

April 23, 2019 Council Meeting Summary

Hello all, this is the Apr. Council Meeting Summary.

Please have a quick read to see the highlights of the successes, challenges and plans that we discussed at our Apr. 23rd meeting.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any comments, questions or concerns.

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Devotion

This month's devotion as provided by Donna Betts.

Micah 6:8

"He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God"

Donna chose this passage as we need to keep all this in mind as we meet as a Council, making decisions on behalf of the congregation of St. Andrew's. We must consider that those decisions are in line with who we are as children of the creator and how we live and how we "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God".

Fall Welcome Back Event

Council is planning on holding a Welcome Back event in the fall to replace the 5 year anniversary event that was cancelled due to weather. More information to come.

Tuesday Observations, Lenten Studies and Easter Events

Shrove Tuesday, Lenten Studies, Good Friday, Early Easter Service and were well attended. This has provided Hillary some good insights into the biblical and theological needs of the congregation.

Rev. Hillary's Holidays and Continuing-Education Leaves.

Hillary will be away from April 22 to May 7 and June 27 to July 21.

Emergency Pastoral Care providers:

- Apr. 23 – May 1 - Rev. Joanne Anquist (McDougal) 403-252-1620 or 587-404-0723
- May 2 – May 7 – Tony Snow (McDougal) 403-252-1620 or 403-863-2756
- June 27 – July 21 – Rev. Tom Melvin (Deer Park) 403-278-8268

Fund Raiser Updates

The Big Picture Fund Raiser has raised \$18,000.00 total to date or \$9,000 for Saint Andrew's.

Planning for the HeeBee JeeBee's concert on Friday May 10th is well underway with tickets selling for \$25.00/person. Invite your friends and neighbours to this fun evening!

Financial Update – Deficit Management

For the 9-month period ending Mar 31 the congregation had a deficit of **-\$25,027.00** despite the Fall and Advent special appeals and the Big Picture Fund Raiser. If this trend continues we will be looking at a June 30th fiscal year-end deficit of approximately **-\$50,000.00**. St. Andrew's has an investment fund that we have been drawing down to cover our deficits. The fund had approximately \$217,000.00 as of Mar. 31. However, as this will be the third year in a row of significant deficits, council will be looking for ways to reduce that deficit over the longer term.

2019/20 Budget

The 2019/2020 Budget is currently being developed and will be presented at a congregational meeting after the Sunday service on June 23, at Deer Park. Mark the date in your calendars.

Regional Ministries Updates

Youth and Young Adults – Supper with the Sudanese community was very successful.

Monthly Naked Faith, All Nite Laser Tag and Youth Camp events are all coming up.

Providing pastoral care to youth continues to be a major component of this ministry.

Affirming Connections – Pie Day and Affirming Leader Day were very successful.

CQC (Calgary Queer Church) – Comedian Sophie Labelle event was in cooperation with Skipping Stones and Calgary Library. Seeds of Hope funding first year report submitted and waiting on grant for second year.

Camp Caravan - preparations for all 8 weeks of the program are well underway and a Federal grant of \$19,500 has been received to help pay for the salaries for the summer students that are leading the program.

Chinook Winds Regional Gathering

Preparations for attending the Chinook Winds Regional Gathering on June 7&8 are continuing.

Bouquets

At each of our meetings we take the opportunity to give bouquets to those who are going above and beyond in making St. Andrew's. This month, a big Bouquet to Hillary for all the events of Easter, the Lenten Series and her voice for SAUC.