

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Minutes of the Congregational Meeting held on
April 23, 2023

1. Kim Shepherd opened the Meeting with prayer.
2. **Motion by K. Shepherd, seconded by P. Loree**, to appoint J. Bradshaw as Recording Secretary.
CARRIED
3. **Motion by J. Bradshaw** to appoint S. Loree as Moderator of the Meeting. **CARRIED**
4. **Motion by J. Bradshaw, seconded by K. Shepherd**, to adopt the Agenda with a correction to the date under Business Arising. **CARRIED**
5. **Motion by J. Bradshaw, seconded by S. Haw**, to adopt the Business Arising from Minutes of November 20, 2022. **CARRIED**
6. **Motion by S. Loree, seconded by C. Peyer**, to adopt Committee Reports as circulated. **CARRIED**
7. **Motion by J. Bradshaw, seconded by B. Dewar**, to adopt the Report of Trustees and to appoint S. Loree, G. Warren, D. Warwick, and H. Peyer, as Trustees for 2023. **CARRIED**
8. Report of the Stewardship Committee.
The Treasurer, A-M Dewar, read St. Andrew's Vision Statement. She reminded the Meeting that donations to the Food Bank, PWS&D, and Presbyterian Sharing are not included in the Budget. Anna-Marie then reviewed the Profit and loss statement with the significant expenses the Property dealt with during the year. The offering is the largest revenue source, which is down by 50% for 2022. Additional Revenue came from fundraisers held by the Stewardship Committee, rent, and weddings. The salaries for the Minister, Organist, Administrator, pensions, and medical make up 83% of the expenses in the Stewardship Budget. Anna-Marie explained our various funds – The Flame Endowment Fund, the P.C.C. Pension Fund, and Enduring Gifts Funds. These Funds usually generate some interest, which comes to the church, but the decline in the Stock Market in 2022 means that this source of Revenue has temporarily dried up. We received a grant of \$30,000.00 from the P.C.C. for the S-EAOM in 2023, which is the final amount of the grant. The Line of Credit at the end of 2022 is zero. The Budget 202 shows a deficit of \$83,000.00. Anna-Marie urged the Committees to control their spending. She also urged members to give their offering by P.A.R. as this provides a steady income stream.
 - The Auditor, Brooke Billings, gave the Audit Report on the Financial Statements.
Motion by S. Loree, seconded by J. Bradshaw, to accept the audited financial statements as circulated. **CARRIED**
 - **Motion by H. Collins, seconded by J. Bradshaw**, to appoint R.L.B. Chartered Professional Accountants as Auditors. **CARRIED**
 - **Motion by S. Loree, seconded by K. Shepherd**, to appoint A-M Dewar as Treasurer. **CARRIED**
 - The Session had appointed K. Shepherd and Valerie Martin as Envelope Secretaries.
9. New Business:
T. Campbell spoke on the issue of Manse Rent. He felt that the current tenants, Rev. B. Allahditta and his family, should pay monthly rent.
 - **Motion by T. Campbell, seconded by J. Collins**, requests the congregation vote to charge \$3,000.00 per month rent to the current tenants of the manse. Members of the assembly discussed the motion

and heard that the manse needed many upgrades, which would be costly. The vote was taken, and the motion was **DEFEATED**.

- **Motion by J. Collins, seconded by H. Collins** that the Session revisit their decision on not charging rent for the manse. Several Elders pointed out that a minister living in the manse had never been charged rent in the past; this was in place of paying house allowance. The motion was **DEFEATED**.

Votes of Thanks: S. Loree thanked the Treasurer for all her work on the Financial Reports. Stan also thanked the Chair of all the Committees as the Committee members. Thank you to the Elders for their continuing work on the Session. Thank you to S. Tyerman and the Choir for supporting Sunday Worship through music. Thank you to V, Barrett, for her work as Office Administrator.

H. Peyer moved to adjourn the Meeting.

H. Collins closed in prayer.

Next Budget Meeting – November 19, 2023.

Next Annual Meeting – April 24, 2024.

Jean Bradshaw
Recording Secretary