

**St. Andrew's United Church Session Meeting**  
**Tuesday January 10, 2023**

St. Andrew's United Church Session meeting was held Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in the Heritage room at 7:30 p.m.

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

**Absent:** Sandra Hodgins, Brenda Ormsby, Lacey Owens, Kristin Wagner

**Devotion:** Cliff read devotion

**Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Val Mohan, **seconded** by Wayne Sinclair that the agenda be adopted as presented. **Carried. #01-01**

**Adoption of the Minutes:** Moved by Lona Benson, **seconded** by Dave Hewitson that the minutes of the December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting are adopted as printed. **Carried. #01-02**

**Business arising from the Minutes:**

- Cliff will mention to Patsy Reynolds that snow needs to be removed by 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings
- 12 more folding chairs have been purchased
- will collect items for EGADZ up to the second week in February

**Correspondence:** - none

**Stewardship Report:**

- we ended up in the black with a net income of \$993.83
- our expenses were around \$2,600.00 more than last year
- our overall income was around \$5,000.00 less than last year; did not do as well on the online auction this year but local giving was roughly the same

Moved by Wayne Sinclair, **seconded** by Dave Hewitson that the Stewardship report be accepted as presented. **Carried. #01-03**

**Committee Reports:**

**C.E.** none

**Worship**

- \*January is Stewardship's month
- \*January 23 – 30 Doreen is off; Dave will lead worship on Sunday Jan. 29
- \*February is Membership's month
- \*February 14 – Session
- \*February 19 – Family Sunday
- \*February 21 – Shrove Tuesday

**Ministry & Personnel** – none

**Membership** – Dave mentioned that United Church of Canada statistics show that roughly 20% of members usually attend church; of our 181 members we typically see 35 in the pews

**Outreach** – had muffin morning at the school this month

- was approached by a member of our church regarding hotdogs on family Sunday; considering there are no kids is it necessary to serve hotdogs? It was the general consensus of the board that it's not hard to do and we would continue with only 2 dozen instead of 3 that we had been doing.

### **Properties & Manse**

- nothing to report

### **Minister's report:**

-Visits – several home visits, in-person visits and telephone calls.

-I will be away from the afternoon of January 30 to the evening of February 1 for Candidacy Board Interviews in Saskatoon.

-Study Leave Requests (reading week) – January 23 to 29; June 26 to July 2 – Dave will do pulpit supply.

-Vacation Time Request – April 19 to May 3 – pulpit supply needed.

Upcoming worship services and events:

- a. Sunday, February 12 – EGADZ Sunday
- b. Tuesday, February 21 – Shrove Tuesday lunch
- c. Wednesday, February 22 – Ash Wednesday
- d. Sunday, February 26 – Lent 1 (**Communion & Ashes?**)
- e. Sunday, March 5 – Lent 2
- f. Sunday, March 12 – Lent 3
- g. Sunday, March 19 – Lent 4
- h. Sunday, March 26 – Lent 5
- i. Sunday, April 2 – Palm Sunday (**palm branches?**)
- j. Thursday, April 6 – Maundy Thursday (**potluck with devotions?**)
- k. Friday, April 7 – Good Friday (**worship service?**)
- l. Sunday, April 9 – Easter Sunday (**communion?**)
- m. Sunday, April 16 – Holy Humour Sunday (**same as last year?**)

Ministerial: Lenten Lunches – will be held at the Catholic Church for 2023.

We are meeting this Thursday to discuss Lenten scripture and Good Friday walk of the cross.

**Moved** by Val Mohan, **seconded** by Nancy Stevenson that these reports be accepted as presented.

**Carried. #01-04**

### **New Business:**

- Brenda will look after Shrove Tuesday (February 21<sup>st</sup>)

- will go back to having coffee on Sunday mornings; Doreen and Dave will look after the first couple of Sundays

- Annual Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup> during the morning service

- Nancy and Heather will be going off Session as it is their second term

Doreen would like to send letter to our members which would include a special Easter offering envelope.

Lona made a **motion** that we allow Doreen to order some special Easter offering envelopes. Dave Hewitson **seconded**. **Carried. #01-05**

**Moved** by Cliff Olorenshaw, **seconded** by Wayne Sinclair that this meeting be adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

**Carried. #01-06**