

St. Andrew's United Church Session Meeting
Monday, May 8, 2023

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

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

Absent: Kristin Wagner

Devotion: Mervin Hanson read from Viktor Frankl's book "Man's Search for Meaning"

Adoption of Agenda: **Moved** by Brenda Ormsby, **seconded** by Wayne Sinclair that the agenda be adopted as presented. **Carried. #05-29**

Adoption of the Minutes: **Moved** by Wayne Sinclair, **seconded** by Cliff Olorenshaw that the minutes of the April 10th, 2023 meeting adopted as printed. **Carried. #05-30**

Business arising from the Minutes: none

Correspondence: none

Stewardship Report

- Income is around \$3,500.00 more this year compared to last year
- Expenses are around \$6,000.00 more which makes us about \$2,500.00 worse off this year compared to same time last year

Moved by Wayne Sinclair, **seconded** by Sandra Hodgins that we accept the Stewardship Report. **Carried. #05-31**

Committee Reports:

C.E. – nothing to report

Worship

- Family Sunday May 21st
- Dave will lead in worship Sunday May 28th
- June - Stewardship
- Session June 12th
- Father's day/Grad/Family Sunday June 18th
- Dave will lead in worship Sunday June 25th

Ministry & Personnel – nothing to report

Membership – nothing to report

Outreach

- Everything is covered for the 'spring supper' on May 14th. Sold 86 meals so far.
- Group of 8 women met and created 2 groups that will alternate planning funeral lunches. They also discussed increasing the price per plate and having an extra charge for when lunch is being served at another venue.

Val Mohan made the **motion** that we increase the amount we charge for funeral lunches from \$4/plate to \$5/plate and add an additional flat rate of \$100.00 for serving lunch at another venue. Dave Hewitson **seconded. Carried. #05-32**

Properties & Manse

- Took cover off air conditioner at the manse
- Need to check out stove at manse and the outside door
- Looking at patching the cracks in the church
- Mervin made a sign to be put outside during funerals etc. so folks are aware of where entrance to elevator is located.

Audio Visual

- Everything is working

Minister's Report

1. Home Visits – none this time. I will be contacting people this week to set up home visits with Dave so we can meet those who are on our list and we haven't met yet.
2. Nursing Home Visits – will be there this Thursday
3. Funerals – Herb Stevenson (with Greg Cooper)
4. Update from General Council
 - a. I am now the vice-chair of the Prairie Candidacy Board
 - b. General Council is looking for nominations for open positions
 - c. May 11 is the Moose Hide Campaign to bring awareness to end the violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGTQ+ people.
5. Update from Regional Council
 - a. Mervin and I are registered for the Regional Meeting, which runs from May 25 to 28 in Prince Albert
 - b. Regional council is looking for volunteers to serve on various committees
 - c. M&P Committee training session will be held in June. Contact Bev Diebert to indicate your preference for evening or daytime sessions.
 - d. Summer camping season is coming and there are openings for counsellors and they are taking registrations for campers at all six of the camps in the Living Skies Region.
6. Discussion on services – Holy Humour – Annual event? Yes; people really enjoy this service!
7. Upcoming worship services
 - a. Christian Family Sunday (Mother's Day) – May 14
 - b. Family Sunday – May 21
 - c. Pentecost Sunday – May 28 – Doreen in Prince Albert for Regional Meeting and Dave will be covering the service
8. Special Service:
 - a. Grad Sunday June 18
 - b. I will order books this week

Moved by Isaac Hintze, **seconded** by Lona Benson that these reports be accepted as presented. **Carried. #05-33**

New Business - none

Moved by Cliff Olorenshaw, **seconded** by Wayne Sinclair that this meeting be adjourned at 8:11 p.m. **Carried. #05-34**