

Meeting of GUC's Board of Trustees

August 27, 2024

Debbie called the meeting to order at 3:53 pm

Present: Debbie Watson, Jim Thomson, Susan Duivesteyn, Joanne Olivero, Minister Ian Wilgus and Doug Watson (Treasurer)

Ian opened the meeting in prayer.

Motion: Minutes of the May 22, 2024 meeting of the Trustees be accepted as presented. Moved by Jim, seconded by Susan. Carried

Doug presented the P&L for the 7 months ending July 31, 2024 and the Balance Sheet as at July 31, 2024. In addition, a high-level donation analysis was reviewed. And a high-level analysis of donations by age demographic was reviewed. In all cases, no individual donors are disclosed and confidentiality is maintained. There was discussion of making envelopes available in the pews for guests including all the information required for issuance of a charitable donation receipt. Suggestion made to periodically announce where we are on total donations v. planned donations possibly on a quarterly basis. ***Motion to accept the report as presented by Susan, seconded by Jim. Carried.***

The Rental Agreement was discussed. Some concerns about funeral offerings recognizing the tight timeframe usually required to provide everything the family may request. However, the agreement is good as stands, and can/will be amended as we move forward.

The Board of Stewards have been made aware of the importance of a commercial dishwasher when progressing with the Faithful Footprints process.

New Business:

The Trustees have been tasked with drafting a Flag Policy. Doug to draft and circulate to the Trustees.

Debbie brought up the "FundScrip" fundraising opportunity. This fundraiser allows the church to sell certain gift certificates and earn a commission. After much discussion, it was thought to try this for the Christmas season.

Debbie reviewed and circulated the Congregational Self Assessment Tool: The Gizmo which is a tool that assists a congregation in doing a self analysis of their community of Faith. Debbie asked that the Trustees review the document and be prepared to discuss at next meeting.

Debbie reviewed her phone conversation with Tori Mullen, Growth Animator or ECORC. This person assists Churches on strengthening our invitation to our Church, visioning and identity, and sustainability.

Debbie has also signed up for our self study workshop, "Making your Church Building a Community Asset". This would probably be better served to work through this process as a group reflecting the various stakeholders of the church.

Next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be November 26, 2024 at 4PM

Ian closed in prayer.

Susan moved adjournment at 5:51 pm

Debbie Watson, Chair

Trustee

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