

St. Andrew's United Church Session Meeting
Tuesday, March 14, 2023

St. Andrew's United Church Session meeting was held Tuesday, March 14th in the Heritage room at 7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Val Mohan, Lacey Owens, Kristin Wagner

Lona Benson called the meeting to order. Lona asked for nominations for chairperson. Wayne Sinclair nominated Mervin Hanson as chairperson. Cliff Olorenshaw **seconded**. **Carried. #03-15**

Devotion: Brenda Ormsby read devotion "Take Time"

Adoption of Agenda: **Moved** by Sandra Hodgins, **seconded** by Cliff Olorenshaw that the agenda be adopted as presented. **Carried. #03-16**

Adoption of the Minutes: **Moved** by Dave Hewitson, **seconded** by Lona Benson that the minutes of the February 14th, 2023 meeting adopted as printed. **Carried. #03-17**

Business arising from the Minutes: none

Correspondence:

- Letter from the Music Festival committee; they will not be asking for scholarship donations this year as they continued to receive generous donations during the past three years

Stewardship Report

- Relatively same as last year at this time with a slight increase in local givings and around \$3500.00 increase in expenses

Moved by Wayne Sinclair, **seconded** by Sandra Hodgins that we accept the Stewardship Report. **Carried. #03-18**

Committee Reports:

C.E. – nothing to report

Worship

- Lent service on Thursday March 23rd; United Church
- Family Sunday February 19th
- April – Outreach
- Palm Sunday April 2nd
- Easter Sunday/Communion April 9th
- Session April 11th

- Holy Humour/Family Sunday April 16th
- Sunday April 23rd Gloria Prentice will lead us in worship
- May – Christian Education

Ministry & Personnel – nothing to report

Membership – nothing to report

Outreach

- A funeral for Dollie Grimes on Saturday April 8th and one more Lenten lunch on Thursday March 23rd

Properties & Manse

- There is a light that is burned out in the Sanctuary
- Lift door does not close
- Front door to the sanctuary was shaved off and now closes
- Roof of the room left of the choir loft is leaking

Minister's Report

1. Visits – 6 hospital visits; 2 home visits; 6 Lodge visits
2. I am still in Saskatoon at the DLM learning circle. This has been a wonderful learning experience for me, too.
3. Upcoming worship services and events:
 - a. Sunday, March 19 – Lent 4
 - b. Sunday, March 26 – Lent 5
 - c. Sunday, April 2 – Palm Sunday (palm branches from Catholic church)
 - d. Friday, April 7 – Good Friday (9:00 walk of the cross followed by Stations of the Cross at Catholic Church)
 - e. Sunday, April 9 – Easter Sunday (communion)
 - f. Sunday, April 16 – Holy Humour Sunday
4. Ministerial
 - a. Lenten Lunches – will be held at the Catholic Church for 2023.
 - Lent 4 – March 16 – Catholic
 - Lent 5 – March 23 – United – Doreen
 - Lent 6 – March 30 – College
 - Good Friday – April 7 – Walk of the cross will start at 9:00 at Full Gospel and we will walk to Jubilee Lodge and sing some hymns (30 minutes). Following that we will continue the walk to Sacred Heart. Churches can then stay and do the Stations of the Cross or go to their own church for worship.

Other –

- a) I have been helping with the Sacramental Elders course, which is being held via Zoom on Wednesday evenings. I presented the information on Baptism. Tomorrow Piotr will be presenting information on Communion. We have our final gathering next Wednesday, March 22.
- b) On March 28 I have been invited to be with the pre-school children to teach them about Easter. I will be using my Resurrection Eggs and providing a craft for them to do related to Easter.

Moved by Brenda Ormsby, **seconded** by Wayne Sinclair that these reports be accepted as presented.
Carried. #03-19

New Business

- Piano tuner will be here tomorrow
- Nancy Stevenson and Heather McIntyre are off session; Isaac Hintze is our new member and will be on the Properties & Manse and the Stewardship committees.
- Now that Nancy is off session we are looking for someone that would be willing to attend the ministerial meetings with Doreen
- Mervin suggested that we form a committee that would be responsible for the audio in our church

Lona made a **motion** that we form another committee ‘Audio Visual Committee’ with the following as part of the committee: Mervin Hanson, Isaac Hintze and Wayne Sinclair. Cliff **seconded**.
Carried. #03-20

- Had a discussion on changing date of the session meetings; suggested changing it from 2nd Tuesday of the month to the 2nd Monday of the month

Sandra Hodgins made a **motion** that we change our meetings to the second Monday of the month. Isaac Hintze **seconded**. **Carried. #03-21**

Moved by Cliff Olorenshaw, **seconded** by Sandra Hodgins that this meeting be adjourned at 8:19 p.m.
Carried. #03-22