

**Woodlawn United Church
Minutes of Council Meeting
12pm in Sams' Room
December 15th, 2024**

In Attendance: Rev. Kevin Little, Keith Musselman, Ivan Richardson, Fay Gunter, Lisa Allen Webb, Barry Zwicker, Joan Mikkelsen, Kevin McTaggart, Margo Macleod, Craig Finney

Regrets:

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12 pm by Keith Musselman.

Minutes Recorded by: Lisa Allen Webb

Opening Prayer: Rev. Kevin Little

Approval of Agenda: Old and Ongoing Business to be tabled until January 15th meeting.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Postponed to Jan 15th Meeting.

Updates:

M&P -

Allan Submitted proposed Budget

Trustees – Barry Zwicker

No update

Ministers - Rev. Kevin Little

No update

Region 15 - N/A

OLD AND OR ONGOING BUSINESS:

Tabled to January meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

The Draft budget for 2025 was presented by Ivan Richardson on behalf of A&M, generally the expenses are higher than the projected revenue despite the general offering revenue showing a 10% increase.

It was recommended by A&M that the Accessibility Fund has been growing each year and maybe Council should consider asking that the fund not accept additional funds in 2025 and those givers be asked to redirect these funds to the General account. It was reported that there is approximately \$15,000.00 coming into the fund through PAR givers and we should consider asking those folks directly to redirect that giving to the general Fund.

It was agreed that we should have been letting the congregation know at least quarterly where we sit financially and maybe we could have averted the anticipated deficit for 2024.

Action: Have quarterly budget to actual inserts in the bulletin and create more conversation about giving to the General account., Presentation and reminders about all of the events taking place at the church and the need to financially support.

Noted that the upcoming fire alarm replacement would be paid for under the Building Fund and not operating..

Action: Budget presentation to include listing job positions under salaries and note change from previous years. Budget presentation to highlight the professional accounting services (Financial Review)

MOTION: Moved that Council present and recommend at the AGM the 2025 Draft budget with the numbers provided in this document. Moved by: Ivan Richardson. Seconded by: Margo Macleod. **Motion Carried.**

Action: Set up budget info sessions during the week prior to the AGM

NEXT MEETING January 15th, 7:00pm 2025.

CLOSING PRAYER - Kevin Little

ADJOURNMENT - 1:00PM