

**Minutes: Aurora United Church Council**  
**Monday, February 13, 2017**  
**Trinity Anglican Church, Aurora: 7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Rev. Andrew Comar, Rod Johnson, Bill Newman, Roy Eveleigh, Anita Eveleigh, Rob Gulbranson, Debra Hilliard, John Barkla, Peter Drost, Alison Backer, Ivor Roberts, Helen Roberts

**Regrets:** Rev. Lorraine Newton-Comar, Grant Hilliard, Paula Hanna, Jeff Clark

**Opening:** Provided by Rev. Andrew Comar, a reading from Out of the Ordinary by Joyce Rupp

**Motion to make Secretary a Corresponding Member of the Court:**

**Motion:** To make Secretary a Corresponding Member of the Court  
**Moved by:** Ivor Roberts  
**Seconded by:** Debra Hilliard  
**Disposal:** carried

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion:** that the agenda be accepted  
**Moved by:** John Barkla  
**Seconded by:** Rob Gulbranson  
**Disposal:** carried

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion:** that the minutes of the Council meeting on January 9, 2017 be accepted  
**Moved by:** Debra Hilliard  
**Seconded by:** Anita Eveleigh  
**Disposal:** carried

**Motion:** that the minutes of the Council meeting on January 22, 2017 be accepted  
**Moved by:** Rob Gulbranson  
**Seconded by:** Helen Roberts  
**Disposal:** Carried

**Correspondence:**

No correspondence was received  
Invoice from Lawyers, Thomas, Gold & Pettingill was received on January 18, 2017

**Ministry Team Report:**

Rev. Andrew Comar shared a painting of the old church building, done in 2002 by Nenad Miric, donated to the church by Tom Phillips. We also have one of the chandeliers from pre-renovation. When they get into the design stage of the new building, these pieces will be worked into the design. Rev. Andrew Comar reported that he recently had a conference call with Rob Dalglish from the EDGE, and he will preach on AGM Sunday.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Bill Newman gave the treasurer's report. The opening balance as at January 1 was \$39,506.49 and the closing balance at the end of January was 38,038.19. We began January with positive results of Fill the Gap campaign. The interest drawdown will have to be part of the budget. This will be one of the items for discussion at Finance Committee meeting.

Givings down slightly in January 2017 vs. 2016 by \$584. PAR givings are down slightly. Other items of income that we didn't have in 2016 were a memorial donation of \$1,000 and endowment interest of \$15,000.

Total income in January 2017 is \$38,729.86 vs. 18,307.94 in 2016. The reason for this is a "shares" perspective donation which didn't materialize and had to be debited. We also no longer have income from the rental properties.  
Projected Income 32,253.27.

On the expense side, casual staff down by \$202, general operating costs down \$2,714. Rental and storage costs were down \$157. Total expenses were down by \$2,575. Net income was (\$1,005) vs. deficit of \$24,000 in 2016.

Projected deficit of \$11,000 for January 2017.

There is currently a balance of \$8,857.18 in the Insurance Account, \$15,153.01 in the AUC Future Fund, and \$1,819.96 in Earmarked Donations.

### **EDGE Property Committee Update:**

They are working towards building permit, which can typically take between 8 and 12 months, communicating with the town, and waiting on response from councillors. They are working Working towards a public meeting, but there may be a meeting with councillors and EDGE Property to get some questions answered.

Rev. Andrew Comar reported on Cultural Impact Statement.

There is a public meeting tentatively scheduled for March. We will have plenty of notice so AUC can have good representation to show support.

### **Legal Update:**

Roy Eveleigh reported on a letter that he had just received from Town of Aurora containing a tax bill for \$11,000. Contacted General Council office, and spoke with Eric Matheson, who advised only when there is a building can we be tax exempt. Roy will go to town and ask to be exempt since we are working on a project that will offer a lot to the community.

### **Nominations Committee:**

The role of chair of M & P has to be filled. Rod Johnson met with John Kuropatwa and he accepted.

**AGM:**

Rod Johnson advised that the financial piece went out via email and was available in church on Sunday. No one stuck around to ask questions. Rob complemented Rod and Stephen Crawley on putting together the piece, which fully explains the current financial situation. Helen Roberts asked if there would be a presentation by EDGE at the AGM.

**Closing Prayer:**     Andy

  
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Rod Johnson (chair)

  
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Caroline Gulbranson (secretary)