



Report from March Council Meeting ---March 19, 2024

The meeting was held face to face in the Multi-purpose Room --a first since prior to COVID. It was wonderful to “really see” everyone.

The following items were discussed and /or decisions made:

1. Financial Report

2024 YTD Income -----	\$140,436.89**
2024 YTD Expenses -----	56, 204.63
Balance of Income and Expenses –YTD	84, 231.96
Beginning balance January 1, 2024 -----	(2,203.79)
HST rebates from prior year----	2,721.41
Rebate outstanding -----	(1,042.83)
Net Transfer to Investments ---	92,000.00 ***
Net transfers (to) from Reserves ----	10, 364.34
Balance in Operating Account Feb.29, 2024---	2,061.09
Short term Savings account	\$28,000.00
TOTAL Operating and Savings	\$30,061.09

** Includes 2 bequests

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2. Rev. Karlene reported on some upcoming events.

April 21 –children participating during worship

April 28- Camping Sunday -- with hotdogs served for lunch

June 2 -Laurel Beechey –Environment Sunday - she will bring a “guest”

July 21- “In the sun worshipping the Son” and Todd’s Dogs Food Truck

3. Karen Hodges was appointed to the Council Stewardship Committee effective immediately.

4. Messy Church continues to “grow” in numbers of participants and volunteers. Thanks to Norma and Dave Collis and a huge team of volunteers for an outstanding monthly programme that reaches many from the community and beyond. Your commitment is appreciated by all!

5. The AOTS Spaghetti Supper will be Saturday April 13. Tickets will be available as of Sunday March 24. Cost --\$15.00 --- 12 and under \$8.00.
6. The Noisy Collection on Sunday March 17 –totalled \$171.75. These funds for be used for programming for Children and Youth. Noisy collection will be held the 3rd Sunday of each month—remember to save your change for this special offering and make **LOTS of NOISE** on the next collection day.
7. Community Kitchen -Julie and Keith Avery were present at the Council meeting to bring us up to date on the programme and proposed future plans:
 - a) Council granted permission and will provide space for a **Community Kitchen Closet**. Details will follow as the final plans are completed. Stay tuned.
 - b) Council granted approval in principle for expansion of the Community Kitchen subject to an implementation plan being submitted to Council prior to implementation in September 2024 or later.

NOTE: Council members had many very positive compliments about both the Messy Church and the Community Kitchen programmes. As a Council we appreciate the dedicated work of the leaders and many committed volunteers who work diligently to make these programmes extremely successful. Many thanks to all! The ongoing generous financial support for these programmes from members of the church family is greatly appreciated by all. Thank you sincerely.

The next meeting of council will again be held at the church in the meeting room on April 16.

If you have questions and/or comments they are always welcome – just contact me by phone or email.

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