

Minutes: ST. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH BOARD
August 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. – online – Rockland, Ontario

Welcome and Opening of Meeting: Hazel

Chair: Hazel **Acting Secretary:** Jacquie

Attendance: Jane, Jacquie, Brian, Ray, Rudy, John, Barb, Colette, Hazel

Regrets: Tracy, Ron, Nancy, Sandra

Trustee Rep: Ron(abs.)

Visitors: Bill

Motion: to grant visitors to this meeting correspondent status

Moved by Ray, seconded by Jacquie. Carried

1. **Meeting called to order** at 6:42 p.m. Opening Prayer: Brian.

2. **Adoption of Agenda:**

a) New Business (2) items added.

Motion: to adopt Agenda (with amendments). Moved by Ray, seconded by Barb.
Carried

3. **Minutes of previous Board meeting** (June 24, 2021) were sent out electronically.
Note: report from Brian on whether he is able to post these and previous minutes on our church website: the process has been determined, now it's up to Tracy, once she has returned from holidays.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the June 24 Board meeting. Moved by Jacquie, seconded by Barb. Carried.

4. **Business Arising:**

a. **Trustee Position:** Brian is still working on it.

b. **Ownership of our Building/Property:** Jane will start helping Ron with this issue.

c. **Virtual Fundraisers:** Ray reported nothing in the works yet, but will continue looking at the possibility of a virtual fall dinner

d. **Property Management**

- Key fobs – John will continue with this project once his other commitments are fulfilled
- Audio equipment update – Brian and Bill are setting this up. It was used last week with the Merritts, where some shortfalls were noted. It will be used for parking lot services (weather permitting) for the next two Sundays. The first Sunday of September, the system will be moved into the sanctuary. Some additional wires and connectors have been purchased, but the cost of these may be taken on as a gift-in-kind. Other

- gifts-in-kind have already been received in connection with this project.
- Electrical re-furbishment update, including electrical plan and labelling of outlets – the electrician reviewed and passed the installations August 18/21. Labelling has been started, but the electrical diagram and complete labelling will have to wait a bit. The overall cost of this part of the project was a little higher than anticipated.

5. **Treasurer's Report** – Jane

Report sent in advance by email for July 2021. Jane discussed the report briefly but there were no questions.

Motion: to accept the Treasurer's Report. Moved by Jane, seconded by Rudy. Carried.

6. **Regular Reports:**

- a) **Benevolent Fund:** Brian, Jacquie, Barb – no change in funding, but some practical help has been provided to one individual by different persons in our group.
- b) **Fellowship:** Barb –Plans are underway to host a Christmas Bazaar Saturday, November 27/21. All current local Covid regulations will be followed. Susan Leduc and Barb are working together on the Bazaar, with a strong focus on featuring local vendors of arts and crafts, 8 of whom have already confirmed their participation. Efforts are underway to eliminate conflicts or duplication. Table rental rates have been raised. The Nostalgic Jewelry table profits will be given to the Food Bank. Food handlers will wear masks and gloves. There be a registry of attendees and contact numbers.
Motion: that, unless Covid regulations change, all church-sponsored events, including regular services, will only accept volunteers and vendors who are fully vaccinated.
- c) **Ministry & Personnel:** Rudy – comments to be shared under New Business
- d) **Missions:** Colette – report filed electronically
- e) **Music:** Jacquie – no report
- f) **Pangborn Hall:** Nancy- there was an electronic motion within the last month to change from the special committee handling hall use, back to Nancy being Hall Manager, effective September 1/21. Nancy will be responsible for conveying to any renters that the Covid regulations must be followed, and regular cleaning and responsible use expectations apply. Yvon and Nancy will be asked to work out advance and follow-up cleaning/sanitation protocols

between them. Jacquie and Nancy will work together on making sure our rental fees are in line with others for similar spaces in Rockland, and that these fees take into account any additional expenses to accommodate Covid regulations.

- g) **Pastoral Care Report:** Barb – regular phone calls and cards are still happening, and a special note – Marjorie turns 85 Wednesday, August 25/21. Marjorie is temporarily in a respite situation in Alfred, so Jacquie, Barb and Brian will visit her there this Monday with cards and a small gift. A family celebration is planned for Wednesday.
- h) **Regional Council:** John – no report
- i) **Property Management:** Rudy – this was covered earlier in the electrical report.
- j) **Social Club:** Jane - not yet started, but eagerly awaited. Maybe October?
- k) **Stewardship:** Ray – report submitted electronically.
- l) **Sunday School:** Nancy – no report
- m) **Trustees:** Ron – no report
- n) **Worship Supplies:** Jacquie – no report
- o) **Pastor's Report:** Brian – a) Regular services resume at St. Andrew's on September 12. Congregational singing, with masks and social distancing, will be permitted (unless regulations change). If both entrances are used, ushers must be in place at each location to ensure registration, masks, hand sanitation, and distancing. Coffee hour might resume by the end of September.
b) If we get enough fully-vaccinated volunteers, Awana might start up in October.
c) for the next six weeks, the lessons will be focused on getting our church back together safely for best worship practices and growth, starting with this Sunday's lesson entitled Some Assembly Required! Discipleship groups will swing back into regular mode shortly.

Motion: to accept all regular reports as presented. Moved by Jane, seconded by Rudy. Carried.

7. New Business:

- a) The topic of the Sacrament Elders survey sent out by EOORC was raised by Rudy. He felt it should be answered by the Board, rather than by individuals. Brian explained the survey as having to do with the challenge felt by the UCC to find enough qualified personnel to handle the sacraments at every parish

(baptism, Communion). The UCC proposal is that a Sacramental Elder could be appointed and trained (formally, or within our own parish) to take charge of Communion services when the assigned minister is absent. Brian has now answered the survey, as we asked him to do, and sent it to the Board. It will be included in the final Minutes as an attachment.

- b) Church Yard Sale – Jane – The rationale for this event happening now is to publicize to the community that our church is up and running, ready to start services Sept. 12. The sale will take place Monday, September 6 from 8-1. If there are sufficient volunteers, a bbq is also planned (food workers will be masked and gloved). Jane will donate the hot dogs and buns. Items may be dropped off at Pangborn Hall starting Wednesday, September 1 in the morning, Thursday morning, Friday morning, and Sunday afternoon from 1-4 p.m. Clothing items will not be accepted. Wide advertising is planned. The September newsletter will also include details of the sale and a request for volunteers.

8. **Next Meeting** scheduled for Thursday, September 23/21 at 6:30 p.m. online.

9. **Closing Prayer:** Brian

10. **Adjournment:** 8:08 p.m. Moved by John.

