

ST. JOHN'S EV. LUTHERAN LATVIAN CHURCH OF TORONTO
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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING #622
Wednesday, September 29, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Present: Karlis Vasarajs (Chair) Anne Reinbergs (Vice-Chair)
Ieva Osis Astrida Ezergailis (Secretary)
Lilita Tannis Peteris Avenins
Gunta Reynolds Larry Gifford
Karena Grasmanis

Clergy: Rev. G. Grietins

Staff: Inta Baze, Normunds Goba

Committee Reps: Maija Sukse, Ruta Silins

Regrets: Mara Strazdins, Amanda Sebris, Raimonds Rutitis

Call to order: 7:11 pm.

Opening Prayer: Rev. Grietiņš

1. Acceptance of the Agenda:

Accepted by acclamation

2. Review and acceptance of Council Meeting #619, #620, #621 Minutes

Council Meeting Minutes May 26, 2021, #619

Motion to accept as written

Moved: Larry Gifford

Seconded: Anne Reinbergs

Motion carried

Council Meeting Minutes July 15, 2021, #620

Motion to accept, adding to 5.a "Raimonds Rutitis reporting"

Moved: Gunta Reynolds

Seconded: Ieva Osis

Motion carried

Council Meeting Minutes September 1, 2021, #621

Motion to accept as written

Moved: Lilita Tannis

Seconded: Larry Gifford

Motion carried

3. **Clergy update:**

- Fall Festival (Rudens Svētki) and Saulaine re-opening service were well attended and went well
- confirmation class has started grouped together with St. Andrew's; the current group is 8
- Archbishop Lauma Zušēvica is standing for re-election as head of Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Worldwide (LELBP)
- Linda Kronbergs will participate with musical offerings at Pļaujas Svētki, October 3rd service

4. **Chair's update:**

- Saulaine Septic project is in final stages, with some supply delays
- LELBP synod is approaching; Chair will forward LELBP election documents to secretary
- Fall Vēstis
- noted: ELCIC investments has arisen in conversation – is this something to look into further? arising from discussion and tabled for later: consider position statements re LELBP relative to LELB Latvijā

5. **Administrator's /Treasurers Report:**

- Review of Statement of Activities to end of August
Question for Treasurer to clarify Non-budgeted Income line for 2020 001-160102

6. **Committee updates:**

a. **Facilities Management:**

- Carpet installation to be done by November 8th
- Downstairs general clean-up and proper storage of items needs to happen

b. **Discussion group:** Retreat is happening in October – all are welcome!

c. **Ladies' committee:**

- Thanks to Ieva for Vestis newsletter write-up
- coordinating with St. Andrew's re supplies

d. **St. Andrew's Liaison committee:**

Review of the response letter to St. Andrew's *Sv. Andreja Futures Committee Response* [see attached]

Motion to accept the letter as amended.

Motioned: Gunta Reynolds

Seconded: Anne Reinbergs

Motion carried

e. **Saulaine Management committee:**

- reporting on Rudens Svētki
- Discussion of *Excess Saulaine Land Sale - List Price and Selection of Agent* document [see attached]

Motion to approve pricing strategy as outlined in Saulaine Excess Land Sale document

Moved: Anne Reinbergs

Seconded: Ieva Osis

Motion carried

f. **Other committees:** no updates this month

7. **Other Business**

a. **Code of conduct:** discussed in #5 and #6

Code of conduct – do we have one? Where is it? Vēstis includes a basic statement - a good starting point.

General agreement that it would be good to develop a code of conduct – consider definitions of good governance, transparency, examine the roles and responsibilities of Chair, Executive and Committees. In addition, consider how roles and expectations differ when considering staff and volunteers.

8. **Review Action items:**

Adjournment: 9:45 pm

Closing prayer

In Camera

Chair: Karlis Vasarajs

Secretary: Astrida Ezergailis