St. Andrew's United Church Session Meeting Tuesday November 9, 2021

St. Andrew's United Church Session meeting was held Tuesday November 9th, 2021 in the Heritage room at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Lona Benson, Heather McIntyre, Dave Hewitson, Mervin Hanson, Wayne Sinclair,

Doreen Hewitson, Dianne Anderson, Brenda Ormsby, Kristin Wagner and Cliff

Olorenshaw

Absent: Nancy Stevenson, Val Mohan, Sandra Hodgins and Lacey Owens

Devotion: Brenda Ormsby read devotion 'A Deck of Cards' on behalf of Outreach

<u>Adoption of Agenda:</u> Moved by Lona Benson, seconded by Heather McIntyre that the agenda be adopted as presented. **Carried.** #11-78

<u>Adoption of the Minutes:</u> Moved by Brenda Ormsby, seconded by Cliff Olorenshaw that the minutes of the October 12th, 2021 meeting are adopted as printed with the following amendment: Don Meikle will give a presentation on Sunday December 5th through Zoom not Skype. **Carried.** #11-79

Business arising from the Minutes: chairs – will wait for report from Sandra Hodgins

Correspondence: none

Stewardship Report:

- expenses are up by about \$13,000.00; income is down \$7,700.00; which makes us about \$20,700.00 worse off than last year at this time

Last year considering everything going on with covid-19 we did not send out letters for our fall canvas. It was felt we should send out letters this year considering we have a new minister and things are once again happening in our church. Doreen would like to hand deliver as many as possible for those in town and the rest Dianne would mail.

Moved by Wayne Sinclair **seconded** by Kristin Wagner that the Stewardship report be accepted as presented. **Carried.** #11-80

Committee Reports:

C.E. none

Worship – had the Covenanting service on Sunday November 7th

- Dave will lead worship on Nov. 14th
- Pat Johnston will play piano on Nov. 14th
- will have a meeting with Doreen to go over Christmas planning
- Communion on November 28th; Advent 1
- White Gift Dec. 5th
- Blue Christmas service on Thursday Dec. 16th at the United Church at 7p.m.
- Christmas Eve service at 7p.m.
- no Church service on Sunday Dec. 26th

Ministry & Personnel - none

Membership - none

<u>Outreach</u> – will serve lunch at the Full Gospel Church following the service for Dr. Holmes; only 165 allowed in the hall for lunch

Properties & Manse - blew out the underground sprinklers

- light out in office
- furnace filters need to be changed

Minister's report

- as part of the Regional Council Lay Worship Leadership Committee I participated in two LLWL interviews
- had a successful take out dinner and auction
- officiated at the burial of urns for the Stevenson family
- was unable to lead a worship service at the Lodge due to illness, I had everything ready so Dave stepped in and did it for me
- I have met with Karen Holmes several times to discuss Dr. Holmes' funeral
- prepared and helped plan the covenanting service with St. Andrew's UC; thank you to all who came and participated
- I am currently on study leave hoping to get the planning done for the Advent and Christmas services while preparing the funeral for Dr. Holmes
- would like to meet with the worship committee to review what I have planned for Advent and Christmas

Moved by Cliff Olorenshaw, **seconded** by Wayne Sinclair that these reports be accepted as presented. **Carried.** #11-81

New Business:

- Pat Johnston needs a key for C.E. building; Brenda will get her one

Had a discussion on whether we would need our church for overflow during the service for Dr. Holmes; Mervin and Dave will be at the church in case it is needed.

Moved by Cliff Olorenshaw that this meeting be adjourned at 8:24 p.m. Lona Benson **seconded.** #11-82