

St Andrew's River Heights United Church
255 Oak Street
Council Meeting MINUTES September 17, 2019
Board Room at 7:00 pm

Present: Anne Grewar, Rob Siddel, Karen Lumley, Noreen Mian, Lorne Hurst, Paul Webster, Michael Duncan

Regrets: Lisa Richards, Bill Craddock

Administration

1. Call to Order (time): Greetings/Vision Statement
2. Devotion: Paul Webster
3. Motion to approve the agenda. Moved by Paul. Seconded by Rob. All in favour. Carried.
4. Motion to approve the June 18, 2019 meeting minutes. Moved by Rob. Seconded by Noreen. All in favour. Carried.
5. **Correspondence:**
 - a. Linda Paul: Linda has resigned from the Council as Member-at-Large.
 - b. Rita Swan: Request to undertake studies to become a Licensed Lay Workshop Leader.
 - o Motion to recommend Rita Swan to pursue studies of becoming a Licensed Lay Workshop Leader. Moved by Anne. Seconded by Lorne. All in favour. Motion Carried.
 - c. Ruth McKenzie (Worship): support of Rita Swan in pursuit of undertaking Lay Workshop Leader studies.
 - d. Ruth McKenzie: Request from the worship committee to support the joint Westworth/St. Andrew's Service.
6. **Business Arising**
 - i. Covenanting draft document (attached): the Governance group is working on the revisions of the constitution and regulations document.
 - ii. Motion that the covenant be submitted with the attached interim governance document that outlines new governance structure that has already been approved by the congregation. Moved by Anne. Seconded by Michael. All in favour. Carried.
- b. Vision Session & Strategic Planning update
 - i. Karen met with Kirsten from KEM Consulting. Kirsten has drafted a survey that will solicit feedback from the congregation (paper and online). At the September 29th service she will announce that it's open. Deadline for feedback is Oct 18. Facilitate session on Nov 2. Discussion about capital

projects and sharing this information with the congregation prior to the survey.

- ii. We need to understand what the priorities are for repairs, the lifespan of these repairs and timelines for when they can/should be completed.
- iii. Paul will speak to P/A. Noreen and Anne will draft script and circulate to Council for approval prior to the Sept 29 service.

7. Caretaking discussion—tabled for the October meeting

8. **Items for Discussion/Update**

a. Minister update – Michael

- i. Slight adjustment to Noelle’s hours. Final details sorted.
- ii. Motion: M & P recommends that a search committee be established for the approved position of a Youth/Young Adult Coordinator. Suggestion to amend the motion to postpone striking the committee until after visioning process is complete. Moved by Michael. Seconded by Rob. All in favour of the amended motion. Carried.

b. Interest Group updates: Affirming Group—Anne

- i. Suggestion to do something engaging. Speaker, drumming etc. Affirming may work with another group to accomplish this.

a. Fellowship - Fundraising – Karen

- i. Fellowship group would like to host a fundraiser for the church in November with a trio of singers.
- ii. Motion to authorize the Fellowship group to engage Bill Quinn to organize fundraiser. Moved by Rob. Seconded by Noreen. All in favour. Carried.
- iii. Question about cleaning up after the fundraiser. No concern.

c. Christian Education

- i. No report

d. Outreach

- i. No report

9. **Nominations**

- a. Looking ahead to the next year, the council is in need of: Vice-chair, 3 members-at-large, Chair of Worship, Chair of Outreach, Chair of Finance, CE Chair, Affirming Chair.

10. Treasurer's Report: Paul Webster

- a. To the end of August, our Operating Account is \$20,352 better than budgeted. On the surface it would appear that this is due to revenue being \$21,731 over budget. However, the real reason is that expenses, while showing \$1,379 more than budget, are actually, almost \$20,000 better. This anomaly happens because revenues show a \$10,000 money transfer from allocated account for the gift to Oak Table. Also, revenue shows further \$10,000 of unallocated revenue from the Winnipeg Foundation for the engineering study.

Expense items significantly under budget are caretaking at \$5,101, Sunday School (youth worker) \$2,483 administration \$4,294 and total committee expenses of \$3 164.

While this appears to be a fairly favorable financial report with member offerings \$2, 186 over budget, the next four months are likely to show a different picture. Member offerings are \$10,000 less than last year and are likely to show a greater amount at year end. Deaths in our congregation this year will have a significant impact on a year-end total givings. Investment earnings will be several thousand less than last year because we have kept a significant amount of moneys in the credit union at fairly low rate of return.

Paul Webster attended the September P & A meeting on Bill's behalf. This committee continues to press the need to spend very large amounts of monies on various mechanical systems within the church plus a roof replacement. They do not seem to be dissuaded by the lack of finances.

11. Other Business:

- a. **Craft sale November 17** – Karen
 - a. The church received some money raised from the 2018 craft sale. Request to hold the craft sale after service on a Sunday November 17. Permission granted.
- b. Document; Thriving United Churches - Loraine Mackenzie Shepherd's Report to Westworth United Church

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:45pm