

St Andrew's River Heights United Church

255 Oak Street

Council Meeting Minutes November 19, 2019

Board Room MINUTES at 7:00 pm

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

No Regrets.

Administration

1. Call to Order (7:03): Greetings/Vision Statement
2. Devotion: Lorne
3. Motion to approve the agenda. Moved by Lisa. Seconded by Rob. All in favour. Carried.
4. Approval of the October 15, 2019 Board meeting minutes. Moved by Rob. Seconded by Lorne. All in favour. Carried.
5. Business Arising
 - a. Strategic planning: The board feels that this was a successful day that carried over into the Sunday morning service. There was lots of positive energy in the room. Review of the strategic priorities and immediate actions.
 - i. Explore amalgamation processes and engage in initial conversations with Westworth United Church**
 1. Anne to contact Rev. Loraine and Eunice (Board Chair). Question to pose to Westworth: *do you want to join us as we explore the amalgamation process?*
 - ii. Develop a "radical hospitality vision" for St. Andrew's to ensure that both new and existing visitors and members feel engaged with the church**
 1. Noreen to explore options for training and consider an establishing a committee.
 - iii. Revision and clarify internal communication structures and interest group structures**
 1. No redundancy for collapsing committees.
 - iv. Create a comprehensive maintenance and building plan**
 1. Meeting scheduled with P & A on Monday. The goal is to get everyone on the same page and address the report. We will also acknowledge that this work has been done.

- v. Develop a revisioned thriving youth and children's ministry program that is based on the needs of existing and new families**
 - 1. Establish a task group and focus group.
 - 2. Motion to approach Kirsten to get a quote to run a focus group that will survey parents of children who have aged out of programming or left the church. Moved by Lorne. Seconded by Noreen. All in favour. Carried.
- vi. Revision and clarify internal communication structures and interest group structures**
 - 1. Schedule congregation update for the Sunday post council meeting.

Items for Discussion/Update

- 1. Cell tower
 - a. P/A suggests that council consider soliciting a telecompany to rent space on the church roof for a cell tower. Discussion. Decision not to pursue.
- 2. Lion and Lamb Holiday Market: Question: How did things go? People stayed for lunch. Church may receive the revenue from the lunch.
- 3. Worship and Outreach – wreaths and swags
 - a. Update. Karen may have a volunteer. Wreaths and swags available after Sunday's service. We will not be selling in the neighbourhood.
- 4. Treasure's Report: Bill
 - a. These data show that our regular offerings of \$215,531 are \$6,521 better than was budgeted. On the other hand, they are less than the \$223,959 given to this date last year.
 - b. Several items are significantly greater than budgeted because of decisions made during the year after the budget was determined. These included line 3124 INVESTMENT INCOME in which was interest earned in 2018 but which was not expended in the operating account. These monies are included in line 6914 which was the \$10,000 that we donated to Oak Table for their capital campaign. Another item was line 3150 which included the \$10,000 grant from the Winnipeg. Foundation for an evaluation of the mechanical system of the church. The expenditure of this grant is included in line 6520 Maintenance & Repairs. Thus in reality, the operations expenditures of \$57,013 is really \$47,013 when this unusual item is excluded.
 - c. To the end of October, we have a deficit of \$8,386. This compares to be a budgeted deficit of \$35,962 for this date, and a \$15, 315 deficit last year. For year-end, this should portray a favorable situation. Historical, we always run

deficits from about April-November. We started the year projecting a surplus of \$2,631 (bottom right hand corner of the page). The actual situation should be better than this.

5. Discussion about the money that has been raised in the past for the Guatemala mission. There is some potential joint mission experience to Cuba with Westworth in a couple years.
6. Caretaking—P/A will be discussing the council's proposal.
7. Letter from Fred Douglass Society presented for information.

Other Business:

- **Cookie walk; December 7** – Need lots of cookies to sell. The request is for Council members to donate 10 dozen cookies each.
- **Book store sale – December 5**
- **St Matthews Maryland Christmas Gift Store** – seeking donations and volunteers
 - Received for information.

December meeting is cancelled and updates will be sent by email

Next Meeting: January 21, 2020

Devotion: Any volunteers?

Monthly presentation: Foundation—Anne will ask to present in January.

Nominations—

Currently looking for a Vice Chair—4 year commitment and two or three Members-at-Large. Consider asking Interest group members and/or chairs to do a quick presentation during upcoming Sunday Worship services to promote roles.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn. Moved by Michael. Seconded by Loren. Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.