

Council of Guiding Elders – Minutes Special Meeting November 1st, 2023
Edith Rankin Memorial United Church

In Attendance: Bill Spencer, Gordon Sinclair, Margaret Merkley, Andrew Robb, Peter Merkley, Ken Williams, Rev. Michelle Down

Regrets: Ruth Pettis

Guests:

1. **Call to order:** Bill called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Mission Statement: We seek to be a welcoming community, anchored in God’s love, challenged to sail on the winds of the spirit, sharing the Good News of Christ with each other and the world.

Devotional: Bill asked for a moment of silence to reflect upon the challenges faced by the people of Israel, Palestine and the Ukraine.

Commendations, Regrets, Prayer Concerns:

Correspondence:

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meetings:**

Due to the special nature of this meeting, the previous Council Minutes were not discussed.

3. **Business Arising:**

4. **New Business:**

1. **2024 Financial Plan:**

The sole purpose of this meeting was to review the Draft Financial Plan prepared by Peter Merkley, Treasurer. Peter had previously circulated two documents - Information and Comments about the Plan and the detailed numbers of the Plan (see attached).

Council discussed several of the details within the plan. Andrew Robb proposed an Amending Motion that a sum of money be included to cover overtime in office administration. This Motion was determined to be out of order and was withdrawn. Council agreed this issue was best left to the existing Ad Hoc Committee.

We agreed to add a budget for Music Director Supply. Peter will decide the appropriate amount after discussing with the Worship Committee.

The following motion was put forward:

Motion:

Moved by Peter Merkley, seconded by Gordon Sinclair:

To approve the Draft Financial Plan as prepared by Peter Merkley, Treasurer.

Carried

Reports:

Announcements: none

Closing Prayer: Michelle closed with a prayer.

Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of council will be Wednesday November 15th, at 9:00 am. The previously provided video link is good for both meetings.

Bill Spencer, Chair

Ken Williams, Secretary