not been agreed to. Lisa provided some additional points for consideration.

Motion: To require Bell MTS or its consultant to conduct a public consultation in our community (as per the guidance provided in the City of Winnipeg Antenna Systems Policy) prior to our signing of the Bell MTS contract. All in favor.

6. Strategic Plan Update (All)

Rob circulated the strategic priorities from 2019. What sort of place do we want this to be (vision)?

- Place for spiritual growth
- Welcoming place for the community
- Be more outward facing e.g. food drives, clothing drives
- Place to recruit and retain youth
- A sustainable building with a sustainable funding model
- Succession planning of key roles within the church

We could start with revisiting the previous strategic planning and refreshing this, as it has been almost 5 years.

Let's Talk Church in October is a good way to engage the congregation.

Funds are limited for hiring a facilitator to do strategic planning. The upcoming stewardship campaign will be a very important one, and fundraisers are lacking. Finance needs to be at the top of our list as a strategic priority.

What does Springs Church do to have successful attendance on Sundays? Charleswood United?

ACTION: Council will continue its strategic planning discussion at the October meeting.

7. Treasurer's Report (Bill)

Bill provided a verbal report to Council.

8. Other Business:

September Report to Congregation: Leigh

Other (Karen)

- Let's Talk Church- Oct 22
- Installing Council- Oct 29 (All Saints Day)

9. Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 7:30 pm
- Devotion: Iris
- Report to Congregation: TBD (Lisa will be out of town)

10. Adjournment