



Council Meeting of April 16, 2024 – Chair's report

The following items were discussed and/or decisions made.

1. Council was pleased to welcome our new treasurer Dianne McPherson who as treasurer-- her position becomes effective immediately. With Dianne assuming her position a few other updates were approved--- deleting all our “Acting” positions -- Ron Wycherley will be Chair of the Finance Committee; Jed Drew becomes Past Chair and Mary Anne Silverthorn will be Chair of Council. In addition, we updated the signing officers for our accounts to include the Treasurer and the necessary changes at the bank will be implemented asap.
2. At the March meeting the coordinators of the Community Kitchen made a presentation with 2 asks. The first ask – open a Community Kitchen closet allowing for “shopping by Community Kitchen participants” was approved and opened the week after Council’s March meeting with St. Paul’s “providing the space needed”. The other ask --extending the programme --Council approved in principle and asked for a **report**-- indicating timelines/plans etc. for the **proposed year- round programme**. At this April meeting Council unanimously approved their report which will allow the coordinators to move ahead with plans for a year-round Community Kitchen programme. This is a project that will take some time as they secure more prep teams, secure more financial funds, plus other smaller details, with a projected date of beginning year- round in May 2025. Council committed to Community Kitchen being added to our regular budgeting process for the 2025 fiscal year. This is indeed an exciting venture as St. Paul’s extends and widens their outreach programmes. **We are indeed grateful and appreciative for Julie /Keith and their willingness to step in and fill Laurie’s shoes. Laurie’s legacy lives on and expands. Thank you, Julie and Keith and ALL your helpers, for ALL you do.**
3. Messy church continues to grow also. Shelving has been donated and a complete “reformation” of the old kitchen area is a work in progress. Tubs and tubs of material/supplies have been sorted and adorn the shelving. It is wonderful to see this huge storage area being shared by the UCW (for bazaar materials) and all the supplies necessary to operate Messy church. Re-naming the room will be a joint project. **Many thanks to Norma and her team of many volunteers for all you do for others.**
4. The family/handicapped washroom has been completed. Some new procedures are necessary. **As you enter that washroom you must LOCK the door by pushing the button. The RED button is for emergencies only.**

5. **MAY 5 -- OPEN HOUSE** -- In order for you to view all these changes ---on May 5, refreshments after worship will be in the banquet hall allowing you to wander and view the “new things” that are happening. Co-ordinators will be present for a chat, your comments and /or questions. Come, and show your support to the coordinators of the Community Kitchen – Julie and Keith Avery/Messy Church - Norma Collis. Dave Morris will also answer questions about the family washroom and the operation of the new door.
6. Council approved in principle the Ad Hoc committee’s interim report indicating the changes in fee policies and dollar amounts for room rentals and others such as wedding /funeral services to be implemented September 1, 2024. The Ad Hoc committee will now work on guidelines, procedures etc. for rentals requiring Special Occasion Permits -to be brought to Council for a final discussion/decision in the future.
7. From the Worship committee, we know that Ken and Dianne Parnell will be celebrating 55 years of marriage on July 26. **We are invited to share in their joy and happiness as they sponsor our July 21 – “Out in the SUN Worshipping the SON” -- picnic day.** We will enjoy our Food Truck hotdog lunch, drinks, treats, DESSERT and *Back to the Fifties* music courtesy of Dianne and Ken. MARK your CALENDAR allowing us to celebrate with Ken and Dianne.
8. The UCW are still taking orders for geraniums until May 3. Sign the order form in the in the hall outside the Friendship Room.
9. From Antler River Watershed Region and the United Church of Canada – the Remit 1 vote has passed establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization. This is an ongoing process, and will be enacted with the 44th General Council AGM on Oct 19, 2024.

10. Financial Report

2024 YTD Income ---	\$179,725.90
2024 YTD Expenses --	96,986.84
Balance of Income /Expenses --	82,739.06
Beginning balance January 1 ----	(2,213.79)
HST rebates from prior year	2,721.41
HST Rebate outstanding	(2,063.37)
Net transfer to investments	(92,000.00)
Net transfers to Reserves	8,944.84
Balance in operating account Feb 29	(\$1,871.85)
Short term savings account	28,000.00
Total operating and savings	\$26,128.15
Total Reserve accounts	\$34, 665.38
Net operating surplus/deficit	(8,537.23)

Restricted Investments	\$ 306,000.00
Non restricted investments --	276,898.00
Undisbursed investment Savings	3, 158.20
 TOTAL ---	 \$586,056.20

In summary this report is quite lengthy which will indicate to you that our April meeting covered a great deal of “church business”. It is important that you as a member of our church family be informed and up to date. One other change we have made is Council is now meeting face to face. As one member stated it is good to see one another in person.

This April meeting was a lot of business with ALL Council Members present sharing many laughs together all while working through the monthly business necessary.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

If you have questions and/or require clarification about any of these items or actions please contact me by email, text, phone or face to face.

Blessings to all!

Mary Anne Silverthorn

Council Chair