

St Andrew's River Heights United Church
255 Oak Street
Council Meeting MINUTES May 19, 2020
Via Zoom 7:00 pm

Present: Anne Grewar, Rob Siddel, Karen Lumley, Lisa Richards, Bill Craddock, Glenn Neufeld, Sarah Cory, Michael Duncan, Noreen Mian

Regrets: Bill Craddock

Administration:

1. Call to Order (time): 7:05 pm Greetings/Vision Statement
2. Devotion: Karen
3. Motion to approve the agenda with changes. Moved by Rob. Seconded by Michael. All in favour. Carried.
4. Motion to approve the March 17, 2020 meeting minutes. Moved by Sarah. Seconded by Glenn. All in favour. Carried.

Items for Discussion/Update:

1. Ministerial update
 - a. At the end of March, Noelle advised M & P that after great consideration she will not be continuing in her role next year.
 - b. There is not a lot that we can do in terms of recruitment due to the uncertainty of these times. Decision postponed to January 2021
 - c. Preaching is relational and it was becoming more difficult not to have a ministerial relationship with the congregation.
2. Spirit Path update.
 - a. Should Spirit Path not continue, Noelle would be open to having another conversation with St. Andrew's. Funding decision is postponed.
3. Foundation Insurance
 - a. Sent to Deborah

Items for Decision:

1. Treasurer's report—Anne
 - b. Hoping to get a grant from the government to assist with cashflow.
 - c. Member givings continue to be maintained
 - d. Motion to approve the treasurer's report via email. Moved by Lisa. Seconded by Sarah. All in favour. Carried.
2. Correspondence: Prairie to Pine newsletter, May 6, 2020 Return to workshop—when and how.

- a. Request for staff to be allowed back in the building—discussion
 - i. Staff are self-contained except for Charlotte (no barrier)
 - ii. Consider staggering entrance as day care returns
 - iii. Daycare seeking council’s approval to return to operations
 - 1. Motion to allow the daycare to reopen. Moved by Noreen.
Seconded by Rob. All in favour. Carried.
 - b. Churches will not be back until at least September
 - c. We are currently in phase 1 of reopening—we are operating under a public health order directive that does not allow for gatherings greater than 10. We will continue to observe public health orders.
 - d. Suggestion to consider a copyright permission to continue using music during the online services. It would permit us to stream, record and print lyrics.
3. Funerals/weddings
- a. Most weddings have been postponed.
 - b. Graveside funerals and weddings allowed up to 10 people.
 - c. Discussion about holding funerals with <10 participants. Decision not to hold funerals at this time.
 - d. If online services are a long-term solution, we may need to consider hiring tech support. Suggestion for Charlotte to research.
 - e. Suggestion to go back to worship to get a sense of what we would like to see during the online services
 - f. Discussion about congregation engagement of facebook live services
 - g. This time has allowed for us to start using technology for worship without the pressure of “getting it right”
4. Strategic Priorities Update
- a. Vibrant Children and youth programs
 - i. We will work with Kirsten in the future once things return to normal.
 - b. Communication updates to the congregation
 - i. We will continue to communicate with the congregation via the newsletter
 - c. Building Maintenance Plan P & A
 - i. Requesting 6k to hire a consultant to create itemized list for electrical system updates in order to solicit third party tender. Thereafter, they would use the quote in a grant application to seek funds to upgrade the electrical system.
 - ii. Discussion.
 - iii. At this time, there is too much uncertainty due to the shutdown. We are unable to commit \$6,000 to this project.

Motion to adjourn.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 16