

St. Andrew`s Christian Church Board Meeting
July 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. – Google Meet – Rockland, Ontario

This meeting will be recorded.

Welcome and opening of meeting:

Chair: Bill

Secretary: Marie

Expected Attendance: Jacquie, Brian, Rudy, Barb, Hazel, Sue, Colette, Ray, Bill, John, Nancy, Yvon, Marie

Regrets: Jane and Colette

Trustee Rep: Hazel

Motion: To grant Yvon Larocque correspondent status to this meeting.

Moved by Hazel. Seconded by Marie. Carried.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. Opening prayer Brian.

Amendment to Agenda submitted by Brian that he be allowed to present his Pastor`s report at the beginning of the meeting.

1. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion: To adopt Agenda (with amendments if any). Moved by Ray, seconded by Sue. Carried.

2. Pastor`s Report: Brian expressed his encouragement to the Board to continue to pursue Christ`s teachings and spirit of faith while forming a solid plan with the congregation to move forward with St. Andrew`s future in a church filled with hope, faith and love. See e-mail report submitted by Reverend Brian.

3. **Minutes of previous Board meetings** June 16, 2022, sent out electronically.
Errors or omissions:

Motion: to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2022 Board meeting. Moved by Marie, seconded by Jacquie. Carried.

Business Arising:

- a. Full Bellies. Yvon was asked if there was a progress report ready to present and he stated that the August deadline is what he was working towards. Yvon wished to be present today to address the previous e-mail about a concern raised about donations from Full Bellies. Bill stated it was a suggestion only. Yvon stated that Full Bellies will continue with the process

- they`ve started. St. Andrew`s can decide what to do with the donation. Yvon has acknowledged that the rent will be paid by the end of July. However, he requires a lease agreement. Bill will draw up the lease agreement and Rudy will manage it.
- b. Process/progress/committee formation on Pastor Brian`s replacement. Bill has been in contact with Reverend Strong and he has named Reverend Jim Kenney to act as a consultant to help us with our quest. Bill made up a survey and Rudy is organizing the responses which will be analyzed and reviewed at the August board meeting. Before we move ahead with it, we must consult with the congregation and at that point we will form a committee.
 - c. Music director`s replacement. Brian has spoken with Heather Lamarre, who has played for us a few times and Heather Vos, who is a former music teacher from the Ottawa District School Board. Both ladies have musical experience in leading worship and both have a good solid faith. No firm decisions have been made yet. Heather Vos is willing to consider a half position of maybe twice a month. Heather Lamarre has not given a clear answer yet whether this is something she would like to take on. She has volunteered for four of the Sundays this summer and Heather for two of those Sundays. Heather O`Meara (sp), a music teacher, can also be approached.
 - d. Committee formation for replacement of treasurer. As Jane our treasurer has given her notice for August 31st we need to seek a replacement and the nomination committee needs to be set up. The chair asked Barb and Hazel if they were willing to take on the nomination committee to find a treasurer replacement. Barb and Hazel will co-chair. John will stay on the committee.

4. **Treasurer`s Report** – As sent by e-mail to Board members.

Concern was raised on the NHSP grant by Ray. He does not want to be listed as a contact at the NHSP office due to family obligations. An e-mail has been sent to board members. The chair expressed his appreciation for the work he has done over the years. A concern was raised about the names being forwarded too soon before a treasurer is in place but the chair did indicate that it will not be an issue until another grant opportunity becomes available.

Brian mentioned there is continuity in the e-mail address of the treasurer. The treasurer will be contacted if the treasurer`s email is listed as the contact e-mail for example, a granting organization or Food Bank. It does not depend on updating for that particular person. The new treasurer can be given the password so they can check the e-mail directly. The church has the continuity of who has been contacting the church and what messages we`ve been receiving. Bill suggested that if we do not have the named replacement by the end of August that those e-mails can be redirected to the chair so the church does not miss an important e-mail. Brian indicated that forwarding is a basic g-mail function. John has the capacity to reset passwords as he has the admin login for the goggle workspace.

Another concern raised was there was no rent received from the Rockland Community Church. It appears they are not using the hall or sanctuary. Brian contacted Bruce Findlay because there was a donation for the refugees. When he came to pick it up, he expressed that they have low numbers and are meeting mostly in homes. They are not sure what the next stage of the journey will be for them.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's Report. Moved by Jane (by virtue of the fact report was sent by e-Mail) seconded by Barb. Carried.

Regular Reports:

- a. Benevolent Fund: Brian, Barb. Two certificates were given out.
- b. Fellowship: Barb. We have started to contact the people who attended last year's Christmas Bazaar. We have booked for the 19th November with a back-up date of 26th November. When we get the number of participating vendors we will see if they are interested in both weekends.
- c. Ministry and Personnel: Rudy. Nothing currently. Some survey responses have come in.
- d. Missions: Colette. As submitted.
- e. Music: Jacquie. As she is the designated CCLI reporting person she needs a report from Nancy or Brian what the hymns were the last few weeks.
- f. Pangborn Hall: Nancy. Nothing to report.
- g. Pastoral Care Report: Barb. As submitted. Barb would like an updated address list which is available on Rock RMS. Brian will show Barb how to access this. The residents at the manor expressed their pleasure and desire to have a church service available to them. Jacquie and Barb visited Marjorie. Barb expressed her thanks to Jacquie for helping her with the communion service they shared with Marjorie. Barb requested you keep Marjorie in your prayers as she is having a difficult time.
- h. Regional Council: John. Nothing to report.
- i. Property Management: Rudy. The bill was submitted to the treasurer and a cheque was returned to Rudy. The money from the pies was used. The balance left over was donated by a congregation member. The removal of the old shed and installation of the two resin sheds was addressed. Rudy does not have an account at Costco so cannot purchase sheds from there. Bill stepped forward and said he would take care of the purchase from Costco. The treasurer did mention before that we did get approval of \$7500. from the new antihate grant. This must be addressed. We do have some plexiglass for that one window in the parking lot area. The installation and painting of the trim could be done. The same could be applicable to the other side of the church. Yvon was asked if his contact is still available to do this work. Yvon said he would investigate this.

- j. Rockland Manor: Sue. The residents really want to see Brian, Barb, Rudy and his music come back. The next time Brian is away they would like to see Rudy and Barb do the service. Brian has one service in July and two in August. Brian indicated he would like to do one of those services along with Barb and Rudy.
- k. Social Club: Jane. No report.

Stewardship: Ray. Report has been submitted. Ray commented that United Church of Canada Affirming Ministries believe it is important to be a public witness and be a role model for other ministries. He said that Christians who value inclusion and justice for LGBTQ+ people need to speak up about love and compassion. Ray testified that he was a Christian who valued inclusion and justice for everyone. He stated he was hopeful in going forward, that the St. Andrew's United Church Board of Directors, and the Church membership, may give favourable consideration towards becoming an Affirming Ministry. He said that he respected everyone's religious beliefs, however, if St. Andrews chooses not to become an Affirming Church, he will have to follow his heart and make a request to transfer his (and Muriel's) membership to either Navan United or Orleans United, both of which are Affirming Churches. He said that he was hopeful that the United Church Minister who has been assigned to help St. Andrew's through the transition would be willing to assist us in the process for our United Church to join the ranks of other Affirming United Churches.

- l. Sunday School: Nancy. Nothing to report.
- m. Trustee: Hazel. No updates.
- n. Worship Supplies: position vacant.

Motion: To accept all regular reports as presented. Moved by Barb seconded by Ray. Carried.

1. Next meeting scheduled for August 18th 2022 at 7:00 pm.
2. Yvon has requested that Amy and Dan Willis, Founders of Full Bellies, be allowed to attend this meeting. No objections from the board. Correspondence status will be granted to them for the August 18th board meeting.

Closing Prayer: Ray.

Adjournment 8:02 p.m. Moved by Hazel.