

St Andrew's River Heights United Church
255 Oak Street
Council Meeting MINUTES March 17, 2020
Board Room at 7:00 pm

Present: Anne Grewar, Rob Siddel, Karen Lumley, Lisa Richards, Bill Craddock, Glenn Neufeld, Sara Cory.

Regrets: none

By phone: Noreen Mian, Michael Duncan

Council Meeting:

Administration

1. **Call to Order (time):** 7:00pm Greetings/Vision Statement
2. **Devotion:** Karen
 - Circulate devotion sign up
Please consider signing up for the devotion. It's easy.
3. Motion to approve the agenda with changes. Moved by Bill. Seconded by Glen. All in favour. Carried.
4. Motion to approve the February 18, 2020 meeting minutes. Moved by Rob. Seconded by Lisa. All in favour. Carried.
5. United Church Emergency plan- Protocol for St. Andrews
 - a. Communication from the United Church of Canada was circulated
 - b. Motion to suspend the next three Sunday services. We will evaluate the situation at that point. Moved by Bill. Seconded by Noreen. All in favour. Carried.
 - i. Study groups will continue and the church will remain open.
 - ii. The Senior Choir will not meet.
 - iii. Motion to suspend the Handbell Choir for the remainder of the season. Moved by Lisa. Seconded by Sara. All in favour. Carried.
 - iv. Consideration to increase attention to cleaning
 - v. Basement bookstore will close after Friday and be reevaluated thereafter.
 - vi. The council will send out a communication to the congregation with this decision. Karen will include a pastoral note.
 - vii. Discussion about streaming the service or finding another way to connect with the congregation. We will use this time (x 3 weeks) to explore our options and if we are closed for an extended period of time we can implement.

Items for Decision:

1. Treasure's Report: Bill

- a. We need to consider the financial implication of not holding services. We will have to forgo \$1200 of revenue. Most of the money that come in on Sunday does not come in at another time.
- b. Bill has began liquating/reinvesting in response to the market changes
- c. Bank shares are yielding 7-8%
- d. Discussion about daycare rental fees—we will continue to receive.
- e. There was an error in the budget calculations for ministerial salaries and that the correct amount will be \$3,797 more at \$101,605.
- f. Motion to approve the expenditure of up to 4k for extraordinary outreach situations due to the COVID-19 emergency. Moved by Bill. Seconded by Rob. All in favour. Carried.
- g. The choir show generated \$8,814. 15 more tickets sold than last year.
 - i. Changes in how tickets were sold—people could pick up at the door and EventBrite not turned off until Friday at 3pm.
- h. Motion that the church pay for half the costs of two courses for Rita Swan's layperson studies, to a maximum of \$500. Moved by Glenn. Seconded by Sara. All in favour. Carried.

2. Items for Discussion/Update

1. Introductions: 2020-2021 Council

- Role of the Council
 - Suggestion to call Council forward and introduce with a prayer during worship.
 - To oversee the business and finances of the church.
- Role of the Ministers
 - To be the spiritual guide for the faith community.

2. Review Governance Model

- Liaisons to the groups/Review group membership
 - How can we get these groups more active?
 - Discussion about liaisons
 - How can we get C/E and outreach are not meeting? Discussion.
 - C/E has met and has a new focus

3. Constitution: Rob

- a. Draft Constitution presented

- b. Rob advised that in preparing the draft Constitution the Governance Committee had started with the current 2011 Constitution and had then amended it to reflect (a) the principles of the Church's new governance model, (b) updated terminology and current Church practices, and (c) the governance provisions set forth in the 2019 United Church of Canada Manual.
 - c. He advised that since the Constitution was primarily a governance and administration document, it reflected only those provisions of the Manual that most directly affected the ordinary course operation and management of the Church, noting that there were other provisions of the Manual that applied to Church activities.
 - d. Rob then reviewed the draft Constitution and responded to questions and comments from members of Council.
 - e. Motion to approve the constitution with the discussed changes. Moved by Rob. Seconded by Bill. All in favour. Carried.
 - f. Document to be forwarded to the regional counsel for approval.
4. Strategic Priorities update;
- Exploring amalgamation: Noreen
 - A doodle poll has gone out.
 - Vibrant children and youth programs: Lisa
 - Focus group
 - Date set for April 5 for parents of school aged children. Held off on sending out notice of the meeting due to COVID-19.
 - Desire to have a youth worker in place for the fall.
 - Radical hospitality vision
 - Increase visibility by the Council
 - Communication structures and interest group structures
 - Networking/interest group fair
 - Quarterly reports
 - Monthly presentations
 - Update to congregation on Sunday March 22

Motion to adjourn.

Next Meeting: April 21, 2020