

St. Andrew's United Church Session Meeting
Monday, December 11, 2023

St. Andrew's United Church Session meeting was held Monday, December 11th in the Heritage room at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mervin Hanson, Lona Benson, Sandra Hodgins, Dave Hewitson, Wayne Sinclair, Brenda Ormsby, Val Mohan, Doreen Hewitson, Dianne Anderson, Cliff Olorenshaw, Isaac Hintze,

Absent: Kristin Wagner, Lacey Owens

Devotion: Dave Hewitson read 'May you always have an Angel by your side'

Adoption of Agenda: **Moved** by Val Mohan, **seconded** by Sandra Hodgins that the agenda be adopted as presented. **Carried. #12-61**

Adoption of the Minutes: **Moved** by Wayne Sinclair, **seconded** by Cliff Olorenshaw that the minutes of the November 13th, 2023 meeting adopted as printed. **Carried. #12-62**

Business arising from the Minutes:

- the pulpit exchange went well
- game night will be put on hold

Correspondence: - none

Stewardship Report

- Income is around \$7,200.00 more this year compared to last year
- Expenses are around \$6,600.00 more which makes us appear to be \$600.00 better off this year compared to same time last year
- had a discussion on the DLM program being discontinued and paying the National Assessment; Doreen's contract ends June 30, 2024

Wayne Sinclair made a **motion** that we do not pay the National Assessment at this time. Dave Hewitson **seconded. Carried. #12-63**

Moved by Wayne Sinclair, **seconded** by Cliff Olorenshaw that we accept the Stewardship Report. **Carried. #12-64**

Committee Reports:

C.E. – nothing to report

Worship

- December 10th – EGADZ Sunday
- December – Membership
- December 25th – morning service and evening (7:00 p.m.)
- December 31st – regular service
- January – Worship
- January 14th & 21st – Doreen away; Dave will lead in worship
- January – Brenda away; Pat will play piano

Ministry & Personnel:

- Christmas gifts to staff
- Doreen was mistakenly put in wrong pay category for 2023

Val Mohan made a **motion** that we pay Doreen \$1,736.00; wages owed for 2024. Brenda Ormsby **seconded. Carried. #12-65**

Membership – none

Outreach – none

Properties & Manse

- Been under floor of Church to repair the heat problem with the C.E. building
- Installed new filter and oiled the motor and fan assembly in the C.E. furnace; the other 4 furnaces need this done
- Air is coming in under the floor from the south end

Had a discussion on whether it is worth keeping the C.E. building (huge expense and more of a liability). Should we just concentrate on keeping the church going? This will be brought to the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Audio Visual

- last few Sundays the picture started freezing; got that figured out
- few people are streaming our services; need to let people know where to find us

Minister's Report

- have not done any visiting as I have not been well
- have done 2 student interviews – one DLM and one with the Prairie Candidacy Board
- have done 1 LLWL interview
- I worshipped with the people in Mildred and Dinsmore. It was nice to be somewhere else, but I'm glad I don't have to travel like that every week.
- have all the bulletins ready for the Season of Advent and for Christmas Eve
- have a home visit scheduled for this week
- starting to prepare for worship in the new year; have the material to begin planning for Lent/Easter; Easter is on March 31st
- I am on the LLWL Committee for the Regional Council; I am now the chair-elect of the Prairie Candidacy Board; I am on the DLM Program team and my name has been put forward to be on the credentialing committee for DLM's wanting to be commissioned or ordained.
- In January I will have the opportunity to pursue commissioning or ordination. I have decided to move forward with this as it will mean that I can be called to ministry here instead of appointed.

Moved by Dave Hewitson, **seconded** by Cliff Olorenshaw that these reports be accepted as presented. **Carried. #12-66**

New Business – none

Moved by Cliff Olorenshaw, **seconded** by Isaac Hintze that this meeting be adjourned at 8:39 p.m. **Carried. #12-67**