

St. Andrew's United Church Session Meeting
Monday, April 10, 2023

St. Andrew's United Church Session meeting was held Monday, April 10th in the Heritage room at 7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Sandra Hodgins, Brenda Ormsby, Lacey Owens, Kristin Wagner

Devotion: Val Mohan read devotion "Monday, day after Easter"

Adoption of Agenda: **Moved** by Lona Benson, **seconded** by Wayne Sinclair that the agenda be adopted as presented with the addition of Website under New Business. **Carried. #04-23**

Adoption of the Minutes: **Moved** by Cliff Olorenshaw, **seconded** by Dave Hewitson that the minutes of the March 14th, 2023 meeting adopted as printed. **Carried. #04-24**

Business arising from the Minutes: the lift has been fixed and inspected and piano has been tuned

Correspondence: none

Stewardship Report

- The local givings are up \$2,500.00 from last year
- Income is around \$2,000.00 more this year compared to last year
- Expenses are around \$5,000.00 more which makes us about \$3,000.00 worse off this year compared to same time last year

Moved by Wayne Sinclair, **seconded** by Isaac Hintze that we accept the Stewardship Report. **Carried. #04-25**

Committee Reports:

C.E. – nothing to report

Worship

- Holy Humour Sunday/Family Sunday April 16th
- April – Outreach
- April 23rd Gloria Prentice will lead us in worship
- April 30th Dale Worrall will lead us in worship
- May – Worship
- Session May 8th
- Family Sunday May 21st
- June – Stewardship

Ministry & Personnel – nothing to report

Membership – nothing to report

Outreach

- The last 3 funerals the lunch was served at other facilities; this is a lot of work. Should we be charging more when lunch is requested in other venues or should we only be serving in our own building.
- Lona will discuss this with the other women and get their opinion on the matter. We will table our discussion until next meeting.
- Got a text from Sandra Hodgins that the spring supper (lasagna, caesar salad, garlic toast and chocolate skor cake) is being organized for Sunday May 14th.

Lona Benson made the **motion** and Val Mohan **seconded** that we go ahead with the spring supper take-out on Sunday May 14th with Sandra Hodgins as convener. The charge will be \$25/adult and for ages 10 and under \$10. **Carried. #04-26**

Properties & Manse

- There is a light that is burned out in the Sanctuary
- Lift has been fixed
- LED bulbs were bought by Bob Mickleborough
- Spotlight burned out in sanctuary

Audio Visual

Merv reported that he had reorganized the AV system and expressed the pious belief that it was finally working properly. System changes were:

- New Elgato video capture device installed
- DVD recorder and associated components removed and system changed from old RCA AV wiring to HDMI. As everything is now on YouTube there is no need for the DVD. This allows better picture quality and eliminates a major source of problems.
- The WiFi access point was found to be the source of connection problem so was removed and replaced by Ethernet wiring all the way from the office to the balcony.
- The old access point seems to work well enough to handle downloads from the net. Therefore it was reinstalled in office to feed internet content to the PowerPoint computer.

Minister's Report

1. Home Visits – 2 video calls with Grimes family; met with Stevenson family; met Grimes family at church; met McDonald family at church
2. Nursing Home Visits – Herb Stevenson, Lynn/Cliff Warren, Alanna Marble, Jean McIvor, Jack & Lil Britton,
3. Funerals – Kenny McDonald; Dollie Grimes
4. Update from General Council
 - a. A decision regarding DLM's is supposed to happen in October
5. Update from Regional Council
 - a. Check Regional Rambler
6. Discussion on services – Palm Sunday; Easter Sunday

7. Upcoming worship services
 - a. Holy Humour Sunday
 - b. Pentecost Sunday – May 28th – Doreen and Mervin in PA for Regional Meeting and Dave will be covering the service
 - c. Next communion?
8. Special Service:
 - a. Do we have any grads this year? Val will check list of graduates.
 - b. When do we want to have the special service for them? Sunday June 18th.
 - c. Do we want to give the same thing as last year (book, notebook and pen)?
9. Other:
 - a. Completed training of Sacramental Elders
 - b. Lenten Lunches did very well with attendance and financially
 - c. Met with the ministers from Kyle/Elrose, Kindersley, Rosetown and Beechy to have lunch and talk
 - d. I was able to have fun with the Pre-School children talking to them about Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday. We also did a craft.
 - e. I have been busy in the community with Lions 95 and the Legion. Dave and I attended the Maundy Thursday service, Walk of the Cross and Stations of the Cross during Holy Week.

Moved by Dave Hewitson, **seconded** by Val Mohan that these reports be accepted as presented.
Carried. #04-27

New Business

- Website: Doreen had a list of changes for our website; Dianne will get the website updated.
- Wayne went over the ‘Seeds of Hope’ grant. There is quite a process for application.

Moved by Cliff Olorenshaw, **seconded** by Wayne Sinclair that this meeting be adjourned at 8:50 p.m.
Carried. #04-28