

**EASTSIDE PROGRAM CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
JUNE 9, 2019**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:25 by Nicole Haynes.

2. Motion to allow adherents to vote.

Elaine Hill so moved. Seconded by Clare Banks. Carried.

3. Motion to adopt the agenda.

Anita Tessier so moved. Seconded by Donna Lindskog. Carried.

4. Motion to adopt the minutes of the 2019 Congregational Finance Meeting.

Sonia Abrahamson so moved. Seconded by Teresa Strachan. Carried.

5. 2019 Budget – Jim Fallows.

Jim presented the budget, as per the package handed out to members. He spoke about the fact that the congregation had responded to the request to increase their givings. PAR members have also increased to the highest number ever. The foregoing meant a balanced budget could be presented to the membership. Also, the debt, which was over \$38,000.00 the end of December has all been paid and the mortgage has been caught up. And the net debt has decreased substantially. There was some discussion and questions. Whether M&S can start to be donated through Eastside is not yet known. The Region has to answer that question and has not gotten back to Sarah with an answer yet. Also some information given regarding other things not specified in the budget that may be reimbursed or given on request such as budgets for teams such as Gratitude, etc. or other expenditures.

Clare moved the budget be approved. Seconded by Erin Hopkin. Carried.

6. JNAC Faith Story – Sarah Tkachuk.

Sarah explained that, for the purpose of this meeting, the first 8 pages of the Story are the most important. Instead of JNAC, the new term for the process is “Community of Faith Profile”. The process began in the fall of 2018 and a lot of work was carried out until the end of December, when the JNAC was paused and Eastside quit collecting M&S at the request of the Presbytery/Region. In January John Burton did interviews and provided a report. JNAC was reinstated and continued after that. Before approving the recommendations and the Faith Story the Region has asked that the Job Description be completed. Although this does not mean the work will stop or is finished. The congregation should continue engaging with the Leadership Team. Sarah also thanked all the people involved in putting together the Faith Story. She also recommended that everyone take the time to review the entire Faith Story. Sarah reviewed the “Findings” which can be found under “Conclusions and recommendations” on Page 7, items 1 through 3 at the top and the bottom of Page 7 and continued on Page 8, items 1 through 5. Russell also mentioned that they are looking for people to sit on a “Worship and Preaching Feedback team”. Brian Abrahamson thanked all the people that provided feedback as that information was used to assist in writing this report. The responses from the various forums may be reviewed again to ensure things were not missed, such as people potentially volunteering to help in different areas. Initially, the Leadership Team was going to ask that the report be approved on June 16 but it was decided to defer the approval until September. Over

that time, minor amendments may be allowed but any major changes requested will need to be brought back to the congregation for approval. One more comment was made before this portion ended. Russell spoke to the “Transitional Cluster” which is all the United Churches in Regina’s ministerial people and staff, plus any interested members, who meet to do some investigation into things that perhaps could be done jointly. A couple of things discussed so far have to do with a Youth Ministry and also the affirming churches getting involved in welcoming LGBTQ refugees to Regina.

Sarah wrapped up by saying a continuous analysis will be done and the Leadership and M&P will try to help or determine when extra assistance may be needed so that Russell can focus on what is outlined in the Job Description. The report mentions focussing “inward” or “outward”.

Sheila Kerr made the comment that we, as a congregation, get the inward by attending church and other events and it allows us as the congregation members, to do their own outward/outreach when relating to others.

Sarah said that approving the Faith Story means we are committed to making the things in the report happen and continue to happen. Sarah then presented additional information on the report via Powerpoint.

7. Nominations and Elections

The Chair advised that the Leadership Team were nominating Doug Schearwater and Sam Baidoo as members. 2nd by Janet Bjorndahl. Carried

Cathie Henderson nominated Teresa Strachan and Brenda Adamko as members of the Ministry and Personnel Committee. 2nd by Michael Tessier. Carried

8. Leadership Team, Ministry and Personnel

Nicole thanked everyone and let the congregation know she is stepping down as Chair of the Leadership Team.

She asked that a motion be made to accept all the written reports of the various committees. Sonia Abrahamson so moved. 2nd by Wanda Barr Carried

- 9. 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.” Janet Bjorndahl moved. Seconded by Leanne Sudom. Carried.

10. Motion to Adjourn.

Norma Wheatly so moved. Carried.

Attendees:

Nicole Haynes
Russell Mitchell-Walker
Delia Baidoo
Samuel Baidoo
Mary Belle Powers
Ken Powers
Leanne Sudom
Barry Sudom
Lucille Henderson
Keith Hopkin
Erin Hopkin
Maureen Hughes
Wanda Barr
Dale Banks
Clare Banks
Sheila Kerr
Carl Klein
Leif Riesach
Bev Thompson
Greg Thomas
Sherri Nupdal-Anderson
Michael Tessier
Anita Tessier
Janet Bjorndahl
Sonia Abrahamson

Linda Fowler
Perry Morehouse
Debbie Morehouse
Barb Rio
Nicole Haynes
Brian Mitchell-Walker
Norma Wheatley
Bonny Manz
Jim Fallows
Sarah Tkachuk
Elaine Hill
Ian Hill
Marilyn Etter
Teresa Strachan
Donna Lindskog
Lori Latta
Cathie Henderson
Pat Bailey
Diane Funk
Wendy Scott
Jean Henders
Carol Murray
Brenda & Barry Adamko
Brian Abrahamson