

St Andrew's River Heights United Church
255 Oak Street
Council Meeting February 16, 2021
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 (7:03pm). Greetings/Vision Statement
2. Devotion—Rob
3. Motion to approve the agenda. Moved by Rob. Seconded by Glen. All in favour. Carried.
4. Approval of Minutes from January 26, 2021 with addition of Treasurer's report. Moved by Bill. Seconded by Sarah. All in favour. Carried.

Items for Discussion/Update:

1. Strategic Priorities updates:
Exploring Amalgamation:
 - February 9, 2021 special meeting
 - Overview of lessons learned from the work of the Joint Partnering Committee.
 - Decision to move forward with continuing the work of the Joint Partnering Committee in order to deepen the existing partnership with Westworth to explore areas of youth programming, adult study groups and interfaith dialogues. But, agree that we will not move forward with amalgamation at this time.
2. Update- Re-opening plan – Glenn
 - a. New health order issued that has relaxed restrictions in a number of areas including church services. Can take place in person at 10 per cent capacity, max 50 people.
 - b. Ad hoc committee has recommend not reopening at this time but to keep connected with members who cannot participate online.
 - c. Question: When are we considering re-opening? Hard to say. Discussion.
 - d. Consider opening with the few people who cannot access the service online. It is a few people and for the spiritual well-being of a few congregants. Discussion. Decision to allow those in need, without access to the internet to attend in-person recording of services.
3. Karen's report – Karen

- a. Nothing further.

Items for Decision:

1. Secretary
 - a. The Council is in need of Secretary. Potential to rotate the position. Lisa will take minutes at the March meeting.
2. Treasures Report – Bill
 - a. One page summary of operating account circulated.
 - b. We show a deficit of \$5,743 for 2021 compared to a surplus of \$14,480 last year. Much of this difference is explained by the fact that the United Church of Canada assessment of \$18,959 was paid on January 1 this year, compared to February last year.
 - c. Member givings were \$4,303 less than last year. This difference has no practical significance.
 - d. Approx. \$1000 of givings received for January were not deposited until early February. Salary expenses were \$1,255 less than last year, notwithstanding a \$1,000 pandemic outlay in 2021. Last year, we had a near doubling of office administrator costs because of the transition to new employee.
 - e. Wellness grant received for \$2590 from the City of Winnipeg to create two concrete benches which will be placed near the 255 Oak Street entrance.
 - f. Motion to accept to the treasurer’s report. Moved by Rob. Seconded by Glenn. All in favour. Carried.
3. AGM – February 28, 2021 at 11:30 am
 - a. How many members have registered? 22 people
 - b. Expression of thanks there will be some pictures of people.
 - c. A poll option in order to allow people to vote on AGM motions.
 - i. Information needs to be circulated before the meeting. Those who register will receive the governance document and Annual Report.
 - ii. Discussion about people calling in with Zoom to AGM.

Motion to adjourn at 8:35pm.

Next Meeting: March 13