

St Andrew's River Heights United Church

255 Oak Street

Council Meeting October 15, 2019

Board Room at 7:00 pm

Council Meeting:

Present: Lisa Richards, Rob Siddel, Bill Craddock, Karen Lumley, Noreen Mian, Lorne Hurst, Paul Webster, Michael Duncan

Regrets: Anne Grewar

Administration

1. Call to Order (7:02): Greetings/Vision Statement
2. Devotion: Rob
3. Approval of Agenda. Moved by Rob. Seconded by Bill. All in favour. Carried.
4. Approval of Minutes from September 17, 2019. Moved by Rob. Seconded by Noreen. All in favour. Carried
5. Business Arising
 - a. Covenant of Mutual Commitment, Accountability and Support along with Governance Document sent to the Region
 - No further information at this time.
 - b. Letter from Council and Karen in support of Rita Swan has been sent.
 - c. Vision Session and Strategic Planning update: Survey, facilitated lunch October 20 and planning meeting November 2, 9-3pm. Fellowship is taking care of lunch. Volunteers needed to set up chairs.
 - d. Thank you to Paul for writing, reading and posting the document regarding the building and repairs.
 - e. Caretaking discussion—Bill
 - Property has determined that they don't want a caretaker. They would prefer to work on a contract basis.
 - We're spending 6k a year to have someone check a boiler. Caretaker use to do this task.
 - Consistency is important.
 - Suggestion to evaluate the contract with Jeff as the next step.

- f. Motion that we recommend an evaluation of the current contract and consider hiring a part-time employee rather than a part-time contractor. Moved by Lorne. Seconded by Bill. All in favour. Carried.
5. Correspondence: none

Items for Discussion/Update

1. Liaison reports:
 - Outreach and Affirming groups- A special Outreach Sunday, October 20 with guest speaker Elder Harry Bone. This will take place during the service.
 - Outreach – Collecting spare change for Oak Table-1 Just City for a new coffee grinder. Coming along well. A \$200 donation was made.
2. **Treasure's Report:** Bill
 - a. Our operating Account at the end of September is \$24,840 better than budgeted. Member givings are \$5,206 better than expected. Also, givings to mid-October indicates that we will be over budget on givings next month as well. It would seem that December will be the critical month to achieve budget in givings.

Expense items significantly under budget continue to be caretaking at \$5,681, Sunday School (youth worker) \$3,321 administration,\$4,790 and total committee expenses at \$3,807. Two of these items, caretaking and Youth worker are under budget because of changes in policy which happened after the budget was approved.

Most other revenues and expenses are tracking close to budget including building operations.

Stewardship—no new suggestions on how to raise more money from our congregation.

Discussion about considering a generator as a back up electrical source.

Discussion about building repairs and response to P & A.

Items for Decision:

Other Business:

- **Harvest Supper – October 27, 2019**, 2 sittings (4:30 and 6:30). Volunteers are still needed. Three churches in the area have dates around the same time. Consideration of a November or January roast beef dinner.
- **Thriving United Churches:** (Loraine Mackenzie Shepherd's Report to Westworth United Church
 - Discussion

- Change in the demographics of the church due to the Guatemala trip winding down.
- Discussion about the structure of Westworth vs. St. Andrews

Governance—Rob

- a. Minister is a trustee
- b. Do we have D/O liability insurance? Yes.

Adjournment: 8:23pm

Next Meeting: November 19, 2019