

**EASTSIDE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2020**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:46 by Sarah Tkachuk.

2. Motion to allow adherents to vote.

Bonnie Yake moved. Seconded by Anita Tessier. Carried.

3. Motion to adopt the agenda.

Debbie Morehouse moved. Seconded by Perry Morehouse. Carried.

4. Motion to adopt the minutes of the September 22, 2019 Congregational Meeting.

Clare Banks moved. Seconded by Norma Wheatley. Carried.

5. Living Spirit Centre Report

Janet Bjorndale moved acceptance of the report. Seconded by Greg Thomas. Carried.

Sarah asked if there were any questions on the LSC Report or the St. Philips information given by Diane Gingras before our meeting began. Two questions were asked.

Q1) Do the other LSC members need to buy them out?

A1) No.

Q2) Is there a possibility that the Anglicans may end up worshipping at LSC?

A2) Yes, but a couple of other Anglican churches are also being considered.

6. Finance Report – Jim Fallows.

Jim thanked Anita, Sonia, Suzanne and Greg for all their background work.

He stated that 2019 saw the highest revenue ever received by Eastside. And that we were now debt free as M&S and Presbytery had been paid off with the help of the increased revenue. So the congregation is presently on a sound financial footing. There is a slight downside though as, because of the increase our percentage of input to the LSC expenses went up a bit; the Regional contribution increased; and the denominational assessment increased. The expenses in 2020 will also be increasing somewhat.

Question – Is all M&S being paid? Answer – Yes it has and is being remitted, as required. The Region also gave approval in late 2019 to Eastside to begin collecting M&S again. Anyone on PAR has to let the office know if they wish to add M&S to their giving. The envelopes have been updated to include it.

Jim continued with the good news that we had positive net assets of \$2,382.00 so no longer in the red. As for the mortgage, Eastside is not able to pay off our portion as all three congregations pay into it and, in order to do that, all three congregations would have to do it together. We could, however, have a separate mortgage account as was done in the past, and use that account to make the mortgage payments.

If St. Philips leaves with no replacement renter, our costs would increase approximately \$8,000.00 per year.

Question – how about the three month reserve we were hoping to build up? Answer – We are close to achieving that and it is hoped we will not have to draw it down.

Wanda reminded people to continue giving all year as summers sometimes see less offering.

Jim mentioned that there was a minor amendment that would be done to the budget that was presented.

Question – How about if another United Church congregation joined us early? Answer – Not a bad idea but hard to predict and still early.

Sonia Abrahamson moved acceptance of the report. Seconded by Janet Bjorndale. Carried.

7. 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.”

Donna Lyndskog moved. Seconded by Delia Baidoo. Carried.

8. Motion to Adjourn

Janet Bjorndale moved meeting be adjourned at 12:20.

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