

## Council Meeting Summary - April 13, 2021

For the last several months St. Andrew's and Deer Park have been holding their council meetings on the evening of the second Tuesday of the month. We start the meetings together to discuss items that we are working on together and then split into our individual meetings to discuss our own congregational matters.

This is a summary of some key items from the April 13, 2021 meetings.

### Joint Meeting:

#### 1. Amalgamation Steering Committee Update:

The Amalgamation Steering Committee is preparing a report on the aspects of Amalgamation that will be shared with both communities of faith. The aim is to distribute the report by the end of May. The goal is to be ready for each congregation to individually vote on whether or not to proceed with Amalgamation by the end of October or beginning of November. If Amalgamation is approved by the 2 congregations, then it will go to Chinook Winds Region for final approval. If all approvals are received, then the target would be for the Amalgamation to be effective January 1, 2022.

#### 2. Re-opening Update:

We are waiting on additional guidance from the Province and Chinook Winds Region before making a decision on re-opening for in-person attendance at Sunday worship services. The re-opening committee is continuing to make preparations to proceed with re-opening when it is safe and a decision is made by the joint councils to proceed.

### St. Andrew's Meeting:

1. St. Andrew's budgeting runs from July 1 to June 30. As of the end of February, SAUC had an 8-month surplus of approximately \$53,000.00. The surplus is a result of expenses being slightly lower than budgeted and revenues being higher than budgeted due to some large annual donations that came in in the first part of 2021 and the various Covid-19 programs offered by the provincial and federal governments, such as wage subsidies, that we have been able to take advantage of. The surplus is expected to decrease over the rest of the budget year.

2. Grade 3 Bible blessings and presentations will happen in May. This will include presentations for Grade 4 children as presentations were postponed last year due to the pandemic.

3. Council approved the following Motion:

“St. Andrew's desires that the St. Andrew's Regional Ministries, its management structure, its associated programs, and its dedicated assets continue should the amalgamation proceed and that it shall become a ministry of the new (amalgamated) community of faith.”

If you have any questions about the council meeting, please feel free to contact John Palmer (council chair).