

St. Andrew's United Church Session Meeting
Monday, January 8, 2024

St. Andrew's United Church Session meeting was held Monday, January 8th in the Heritage room at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mervin Hanson, Val Mohan (acting secretary), Lona Benson, Doreen Hewitson, Cliff Olorenshaw, Wayne Sinclair, Dave Hewitson,

Absent: Dianne Anderson, Brenda Ormsby, Kristin Wagner, Lacey Owens, Sandra Hodgins, Isaac Hintze

Devotion: Doreen Hewitson read 'A Meditation for Any Time'

Adoption of Agenda: **Moved** by Lona Benson, **seconded** by Wayne Sinclair that the agenda be adopted as presented. **Carried. #01-01**

Adoption of the Minutes: **Moved** by Cliff Olorenshaw, **seconded** by Dave Hewitson that the minutes of the December 11th, 2023 meeting adopted as printed. **Carried. #01-02**

Business arising from the Minutes:

- Wayne asked for clarification on when we need to do an updated contract for Doreen; will need to be redone once she is ordained (not until June 2024 at the earliest)
- Correction to minutes of December 11th meeting re: **#12-65**: should read "Wages owed for 2023"
- Mervin has sent out an insert to other churches inviting them to join us for our online services
- Doreen spoke with activity coordinator at the Lodge and was told which church services were shown was dependent on which staff were working on Thursdays; Wayne will speak with Jocelyn to see if a more efficient system can be implemented to show the local services

Correspondence: - none

Stewardship Report

- The 2023 year ended up close to balanced. Two exceptions to note: our 2023 National Assessment has not yet been paid, being held back until sometime in 2024. Also, the budgeted amount for staff wages was lower than the actual

Moved by Wayne Sinclair, **seconded** by Cliff Olorenshaw that we accept the Stewardship Report. **Carried. #01-03**

Committee Reports:

C.E. – nothing to report

Worship

- January 14th & 21st – Doreen away (1 week vacation/ 1 week study); Dave will lead in worship
- January 21st – family Sunday (Worship; Lona and Merv)
- February – Stewardship
- February 12th – Session
- February 18th – Family Sunday

Lona Benson made a **motion** that we formally accept the Baptism and Membership of Payton Lane Bevill on January 7th, 2024. **Seconded** by Dave Hewitson. **Carried. #01-04**

Ministry & Personnel – nothing to report

Membership – 1 new member in 2023 (Isaac Hintze)
1 new member to date for the 2024 roll (Payton Bevill)

Outreach – nothing to report

Properties & Manse

- Southside cracks in the C.E. building (and underground) have been sealed (foamed and caulked)
- Underground leaks have been sealed with heat tape
- Plenum has been wrapped and sealed to draw cold air outside
- Mat in church entry has had a nail strip added to keep it in place
- Sanctuary front door – has had some small glue fixes done
- A plaque will need to be ordered to put on the Deacon bench in the sanctuary entry
- Plastering has been started in the choir loft area
- Big thank you to Wayne, Cliff and Robert for seeing to all of these repairs
- Still to be done: Manse door not shutting properly and tub surround needs repairs

Audio Visual – nothing to report

Minister's Report

- Doreen and Dave are hosting an Open House at the manse on January 20th (2:00-4:00 pm)
- Has done a few visits at request
- After Thursdays lodge service, spent time with a family of palliative care patient
- Will be on vacation the week of January 8th and study leave the week of January 15th
- Doreen read a letter from General Council Executive re: the DLM Ordaining and Commissioning

Moved by Cliff Olorenshaw, **seconded** by Dave Hewitson that these reports be accepted as presented.
Carried. #01-05

New Business:

Moved by Lona Benson, **seconded** by Wayne Sinclair that our Annual Congregational Meeting take place on Sunday March 3, 2024. **Carried #01-06**

- Year-end reports - get in to Dianne ASAP
- Muffin morning at school – Monday February 5th
- Board members leaving: Lona Benson and Wayne Sinclair; keep this in mind and invite new members if you have ideas
- Easy and fun fundraising idea – Doreen will be running a fundraiser to collect votes on hair colours the congregation (and others) would like to see her dye her hair for Holy Humour Sunday.

Moved by Cliff Olorenshaw, **seconded** by Wayne Sinclair that this meeting be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.
Carried. #01-07