

St. Andrew's Session **Meeting notes from May 2021**

WE ARE WORKING TO SERVE YOU!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Spring Hanging Baskets are back!!!

The Stewardship Committee is hosting the 3rd Spring Hanging Baskets fundraiser. The plant sale commenced Sunday, April 4th, 2021. The deadline for placing an order is Sunday, May 9th, 2021. Details of pick-up times on Wednesday, May 26th will be to be given out closer to the pick-up date. Please contact Helen Collins, chair of Stewardship if you would like to place an order.

Need meat for your BBQ? North County Meats for the win...

The Stewardship Committee is also hosting the North Country Meat fundraiser. North Country Meats has everything from hot dogs to chicken/beef to seafood – all in time for BBQ season. Orders will be accepted from April 9 up to and including Wednesday, May 12. Pick-up will be on Thursday, May 20. You will be notified by email or phone the time of pick-up at the church. If you have any questions, you can send an email to Macgregorsfundraiser@standrewsbrampton.ca

GENERAL SESSION NEWS

Elder Election

At its April meeting, the Session set the last date for receiving the ballots for the election as May 16th, 2021. The Election packages were mailed to all members the last week of April. We encourage you to please cast your votes for members who are listed on the Membership List that is included in your Election Package. This is your opportunity to say who should sit on the Session, so please get your ballot in the mails as soon as possible. If you have not received your election package, or have any questions, please contact our Clerk of Session ~ Kim Shepherd 416-557-5001 (email: clerk@standrewsbrampton.ca) or Rev. Geoff Ross 647-524-1870 (email: geoff@standrewsbrampton.ca)

Asbestos Removal Update

At its April meeting the Session, after hearing the recommendation from the Property Committee about the scope of the work needed. The Session then voted in favour of the quote from Power Vac – a branch of Power Environmental, a removal and disposal company that deals with environmentally hazardous material. Next Session heard from Stan Loree – St. Andrew's new Treasurer – about St. Andrew's financial situation. After hearing both presentations, the Session voted in favour of going ahead with the removal of the asbestos in the basement. This is scheduled to take place May through June – and, has already started.

The Session then voted in favour of a recommendation to fully finance this project with some of the interest revenue we received for 2020 from the unrestricted portion of our PCC Consolidated Fund investments. Since the money is released in quarterly installments, you will likely see fluctuations in our line-of-credit as the bills will be paid using our Line of Credit, and then cleared when the funds are released to us. We have indeed been blessed by our investments and feel that this is the best opportunity to deal with this situation.

Another thing the Session wants you to know; the parking lot will be used by the company who will be in full hazmat suits for their safety when removing the asbestos – so, don't be alarmed.

Summer Session Team is returning.

The members of the Team are: Moderator (Geoff), Clerk of the Session (Kim), Deputy Clerk (Jean), Mission (Eunice), Property (Richard) Stewardship (Anna-Marie). The Team will look at the protocols for reopening the Church, hopefully in the fall. We will also ensure that all the protocols can be quickly put in place when we reopen. It will also deal with any issues that may come up during the Summer.

They are back...!!!

Hot Zone, the film company (associated with Disney Canada) has returned to do further filming. They're here from May 3rd to 6th. Over the two rentals, they paid the Church \$13,500.00 for the use of the premises – money that we did not budget for, a bonus you might say.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mission & Outreach Committee: Faith in ACTION is fast approaching. Mission is looking for more involvement from individuals, and committees to work on projects both on our property, but also within the community. If you have ideas, suggestions and/or questions, please contact Robyn Kirkpatrick, Faith in ACTION Chair. The date for dropping off things at the church is NOW June 5th, 2021.

Worship Committee:

Since last October, Peter Shepherd has worked behind the scenes getting the technical work done, as well as sourcing the equipment needed for Sunday morning worship. The Worship Committee is looking into hiring a temporary Technician to help with Sunday morning worship and give Peter a much-needed break.

Minister's Vacation

Rev. G. Ross will be on vacation from July 19th to August 15th, 2021, and August 30th to September 5th, 2021.

Please Remember to vote for our new Elders – and mail you ballots in the stamped, return addressed envelope! Every vote counts!