



## *Session Chronicles*

**Volume 1**

**June 2018**

St. John's  
Session met on  
Tuesday, June 26,  
2018 at 7:00 pm

and adjourned at 9:30 pm. The following matters were addressed:

- A member of one of the groups renting space at St. John's, a qualified welder, has volunteered to repair free of charge the numerous black and silver church chairs that have been broken. The repairs have been completed and the chairs are back. Session will be conveying its heartfelt thanks to this person.
- By the time you read this *Chronicle* the congregation will know the contents of the report from Presbytery on the February 22, 2018 visitation to St. John's. Any questions you might have relating to the report can be fielded by any of the elders or the Clerk of Session. For any of you who may have heard the rumors: No, Presbytery is not taking over St. John's with the possibility of closing the church; and No, the Minister is not being asked to leave. A further special summer *Chronicle* dealing with this report and some other congregational issues will likely be forthcoming.
- A number of requests to rent space at St. John's were dealt with by Session. There is a great deal of ongoing interest from community groups in renting space at St. John's.
- The Lunch Hut has kindly offered to pay the church hydro bill for two months out of Lunch Hut proceeds.
- Our church elevator shaft will be resealed in the near future. Fortunately, it is being done under warranty. But, before that happens the shaft needs to have accumulated water pumped out. Is anyone in the congregation familiar with how this has been done in the past? If so, please speak to the Minister or the Clerk.
- Plans for the St. John's Vacation Bible Camp are well under way. It will be held from

July 30th to August 1st at the church. Organizer, Lynn Oger (Phone: 604-538-2436), can be contacted with offers of assistance. The Legacy Trust Fund, as was the case last year, will again be providing some assistance to the camp this year.

- Session has agreed that St. John's will assist Holy Trinity Anglican Church White Rock in their sponsorship of a Syrian refugee family that is now in Canada. Further information will be contained in our church bulletins.
- Once again, Session is appealing for volunteers from the congregation to count the Sunday offerings. Training will be provided.
- The church Legacy Trust Committee met on June 8th. The committee Trustees are Emily Wilson (Chair), Dave Beale, Ted Andrew, Denise Langley, Lesley Leishman, and Jack Kergan. Roy Strang recently resigned due to his move to Vancouver. The fund currently has in excess of \$500,000. Income from the fund is distributed under strict guidelines approved by the congregation. This year, in

addition to the church Vacation Bible Camp, assistance from the Trust will also help 9 children attend Camp Douglas this summer. A sum of \$1,000 has also been given to the Zimbabwe Gecko Society.

- A church cleaning bee took place on Saturday, July 14th. The hot weather failed to deter volunteers from St. John's and W.R. Lutheran from accomplishing much and enjoying good fellowship.
- The regular meeting of the Presbytery of Westminster took place on June 19th and from feedback from our St. John's representative, Emily Wilson, much was accomplished. Emily advises that reports on the recent General Assembly deliberations will be displayed in the church hall for perusal.
- As you enjoy summer, please continue to pray for St. John's, our Minister and church family, that we will enter the fall rested, rejuvenated and refocused.

*Keith Leishman  
Clerk of Session*