

**ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH COMMUNITY OF FAITH BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2021 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Janis Peters, Nathan Best, Alain Beaudin, Bob Thomas, Joan Cooke, Doris Coulter, Donna Dunlop, Lenore Lennox, John Lennox, Cathy O'Neil, Laurie White, Ken MacDonald, Jen Bonner

REGRETS: Irene Mordeca, Barb Brockway, Diane Cowley

RECORDING BOARD MINUTES BY SECRETARY – It was agreed that the minutes would be recorded by the Secretary for his personal reference when preparing the meeting minutes.

WELCOME – Janis Peters welcomed everyone and asked for introductions of the members.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE – Bob Thomas lit the Christ Candle in his home.

DEVOTION: Janis presented a reading on encouraging one another and building each other up. Thessalonians 5:11.

AGENDA REVIEW – Agenda approved with one addition under New Business – Hiring Budget Expenses.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – January 18, 2021

MOTION was made by Nathan Best that, “the Board Minutes of January 18, 2021 be approved as distributed.” Seconded by Doris Coulter. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

AGM DEBRIEFING – The consensus was that the meeting ran smoothly, with 90+ in Zoom attendance. Bob Thomas explained that the need to nominate an AGM chair is in the current manual; therefore, Alain Beaudin was nominated and confirmed as Chair.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

DEFERRED & FUTURE BUSINESS (These items are either *deferred* or are ongoing *pending* future action)

Pew Cushions - Deferred

HFRC Covenanting Agreement - Deferred

Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification – Pending

St. Andrew's Structure Document Review – Pending

St. Andrew's Visioning – Pending

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NEW BUSINESS

LIVING FAITH STORY WORKSHEET (HFRC DOCUMENT) - St. Andrew's Values were reviewed and approved as amended, with one amendment Ministry to Youth should read Ministry With Youth. Janis asked and it was agreed that there be an Adhoc Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 23rd to finish the Living Faith Story worksheet and also the updated church Profile (the previous 10-year plan from the last search). Once these two are completed and approved by the Board, they will be forwarded to Regional Council for approval. Then, our personnel vacancies can be posted on the UC of C Hub.

MILLIE HILL'S ESTATE DONATION – An electric piano/organ was donated to St. Andrew's; however, organ is at Deerview Lodge, has a plaque on it recognizing Millie's participation, as Millie often played it for the residents. In discussion with Millie's son, Deerview Lodge staff, and Cindy Juriga, it was agreed that the organ would stay at the Lodge in Millie's memory.

BUDGET FOR SEARCH COMMITTEE EXPENSES – Alain and Tom confirmed that the \$2,500 budgeted amount is sufficient to cover expenses incurred during our search for new ministry personnel.

COMMITTEE & MINISTRY REPORTS

BUILDING & GROUNDS - Routine maintenance and periodic security checks continue, requiring several visits per week. Cathy O'Neil has agreed to provide liaison coordination between the Board and the B&G Committee. Bob Thomas will continue his liaison with ongoing issues related to the Edison Report.

C.D. COMMITTEE

- Laurie wrote "old school style" notes to St. Andrew's kids and youth and parents at the end of January. 65 in total. Will do this again in March.
- Laurie will drop off Easter books & Lent activity books at the home of St. Andrew's kids.
- monitoring provincial guidelines -- possibility of having an Easter egg hunt outdoors for the kids -- and resumption of Inside Out church gatherings if possible/permitted.
- Drive-by "Sock it to Me" in the back parking lot on Sunday, Feb. 21, 1-2 pm. Socks will be donated to Wesley and to Warming/Hygiene centers
- outdoor One Stop Shopping event still set for Sat., May 1st.

HFRC - Your regional council office produces a newsletter <https://hfrucc.ca/newsletters/> which has lots of interesting information and links. The latest one dated 28 Jan 2021 has one thing that caught my eye.

Innovation Grants (for that wild idea for 2021!) - Thinking about a brand-new idea but not sure if it's a good enough, or something worth pursuing? That's exactly what **Innovation Grants** are for! You get between \$500 and \$5,000 to explore a new idea; it could be a garden, a program, something online, a new partnership, an idea that came from a community partner, or something that you have been thinking about for a while, but never found a good time to start. [Learn more](#). Already have an idea that's ready for the next level? [Check out these grants](#) that will help to take that idea and grow it. Either way, we'd love to hear what you're up to and it's easy to reach us! Just [book a time](#) with us, or [email us](#). April 15 is the next deadline for applications. I suggest committee chairs check out or subscribe to the newsletter to see what your Regional Council can do for you!

OUTREACH – In the absence of a Chair, Barb Brearley volunteered to notify Janis Peters if there is information that needs to be brought before the Board.

PASTORAL CARE/FRIENDLY VISITORS - “Valentine Cards were sent out to St. A’s folk on the Friendly Visitor’s list, to our Ministry Staff and to a few others who we had been informed were going through difficult times recently & who needed a friendly greeting.”

TREASURER - Alain wanted to confirm if the memorial fund need to be spent inside the sanctuary. Alain will confirm with Rich Cooke. Alain also confirmed we received another \$3800 from CEWS and we have applied for another \$3900 for January from CEWS

TRUSTEES REPORT

MEMORIAL FUND

Revenue for the 1 month totaled \$1 in interest. Expenses Nil. The balance in the fund is \$4,198.

TRUSTEES FUND

Revenue for the 1 month was \$1,554, consisting of \$1,546 in GIC interest & \$8 in bank interest, Expenses for the period were \$643 for insurance.
The balance in the fund is \$270,604.

There are 2 GICs that matured in February. GIC 17 has been re-invested for 18 months at 1.0% & GIC 21 for 3 years at 1.30% Vs previous rates of 2.40% & 2.70% respectively.

As of January 1, Neal Pyke has taken over as Insurance Representative from Grant Martin & we thank Grant for all the work he has done regarding insurance over the years. Grant will remain as a Trustee on the Board.

UCM - No report

UCW - No report

WORSHIP COMMITTEE - The committee, of course, is still not meeting, so there is really no "report" to any great extent at this time. Suffice it to say that worship will continue in the virtual world for some time. The ministry team (Ken, Laurie and Cindy) are busy working on service ideas up to at least Easter. Nothing is fixed in stone, but Ken has proposed doing a series of messages on "spiritual disciplines" for five Sundays from Feb 21 through March 21. Laurie was hoping to have some scout group involvement in the February 21 service which is Baden Powell/thinking Sunday. That is about all that I can divulge at this time

MINISTRY TEAM

LAURIE WHITE'S REPORT

- Linda Clark will become the organizer of the Feast of Fiction Book Group starting in September
- Laurie attending a Webinar for "online" Easter ideas. Looking at resources provided by the Church of Scotland called "Spill the Beans".
- still trying to figure out ways to keep helping folks feel connected and engaged in this increasingly difficult situation.
- cleaning and updating files & supplies, and forwarding significant documents to Josie to hold for the new ministry.
- Janis suggested putting a call to action in the Loop called "Have You Got A Minute", which is where we randomly call or email another member of the church. Some concern brought up re: confidentiality of sending copies of the Church Directory out as requested, but it was confirmed if they are in the church directory, they've given permission to be contacted.

KEN MACDONALD'S REPORT - We continue with online worship. Some of our seniors really appreciate the Cable TV version. We haven't discussed Good Friday plans yet. The Fishing Tips study group is about 8 people and we have been having good discussions about our church. Pastoral care continues with phone calls. Thanks to all who made the annual meeting such a success. The congregation has adapted well to the online experience.

Ken wanted to ask about how we want to conduct the Easter Sunday service this year. We discussed the idea of recording monologues from different members of the church and putting them together into a YouTube video. Laurie has access to old scripts from previous Easter services we can reuse.

PRAYERS AND BENEDICTION – Laurie was asked to close the meeting in prayer.

ADJOURNMENT - 7:50 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS:

TUESDDAY, MARCH 23, 2021 ADHOC BOARD MEETING 7:00 P.M. ZOOM

SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021, 7:00 P.M. ZOOM