

Notes from Congregational meeting of February 7, 2016

- Approximately 90 people met after the church service on the above date.
- The meeting was to hear the ideas that came from three brain storming sessions that members of council that were interested and able to attend came up with.
- Todd Ellis, chair of A&M spoke on behalf of the group at this meeting.
- The following were ideas that were presented:
 - Suggest that you could adjust how you allocate your gifts
As of 2014 (audited statements)

Total revenue	\$792,961	(100%)
Designated funds	(\$368,520)	(46.4%)
Operating (budgeted)	(\$424,441)	(53.6%)
 - Better uses of technology (paper vs. digital)
 - Seek sharing plowing cost for our mailboxes-Canada Post
 - Parking Rental income – car share, cell tower
 - Further renovations to Historic center (white church) to increase rentals
 - Fundscrip
- A number of people spoke on the pros and cons of these ideas.
- Ideas that were suggested from those that attended:
 - Having a live concert in our parking lot
 - Having a thermometer to show where we are financially
 - To watch Sister Act 2 & Footloose to get ideas
 - Email on those on PAR to have them relook at how they allocate their givings. Suggest they give more to operating either adjusting their allocations or by increasing.
 - It was noted the importance of giving to M&S.
 - A suggestion was made to bring back pledge cards.
- Adelia Holloway spoke on Fundscrip and gave a brief outline of how this worked. It is a Canadian fundraising program where you purchase gift cards through the church from over 240 participating businesses and the church receives a commission. For example if you purchase a Sobeys gift card worth \$100 the church would receive 3%, Chapters 5%, Winners 6%, most gas stations 2%, etc... Many who attended showed their support of this by show of hands. Teri

Giannou and Adelia will look into this further and get the program started.

- Hugh Townsend announced that he has written a book and plans to give the entire proceeds to Woodlawn United Church.
- Meeting was closed with prayer.
- Following the meeting a chili lunch was available downstairs.