

**St Andrew's River Heights United Church**  
**255 Oak Street**  
**Council Meeting Minutes December 15, 2020**  
**Zoom meeting: 7:00 pm**

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

**Administration**

1. Call to Order: 7:04 pm
2. Greetings/Vision Statement
3. Devotion – Michael
4. Motion to approve Agenda. Moved by Rob. Seconded by Michael. All in favour. Carried.
5. Motion to approve the November 17, 2020 council meeting minutes. Moved by Rob. Seconded by Bill. All in favour. Carried.

**Items for Discussion/Update:**

1. Reopening Plan—Glenn
  - a. All services are virtual and pre-recorded. The feedback is positive about this format.
  - b. The current health order is in place to January 8, 2021 and expected to be extended.
2. Advent and Christmas Services
  - a. All pre-recorded and all offered on xmas eve.
  - b. Could not record all services at the same time due to the number of people that are recorded together. Service will be put together so it will look as though there are more people together and we have sought the right permissions to post.
3. Strategic Priorities updates:
  - Exploring Amalgamation – Noreen
    - a. Met with Prairie Spirit and have completed our meetings with amalgamated churches
    - b. The amalgamation committee would like to meet prior to presenting the final report to each respective Council. This will take place in January.
4. Governance: Letter from Heather Lea (Community of Faith Support) – Rob
  - a. Council approved a revised constitution to be presented at our Annual Meeting as per the United Church bylaws. However, we need the approval of the regional council prior to doing so.

- b. Some minor comments have come back from Heather Lea on the regional council.
  - c. We are hoping to have enough time to present the draft at the Jan 25 Council meeting
5. Wreaths – Karen
- a. 96 wreaths sold, nearly as many as last year. Purchased at cost and made approximately \$500.
6. Nominations – Anne
- a. Glenn and Anne contacted all board members to learn of their intentions for next year.
  - b. Noreen will be finishing her term and not returning. Secretary is position will be open
  - c. Rob has agreed to fill the role of Vice Chair.
  - d. All other Board members will continue on with their terms
  - e. Other folks have been contacted and will get back to us and others who were happy to be contacted and would consider in the future.
7. Karen's report – Karen
- a. Busy with the Christmas eve services

**Items for Decision:**

1. M & P : Office Manager – Michael
  - a. In Camera
2. Treasures Report – Bill
  - a. We are only two weeks away from the end of the year, so most expenses have been reported
  - b. Member givings are \$14,300 under budget. Expect a little more to come in
  - c. \$61,000 under budget due to a reduction in expenses
  - d. Surplus of \$46,092 due to the \$57,335 of recorded revenue of the federal government relief funds
  - e. \$17,803 has been set aside in the event that we need to pay some of this money back
  - f. Anticipate that member givings will decline once again, having said that, member givings this past year during the shutdown have increased
  - g. Missed out on \$9,000 on rentals
  - h. We will budget for committee and staff expenses as per usual
  - i. Pandemic supplies to date \$2,940
  - j. Motion to accept the treasurer's report. Moved by Bill. Seconded by Glenn. All in Favour. Carried.

**Other Business:**

- Devotions; Looking for a volunteer for the January 26 and February 16 meetings. Let Anne know if you are able and willing
- AGM - February 25, 2021 via Zoom – Discussed possible slide show or musical contribution at meeting.
- Annual reports are due January 6, 2020

*Anne - Thank you Council members. Each and everyone of you. I really appreciate all your gifts and contributions. I don't feel that I could do the job of chair without you. It is hard to believe that we won't be meeting again until the New Year. Wishing you and your families all the peace and joy of the season.*

8:43 pm - Motion to adjourn.