

St Andrew's River Heights United Church, 255 Oak Street

Council Meeting June 16, 2026, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Fred Cross, Deanne Bennett, Karen Lumley, Loralie Friesen, Dave Collins, Rob Siddall, Bill Craddock, Tara Snider

Regrets: Heather Ragot, Glenn Neufeld

Guest: Anne Grewar, Allison Koots, Peter Brehaut

AGENDA

1. Call to Order: Greetings/Vision Statement

- a. To live as Christ would have us live, in love, with compassion and seeking justice, by sharing God's grace, learning from scripture, growing through the Spirit and being transformed by faith.

2. Devotional: Dave

3. Approval of May 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes:

- a. Rob moved, Loralie seconded, all in favour.

4. Outreach Working Group (Anne Grewar):

- a. See attached report.

5. Correspondence and Updates:

- a. Thank you e-mail from Tyler Snell (daycare liaison):
 - i. Tyler thanks the council on behalf of the daycare for agreeing to assist with the ventilation in their offices.
- b. Discussion with Tyler Snell:
 - i. The daycare has asked again if we would consider yielding the choir room space for daycare expansion.
 - ii. Fred will discuss further with church groups (Fellowship, ABC, etc.) that frequently utilize the choir room to gauge the effect this would have on congregational events.
- c. E-mail from Relèven:
 - i. Brief summary of the role of Relèven and related organizations

- ii. Relèven is a non-profit that assists smaller congregations with larger buildings that may not use their entire space.
 - iii. They reached out to offer a presentation, but we declined as our space is adequately used at this time.
- d. Update from Gord on flooding:
 - i. Gord met with Red River Insurance and Winnipeg Building and Decorating to investigate the results of the flood from June 9th.
 - ii. We had a combination of overland flooding from blocked storm drains in the back lane, leakage from the roof, and some sewer backup from the lower level bathrooms (not raw sewage).
 - iii. Some remedial work is necessary to address moisture issues in the auditorium/basement. The lower level bathrooms have been sanitized as a precaution.
 - iv. Insurance covers all building issues / daycare insurance will cover furniture and objects that belong to them. Our insurance deductible is approximately \$25,000. The deductible will be taken from the operating budget surplus from prior years.
- e. Update from Rob on Bell Mobility:
 - i. They have no plans to make changes until 2028 at the earliest. They still like our location and intend to build here at some point, but are prioritizing other locations at this time.
 - ii. Consensus from council is to leave the agreement in place at this time, since terminating the lease due to inactivity would require approval from both parties.
- f. Update from downtown churches meeting:
 - i. The group is meeting less frequently going forward.

6. Filling Positions on M&P and Securing a Vice Chair:

- a. Still working on both fronts.

- b. Fred will not extend his 1-year term as chair, and this is an issue that needs to be resolved as soon as possible.

7. Minister's Report (Karen):

- a. See attached report.
- b. Karen suggests that we hold a fair in September, either after church or during the service, for committees to share their purpose/activities in the church for those that are new, or may not be aware.

8. Boiler Status Update:

- a. Approximately \$74,000 has been raised to date from the fundraising campaign. Thank you notes have been sent to all donors.

9. Community of Faith Profile Group (Fred/Dave):

- a. Contacting potential members for the CoF Profile Task Group is underway.
- b. Proposed date for informing congregation of progress on CoF Profile and seeking comments: November 15, 2026

10. Treasurer's Report (Bill)

- a. Total revenue to date is \$22,000 over budget, expenses are \$6,000 under budget.
- b. Congregational givings are almost \$14,000 over budget.

11. Other Business:

- a. September Devotional: Heather
- b. June Report to Congregation: Loralie
- c. Post-Service Coffee (September): Dave
- d. September Working Group Presentation: Property and Administration

12. Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 22, 2026 7:30pm

13. Adjournment