

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

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

Present: Mervin Hanson, Nancy Stevenson, Lona Benson, Cliff Olorenshaw, Dave Hewitson, Heather McIntyre, Wayne Sinclair, Brenda Ormsby, Val Mohan, Doreen Hewitson, Dianne Anderson

Absent: Donna Code, Lacey Owens, Sandra Hodgins, Kristin Wagner

Devotion: Doreen Hewitson read devotion

Adoption of Agenda: **Moved** by Val Mohan, **seconded** by Nancy Stevenson that the agenda be adopted as presented. **Carried. #10-50**

Adoption of the Minutes: **Moved** by Brenda Ormsby, **seconded** by Dave Hewitson that the minutes of the September 13th, 2022 meeting are adopted as printed. **Carried. #10-51**

Business arising from the Minutes:

- chairs are here
- natural gas leak has been fixed

Community Meal (freewill offering): This was discussed at our last meeting and was taken to the last Ministerial meeting. Each church would take a turn serving a meal for the community (possibly 6 months of the year). The Legion has offered the use of their facility. The United Church would organize the first one in December. We will wait to find out what the other churches think about this idea.

Last meeting we discussed making up a brochure that would let the community know what programs we offer.

Lona Benson made a **motion** that we have Doreen put together a brochure that would be distributed to the community. Cliff Olorenshaw **seconded**. **Carried. #10-52**

Correspondence: - received a thank you from Coulson Hallborg for the grad gift

Stewardship Report:

- we currently are in a deficit of \$38,600.00 which is about \$4,300.00 less than last year at this time
- income is down about \$2,200.00

Moved by Wayne Sinclair, **seconded** by Dave Hewitson that the Stewardship report be accepted as presented. **Carried. #10-53**

Committee Reports:

C.E. had our first bereavement group; changed name to emotional support group and will get together on the first Tuesday of each month

Worship

- Properties & Manse - October
- Family Sunday – October 16
- Outreach – November

- Fall Supper – November 6
- Family Sunday – November 20
- Ministry & Personnel – December
- Blue Christmas – December 21 at the Full Gospel Church

Ministry & Personnel – Doreen has requested study leave from November 7 – November 13

- Things are going well with Veronica.

Membership – haven't got together to go through the membership books

- did go through the elder's list and updated it

Outreach – none

Properties & Manse

- chairs were \$30/each; purchased 20 – Kristin Wagner will look into building a rack for storage
- lights need changing in preschool room
- lights were changed in the sanctuary with LED bulbs
- water lines need to be blown out
- air conditioners need to be covered
- discussed options for the entrance of C.E. building regarding mats

Lona Benson made a **motion** that we allow Cliff to decide what would work best for the entrance to the C.E. building. Wayne Sinclair **seconded**. **Carried. #10-54**

Minister's report:

- 1 home visit
- have requested one week of study leave from Nov. 7 – 13; Dave has agreed to cover for me
- Tracy Murton, Personnel Minister at Living Skies Regional Council met with DLM's to discuss their concerns which will be forwarded to the General Council Executive for consideration
- I am currently serving on the GC Mental Health Network which meets monthly
- there is a new digital music platform being developed by General Council which will be known as "Then Let Us Sing"
- Regional Council is looking for a DLM to serve on the Prairie Candidacy Board. I am interested. I have volunteered to be a guest interviewer for their November interview times.
- Eston College is not committing to Lodge services this year so there will not be services at the Lodge on the 2nd or 5th Thursdays of the month.

Moved by Cliff Olorenshaw, **seconded** by Nancy Stevenson that these reports be accepted as presented. **Carried. #10-55**

New Business:

- Donna Code has resigned from session
- Cliff and Wayne got together and went over last year's auction; will phone some folks to see if they would like to donate again this year
- Doreen talked about the Prairie Candidacy Board; there would be 2 interviews every quarter

Cliff Olorenshaw made a **motion** that we allow Doreen to be on the Prairie Candidacy Board. Val **seconded**. **Carried. #10-56**

Moved by Cliff Olorenshaw, **seconded** by Wayne Sinclair that this meeting be adjourned at 8:38 p.m. **Carried. #10-57**