

St. Andrew's United Church Session Meeting
Tuesday January 11, 2022

St. Andrew's United Church Session meeting was held Tuesday January 11th, 2022 in the Heritage room at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mervin Hanson, Val Mohan, Lona Benson, Heather McIntyre, Doreen Hewitson, Dave Hewitson, Sandra Hodgins, Cliff Olorenshaw and Wayne Sinclair

Absent: Kristin Wagner, Dianne Anderson, Nancy Stevenson, Brenda Ormsby and Lacey Owens

Devotion: Mervin Hanson read devotion on behalf of Properties & Manse

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

Adoption of the Minutes: Moved by Wayne Sinclair, **seconded** by Sandra Hodgins that the minutes of the December 14th, 2021 meeting are adopted as printed. **Carried. #01-02**

Business arising from the Minutes:

Financial grants – Wayne has submitted all the required information and was told he would hear back in the New Year

Fire Department Tour – Cliff reported that our fire extinguishers need to be certified and inspected annually

Chairs – Sandra was unable to find the discussed chairs at Costco; Wayne will check the Regina Costco this coming weekend

Moved by Lona Benson, **seconded** by Sandra Hodgins that Wayne Sinclair be authorized to purchase chairs for the church at what he feels is a reasonable price, should he find some. **Carried. #01-03**

DLM program changes: Mervin reported that he and Doreen met and discussed the seriousness of the changes. He passed out copies of his draft proposed response. Session members discussed and will read over the draft and send input to Mervin ASAP. Reconfirmed agreement and approval for Mervin to continue forward and send our response as soon as possible – the sooner the better – and to as many groups as necessary. Doreen will also share our response with her DLM Communities through various social media.

Correspondence: - email from General Council (discuss with New Business)

Stewardship Report:

- presented with our yearend financial numbers
- local giving was approximately \$10,700.00 less, however, our fundraisers totalled approximately \$5,700.00 more than last year
- 2021 budget surplus of \$10,696.39
- 2022 budget preparation will include significantly higher expenses in relation to full-time ministry wages but lower expenses re: moving expenses
- EGADZ; we had a good response from the congregation and sent close to \$1,000.00 at Christmas

Moved by Wayne Sinclair, **seconded** by Cliff Olorenshaw that the Stewardship report be accepted as presented. **Carried. #01-04**

Committee Reports:

C.E. Doreen has had good feedback and response to the Worship bulletins she has been printing for the children each week

Worship

Family Sunday – January 16th (Properties & Manse in charge)

February – Membership is in charge (Session on February 8th and Family Sunday on the 20th)

Moved by Lona Benson, **seconded** by Heather McIntyre that we pre-order 50 carnations for Mother's Day. **Carried. #01- 05**

Ministry & Personnel – Doreen's 2021-22 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) vacation and study leave dates were submitted to and approved by M & P

2021-22 Vacation:

Week 1 Wed, Sept 22 to Wed, Sept 29, 2021 (5 days)

Week 2 Sun, Oct 17 to Wed, Oct 20, 2021 (3 days)

Week 3 Mon, May 2 to Sun, May 8, 2022 (5 days)

Week 4 Mon, May 23 to Sun, May 29, 2022 (5 days)

Week 5 Mon, June 27 to Sun, July 3, 2022 (5 days) 23 days for the 2021-22 year

2021-22 Study Leave:

Week 1 Mon, Nov 8 – Sun, Nov 14, 2021 (5 days)

Week 2 Tues, Feb 22 – Sun, Feb 27, 2022 (5 days)

Week 3 Mon, Jun 20 – Sun, June 26, 2022 (5 days) 15 days (3 weeks) for 2021-22 year

Week 1 of Doreen's 2022-2023 vacation time was submitted to and approved by M & P

Week 1 Mon, July 4 – Sunday, July 10, 2022 (5 days) Week 1 for the 2022-23 year

- Dave is available to do our February and May services while Doreen is away
- Annual meeting with Doreen and Dianne taking place on January 18th

Membership – Nothing to report

Outreach – Lona reported that when we are asked to hold a funeral lunch at the Plus 50 building, we are not responsible for moving and /or taking down tables and chairs; that is included in the rental fees paid by the family

Properties & Manse - they are checking into the purchase of new kitchen sink taps from Eston Sheet Metal

Minister's report

- Blue Christmas service went well; thank you extended to Lona for doing the lunch
- Christmas Eve service received positive feedback on the style of presentation for Communion (grapes and rice crackers) will use this same style for Easter Communion

Moved by Val Mohan, **seconded** by Heather McIntyre that these reports be accepted as presented.
Carried. #01-06

New Business:

Annual Congregational Meeting:

Moved by Cliff Olorenshaw, **seconded** by Sandra Hodgins that we hold our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday April 3, 2022 at the end of the regular church service. **Carried. #01-07**

Letter from Living Sky Regional Council – Mervin read this letter (dated January 11, 2022). They recommended we consider reduced gatherings and gathering sizes, holding remote services/gatherings, and a reminder to uphold all recommended health mandates. The letter included the Zoom link to their planned Zoom meeting on Wednesday, January 12th for anyone interested in joining in. Discussion was held.

Moved by Lona Benson, **seconded** by Cliff Olorenshaw that we continue our regular in-person services and that we cancel our January Family Sunday lunch. We will revisit the Family Sunday lunch in February. **Carried. #01-08**

Moved by Cliff Olorenshaw, **seconded** by Sandra Hodgins that this meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m. **Carried. #01-09**