

Riverside United Church

Council News - February 2016

The Council of Riverside United Church met on Feb 10, 2016, under the leadership of the Chair - Heather Smith. The following are highlights of reports and discussions from the meeting.

- Meeting began with reflection on the meaning of Lent and how that meaning has shifted in our understanding.
- Affirmed the decision made in Dec. to participate in the Halo Project research and decided to utilize viability assessment tools that are available.
- Received a thank you note from Wesley Basic School, Jamaica for the funds sent at the end of December.
- Agreed that a review of the format of our finance reports will be undertaken over the next few months.
- Garage Sale - April 23, 2016 - start sorting!
- Planning for Paul's sabbatical (August-October) continues.
- Workplace Health & Safety training is happening with staff.
- New tables have arrived; new storage locations for tables and chairs in Rooms 4 and 5.
- Joint Use and Management has allocated the \$10,000 from the Wesley United property: \$3000 for tables, \$5000 for washroom payment, \$2000 held for chancel improvements.
- Agreed to recommend to the Annual Congregational Meeting (Feb 28th) a 2016 Budget with a deficit budget of \$5,449.
- Financial Update: 2015 operating deficit \$6,491.
- Financial Summary for 2016: (end of January)
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| Income | 16,422 | 18,899 |
| Expenses | <u>-16,032</u> | <u>- 17,472</u> |
| Net | 390 | 1,427 |
- Long Term Planning Committee has begun a process of identifying future issues and challenges.
- Thanked Heather Smith for her time as chair of council and Bob Garrow whose term is completed as chair of Ministry & Personnel..
- Next Council meeting will be Wednesday, March 9 at 7 pm. It will include a Pastoral Oversight visit from Ottawa Presbytery.