**EASTSIDE PROGRAM CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 28, 2021**

**PROGRAM MEETING NOTICE:** Notice for this meeting was part of the weekly announcements which are sent via email to Eastside members. As well, the meeting notice was given at the church services, being done via Zoom, the last three Sundays.

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:26 by Sarah Tkachuk.

1. **Motion to allow adherents to vote.**

Moved by Carol Hein. Seconded by Brian Mitchell-Walker. Carried.

1. **Motion to adopt the agenda.**

Two minor corrections were made to agenda. Adoption of revised agenda moved by Elaine Hill. Seconded by Sam Baidoo. Carried.

1. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the June 14, 2020 Congregational Meeting.**

Moved by Bonnie Yake. Seconded by Ken Powers. Carried.

1. **Living Spirit Council Report – Bonnie Yake**

A number of LSCC meetings were held over 2020. Sub-committees met with the city about the dog park, no decision yet by the city. The LSC closed its doors for worship and meetings on March 21, 2020 because of COVID-19. Both Bread of Life and St. Philips had a few in-person worships although have not been doing any for some time. Munch is still doing some catering and the Arcola Wellness Centre have still been renting and using the building a bit. Bonnie advised that Munch still does catering and lunches which can be ordered by anyone, Wednesday is soup day. The decision was made to continue with online worship services, along with in-person, once we can start again. Audiovisual equipment was purchased by the LSC in order to help with that. Bonnie thanked all the LSC volunteers and committees, highlighting Property and Maintenance and the great job they do, and thanked Brian Abrahamson for all his work. Our custodian has also done some maintenance work. Brian Abrahamson, who has been a member of the committee for quite a few years, is looking for a replacement for himself. Bonnie also thanked Jim and Anita for looking after our financial matters. We would like to have a farewell party for St. Philips at some point, as it is being replaced by the consolidated Anglican churches in Regina. The consolidated churches are called Immanuel Parish. They have accepted our invitation to use our facility and are currently calling it a Satellite location as they continue to determine with us what the relationship will be.

We are looking for new people to serve on the Living Spirit Council and, if anyone is interested, let Bonnie know.

Q1. Could you let us know what the current status is with Immanuel?

A1. They have committed to continue paying St. Philip’s portion of the LSC and will be providing representation on the LSCC and the Property & Maintenance Committee. Also, a small committee from all three LSC churches, will be doing further exploration on the relationship. They haven’t chosen their main location yet and may have other satellites. Still decisions to be made. They have four clergy and two representatives from each church on the Immanuel Parish task force.

Russell announced that Nancy Yee submitted her resignation.

1. **Finance Report – Jim Fallows (presented by Sarah)**

Jim was unable to attend so Sarah provided the report based on the information provided by Jim. The revenues received in 2020 were high compared to recent years. Part of that were one-time gifts by people. The Operating budget was under budget but a good portion of that was due to the reimbursement received for Russell’s salary. The overall surplus was just over $17,000.00. A recommendation was made by the Leadership Team to set $17,000.00 aside for the mortgage, which will take pressure off the regular expenses. The LeadershipTeam has been doing its best to keep the congregation up-to-date with frequent updates. The year ended with a bank balance of $58,550. Our share of the mortgage fluctuates, depending on our percentage commitment to the LSC.

Q1. Can we not just pay down our portion of the mortgage?

A1. Because there are three partners inputting to this, one partner cannot pay down their portion without the other partners doing the same.

Q2. Is the money that is set-aside in an interest-bearing account?

A2. No, it is just set-aside on the books.

***Greg Thomas moved that the financial report be accepted. 2nd by Anita Tessier. Carried.***

***Carol Hein moved that $17,000.00 be reserved for future mortgage payments. 2nd by Delia Baidoo. Carried.***

Reviewed the 2021 budget. The percentage of our contribution to the LSC has increased, due to our increased revenues in comparison to the other two congregations. Over the next year, we must be careful to ensure we meet our obligations and do not get behind.

Sarah thanked the Gratitude committee for all their work.

Reviewed the chart regarding the mortgage and how much the mortgage has been paid down. The powerpoint pie chart slide on Eastside’s givers was reviewed. We no longer get any grants from the national church, which means counting on the community to support our costs. Median giving is about $1,200.00. About half our revenue is received via PAR so balance must come from envelopes, direct deposit or online. Anyone interested in going on PAR, contact office.

Russell advised that the Outreach activities are no longer being funded by the Living Skies Region, so will need more support directly by the churches. The Leadership Team has directed some support from our budget to that ministry. There may be fundraising that is directed to Outreach. Donations can be directed to these, if members wish to make separate donations to Outreach. Russell will be highlighting each of the different Outreach activities at our services, as done by Carol Hein at a past service.

If anyone has any questions about the budget, contact Sarah or Jim.

***MaryBelle moved that the budget be approved. 2nd by Brian Abrahamson. Carried.***

1. **Motion to appoint Reviewer of Eastside 2021 books**

***Elaine Hill moved that Greg Thomas be appointed as reviewed of Eastside 2021 books. 2nd by Sam Baidoo. Carried.***

1. **Enabling Motion:**

“the Eastside Leadership Team be empowered to deal with and act on all routine and emergent matters until the next congregational meeting except those matters which, according to the Manual of the United Church of Canada, require congregational approval.”

***Moved by Carol Hein. Seconded by Delia Baidoo. Carried.***

1. **Motion to Adjourn.**

Brian Abrahamson moved meeting be adjourned. Adjournment - 1:09 p.m.