

Two Proposals and Motions to the Congregational Meeting September 15th

I am sorry that I (Klaas Broersma as Clerk of Session) can personally not be present for the Congregational meeting called for September 15th after the worship service. The meeting was called with fairly short notice and I was already committed to be elsewhere at this time and could not easily change plans. I do hope and pray that you will consider these proposals seriously. I am thankful that Hallie MacDonald, treasurer, is willing to make this presentation to the congregation.

Introduction

At St. Andrew's we have a fair number of programs that are directed more toward our church and its congregation. These programs and groups include worship, choir, women's and men's bible studies, and the Presbyterian Women. The church also has connections with local and international ministries through groups like Young Life, Kamloops Pregnancy Care, and the Women's Missionary Society. In recent years we have been extending our outreach into our city and neighborhood helping out with FOCUS Club dinners for students at TRU, having discussion on death and dying, distributing winter coats with the Salvation Army and partnering with the Sagebrush Neighbourhood Association. As a church we have been learning and hearing that it is our calling or vocation, hopefully also our desire, to become an integral part of our local community. To be able to do this outreach and mission work in our surroundings we need to have access to resources. These resources include people to direct and help manage programs, and also financial resources to help make it happen. Presently we have access to financial resources that were not available before to us, and this will help make it happen. Thanks be to God!

New Sources of Funding

Our church, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Kamloops, has been blessed and is benefiting from two sources of monies that are presently not part of our 2019 budget that was passed at our Annual General Meeting, held on February 24th 2019. These sources are \$20,000 from EllisDon, for parking spots in our church parking area for some of their employees over the next 2 years (2019 and 2020). EllisDon is the construction company that is building the new tower building for our Royal Inland Hospital. The second source is from the YMCA. The YMCA has been losing money and is refocusing its programs and adjusting staffing and program levels to prevent the situation from becoming worse. The after school children's program has been moved from its Battle Street location to our church lower hall facility and will run late afternoons from 2:30 to 5:30 PM and full days on teacher professional development days, and some holidays. I believe that these sources of money were provided to us to be used wisely by our church for God's work in the community here and elsewhere. See Table 1 below as to an **estimation** of potential money available from EllisDon and the YMCA for 2019 and 2020.

Table 1. Estimated potential income from YMCA children’s program and EllisDon parking for 2019 and 2020.

Program	Year		Total
	2019	2020	
YMCA Children’s Program	\$8,600	\$19,150*	\$27,750
EllisDon Parking	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$20,000
Total	\$18,600	\$29,150	\$47,750

- *This amount for 2020 is for the YMCA program from January to the end of August. If the program continues into the fall of 2020 and 2021 there is potential of another \$8,800 (fall) and about \$19,000 (winter/spring).*

We have two proposals that we would wish to bring before the congregation to consider. One is to help with local mission work, and another to help relieve some of the financial stress for one of our congregations in our Presbytery (Penticton).

Proposal One

It is moved by _____ and seconded by _____, that we at St. Andrew’s Kamloops set aside \$7,500 of money that we received in 2019 from the YMCA Children Program and EllisDon for parking on our lot. This money will be designated for local mission and outreach programs that obtain Session endorsement that include but are not restricted to the ALPHA program, Young Life at South Kamloops Secondary School (SKSS), etc...

Helping a Sister Church in Our Kamloops Presbytery.

As many of you know, Klaas Broersma was part of a Commission along with Pastor Herb Hilder (Prince George) and Ross Bassingthwaighte (Kelowna). They were sent by the Kamloops Presbytery to visit and assess the financial viability of the St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church in Penticton. The Kamloops Presbytery lent them money (loan of \$10,200) so that they would be able to pay their minister for the remainder of this fiscal year. Payment of a minister’s stipend is the first call for a congregation’s finances. This issue of not being able to pay the stipend of the minister raised serious questions within the Kamloops Presbytery about the congregation’s financial vulnerability and the congregation’s ability to remain sustainable. The congregation is working on ways of rectifying the financial deficiencies and can use help to move forward.

Proposal Two

In a second motion, _____ moves and _____r seconds that since we have been blessed richly with unexpected financial resources this past year that we present St. Andrew’s Penticton Church with a one-time gift of \$5,000 to be used exclusively to help pay back part of the \$10,200 loan received from the Kamloops Presbytery.