

St Andrew's River Heights United Church
255 Oak Street
Council Meeting Minutes October 20, 2020
Zoom meeting: 7:00 pm

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

Administration

1. Call to Order: 7:05 pm
2. Greetings/Vision Statement
3. Meeting host/guest - Charlotte
4. Devotion – Sarah
5. Motion to approve Agenda with changes. Moved by Rob. Seconded by Glenn. All in favour. Carried.
6. Motion to approve the September 15, 2020 council meeting minutes. Moved by Rob. Seconded by Glenn. All in favour. Carried.

Items for Discussion/Update:

1. Re-opening plan – Glenn
 - a. Re-opening has been smooth. Four services held to date and averaged 40 people per service.
 - b. Who makes the call in the event we need to cancel Service? We will follow provincial health directives, however, just because we can hold services, it does not mean we have to. We serve a vulnerable population. Discussion. Congregation is very cautious and all guidelines are being observed. Consider mental health and well being of folks who need to be connected to community and spirituality during this tough time.
 - c. Live recording update: Going well. We have the ability to live stream and do the text overlay. Multi cam aspect is available. Need to upgrade the internet in the building (approx. \$100 per month) and looking at approximately \$200-250 in new equipment costs.
 - d. Will we put a link on the website for people to donate through PayPal
 - i. Motion to begin live streaming Sunday service as soon as the appropriate equipment can be purchased to a maximum \$300.00 and when the appropriate cost effective internet upgrade has been made. Moved by Sarah. Seconded by Michael. All in favour. Carried.

- e. Sunday school update: Evan and Jan have been there every Sunday. Lesson plans sent out every week and we are in touch with families regularly.
- 2. Oak Street door; buzzer/camera:
 - a. Charlotte mentioned that she had spoken with Gord about the Ring doorbell and was informed we can purchase a Ring doorbell and if we hardwired it in, it will survive the cold winters :) But because Gord was discussing with the daycare of a way to separate interaction points between us and them, he said that should be put on hold for the moment.
- 3. Strategic Priorities updates:
 - a. Communicating updates to the membership: Eblasts, minutes and emails are working well.
 - b. Exploring Amalgamation – letter from Pat Stevenson (Chair, Westworth United Church). Discussion and update about amalgamation committee. Scheduled to meet with St. Mary’s Road United Church next week and Prairie Spirit is scheduled for November. Information will be shared with the Council in December or January.

Items for Decision:

- 1. Karen has submitted her report and no further questions from the Council.
- 2. Stewardship: Greg Fern has taken over as Chair of the committee. Committee is in the planning stages for a stewardship campaign
- 3. Guidelines for occasional renters and church meetings:
 - a. Guidelines for occasional renters and church committees during the pandemic have been developed
 - b. Question: How should we handle the choir ensemble group who meets to rehearse on Thursdays (six people in total). Can meet and rehearse prior to Sunday service.
- 4. Fundraiser for Oak Table: Is the Council comfortable with an online auction on behalf of Oak Table, run by Heather Kozak?
 - a. Moved by Rob. Seconded by Glen. All in favour. Carried.
- 5. Treasures Report – Bill
 - a. Offerings continue to decline \$8,500 under budget. We’re anticipating a loss of \$20,000 due to people passing away who were large donors to the church
 - b. Deficit of \$15,000 to end of September. Received about \$43,200 for the wage subsidy and expect another \$17,000k
 - c. Next year is the concern, we’re likely to lose out on all of our fundraisers.
 - d. Expense are down by \$8000.00. Committee expenses in particular.
 - e. Maintenance and repairs are down as well

- f. Finance committee considered what we should do for compensation for Charlotte and Michael at \$200 per week for their work towards streaming services
- g. Have sent a cheque of \$10,000 to Oak Table for their food program.
- h. Winnipeg Foundation Account #818 (letter from Kirstin Davidson, Donor Advised Funds Associate). Question about what has happened to revenue from this gift. Is it accumulating?
- i. 2020 Annual Assessment Statement/Invoice update
- j. Motion to accept the October financial report. Moved by Bill. Seconded by Michael. All in favour. Carried.

Other Business:

1. Devotions: Volunteer needed for November. Michael has volunteered. Not sure if we will be meeting in December.
2. Nominations – Anne
 - a. Need volunteer Council member(s) and/or other to work with Anne on nominations. The council asked to consider who might be able to share gifts on the council.
3. Next meeting is Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 pm

Motion to adjourn moved by Rob. Seconded by Michael. All in favour. Carried.