

St. Andrew's United Church Session Meeting
Tuesday, February 14, 2023

St. Andrew's United Church Session meeting was held Tuesday, February 14th in the Heritage room at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Heather McIntyre, Lona Benson, Dave Hewitson, Brenda Ormsby, Wayne Sinclair, Cliff Olorenshaw, Val Mohan, Mervin Hanson, Doreen Hewitson and Isaac Hintze joined as a guest.

Absent: Sandra Hodgins, Lacey Owens, Kristin Wagner, Nancy Stevenson and Dianne Anderson.

Devotion: Dave Hewitson read a devotion from "God's Little Devotion Book"

Adoption of Agenda: **Moved** by Val Mohan, **seconded** by Lona Benson that the agenda be adopted as presented. **Carried. #02-07**

Adoption of the Minutes: **Moved** by Wayne Sinclair, **seconded** by Heather McIntyre that the minutes of the January 10th, 2023 meeting adopted as printed. **Carried. #02-08**

Business arising from the Minutes:

- Our collection for EGADZ did very well. The items may be taken to them by Shari Gardiner and Claire Heron when they go again.
- Change in dates for Doreen's study leave in June from June 26 to July 2 to June 19 to 25. Dave will do pulpit supply June 25
- Shrove Tuesday is looked after by Brenda O and crew
- Letter for all members to include a special Easter offering envelope was presented to Session. The letter looked good as it was. Additional information to be added is the date of the Annual Meeting and information about our on-line services.

Correspondence:

- A thank you note was received from Dave and Doreen Hewitson for the Christmas gifts and support during Dave's illness

Stewardship Report

- Doreen and Dave were asked to leave the meeting while discussion was held regarding budgeted salaries for employees.
- In-camera discussion outlining the M&P meeting with Stewardship regarding the budgeted salaries were presented to Session as there were changes to all:
 - Custodian – 6 hours per week at \$27 per hour
 - Secretary – 6 hours per week at \$25 per hour (M&P were told years ago that Dianne couldn't pay into the pension but she will continue to be included in pension with less hours.)
 - Minister - \$47,000 per year (3.4% UCC required minimum plus a bit)
- Doreen and Dave returned to the meeting and the remainder of the balanced budget was presented:

- Local revenue expected at \$98,000
- Fundraising \$18,000 which means we will need an additional fundraiser to meet the rising costs of the church
- Doreen brought up the issue of the Regional Meeting in 2023 which was not budgeted for. Prior to re-organization of the UCC this was the SK Conference. Doreen will be attending the Regional meeting and the \$\$ will be allocated accordingly.

Moved by Wayne Sinclair, **seconded** by Lona Benson that we accept the 2023 budget as prepared by the Stewardship Committee. **Carried. #02-09**

Moved by Wayne Sinclair, **seconded** by Heather McIntyre that we accept the Stewardship Report. **Carried. #02-10**

Committee Reports:

C.E. – nothing to report

Worship

- Family Sunday February 19th. Membership responsible.
- Shrove Tuesday February 21st.
- Communion on February 26th using small glasses of juice and rice cakes
- Annual meeting March 5th. Be sure to have a table, 2 chairs and a microphone set up at the front of the sanctuary
- Next session meeting March 14th
- March 19th Family Sunday. M&P responsible
- Lona asked about carnations for Mother's Day. It was decided to make a donation instead.

Moved by Lona Benson, **seconded** by Dave Hewitson to make a donation of \$150 to Breast Cancer for Mother's Day. **Carried. #02-11**

- Lona is still looking for pulpit supply for April 23 as the arrangements she had fell through

Ministry & Personnel

- Met with Stewardship to discuss employee salaries
- Val and Sandy met with Dianne and Doreen for their annual check in. All is well.
- Veronica has requested the purchase of a stick vacuum
- Jaime Smith will be covering for Veronica while she is on vacation

Moved by Lona Benson, **seconded** by Cliff Olorenshaw that Veronica be given permission to purchase a stick vacuum for up to \$200. **Carried. #02-12**

Membership

- Dave and Heather met to review the membership roll and prepare the report for the Annual meeting

Outreach

- A funeral is being scheduled for Dollie Grimes on April 8th. More details to come once Doreen has met with the family

Properties & Manse

- The hinges on the back door of the manse have been repaired
- The hot water faucet at the manse has had a washer replaced
- There is a light out in the sanctuary. We are waiting until there are more than 2 before we ask Cliff Warren to come in to climb the ladder to change them.
- The new paint on the steps at the entrance to the office is starting to peel. Mervin returned to where he purchased the paint and found that the vendor had given him the wrong product for priming. New primer and paint were provided at no cost by the vendor and the steps will be stripped and painted again in nicer weather.

Minister's Report

- Did 8 home visits and 2 lodge visits since last meeting
- Interviewed on February 18th for position on DLM leadership team and was accepted as a teaching assistant for the program. She will be at the DLM learning circle from March 6 to 16 helping. She will return on March 12th to lead worship
- Changed the dates for study leave in June
- Good Friday walk of the cross will begin at 9:30 from Full Gospel church. We will walk to the Lodge, sing some hymns then proceed to Sacred Heart Church for the Stations of the Cross
- We have purchased 5 palm branches from Sacred Heart for our use. They have also provided some from last year that we can burn to have ashes for the first Sunday of Lent
- We will serve communion the 1st Sunday of Lent and on Easter Sunday
- Lenten Lunches on Thursdays beginning February 23. St. Andrew's is responsible for March 9 and March 23.
- The Easter offering request and information letter was read and revised.

Moved by Wayne Sinclair, **seconded** by Heather McIntyre that these reports be accepted as presented.
Carried. #02-13

New Business

- Annual Meeting
 - Nominations are required
 - We need officers for our meeting – Brenda Ormsby offered to be secretary if she is here with Val Mohan offering to do it should Brenda not be available. Lona will ask Jeanette McLeod if she would consider chairing the meeting
 - The question of whether the meeting would be in-camera was held. It was decided that it would be
 - The annual meeting will be held during worship
 - A table, 2 chairs and a microphone will need to be set up at the front of the sanctuary prior to the service. Mervin will take care of this
- A reminder that all committee reports for the annual meeting report need to be to Dianne by February 22, 2023.
- Fundraising ideas were raised:
 - Spuds and splits (baked potato and ice cream)
 - Bakeless bake sale
 - Lasagna dinner

- Doreen began working on a new website and found that we would not be able to keep our current URL unless we had a monthly subscription. It was decided that it would be better to revamp our current website and get it updated
- Wayne looked into the Amazon Prime Giving Fund and found that it is being discontinued
- Wayne received information regarding United Church of Canada insurance program. After discussion it was decided to continue our insurance with Co-Operators.
- Doreen looked into Fundscrip which is a gift card program that doesn't cost anything to belong to. Members would purchase gift cards through the church and the church would get a return on the purchase.

Moved by Cliff Olorenshaw, **seconded** by Wayne Sinclair that this meeting be adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Carried. #02-14