



MINUTES of the Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, March 13, 2022

Conducted as part of the worship service

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Council Updates

- **Search Team – Steve Northey:** Explained that the Search Team needed Council's approval of two documents that have been posted on the ChurchHub; our Living Faith Story and the Job Position Description.
 - **MOTION to approve the Living Faith Story. Moved by Bob Illman and seconded by Deb Gill. Carried.**
 - **MOTION to approve the Job Position Description. Moved by Paul Seagrave and seconded by Virginia Scott. Carried.**
- **Grand Bend Place: Centre for the Living Arts – Bob Illman:** Announced the spring line up of concerts and that planning fall concerts is in the works.
- **Sanctuary Windows – Deb Gill:** Explained that we were successful in receiving a grant from the UCC called Faithful Footprints to replace the sanctuary windows. It's hopeful that this work will be done in May. The stain glass windows will be repaired and re-hung with space for proper ventilation at a cost of \$15,000. The stain glass window on the east corner of the sanctuary will be moved to the west window behind the pulpit. Some of this expense has been covered by a donation. There may be a fundraiser to cover the remainder of the cost.

Opening Comments: Rev. Kevin Steeper opened the meeting at 10:15. There were approximately 55 in attendance (30 in person and 25 on Zoom) making a quorum. Rev. Kevin addressed the first opening motion:

- **MOTION that Charles MacDonald be elected Chair of the Annual Congregational Meeting. Moved by Deb Gill and seconded by Ruth Ann Eagleson. Carried.**

Opening Motions - Charles MacDonald:

- **MOTION that Mary McFadden be elected Recording Secretary of the Annual Congregational Meeting. Moved by Steve Northey and seconded by Roger Hyatt. Carried.**
- **MOTION that voting privileges be extended to adherents who are present. Moved by Virginia Scott and seconded by Ruth Ann Eagleson. Carried.**
- **MOTION that the agenda be approved as amended. Moved by Virginia Scott and seconded by Steve Northey. Carried**
- **Amendments to the agenda:**
 - rewording of July 4, 2021 minutes to read: to review the 2020 Financial Report.
 - rewording from Elect Council Chair to: Elect Council members.
 - addition of the motion to elect Congregational Visitors.
 - addition of the motion to elect the Western Ontario Waterways representatives.
 - addition of the adjournment

Act of Remembrance – each name was read by Steve Northey.

Approval of Minutes

1. Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes, February 7, 2021
 - a. Review
 - b. Business arising
 - **MOTION that the minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting, February 7, 2021, be approved. Moved by Doug Procter and seconded by Melodie Northey. Carried.**
2. Special Congregational Meeting Minutes, July 4, 2021.
 - a. Review of Minutes
 - b. Business arising
 - **MOTION that the minutes of the July 4, 2021 Special Congregational Meeting to review the 2020 Financial Report be approved as amended. Moved by Virginia Scott and seconded by Bob Illman. Carried.**
 - **Correction: in the Opening Motions, strike out the word “Annual”.**

Annual Report, 2021

- Invitation to ask questions of any report.
- (Reports will be lifted from blanket motion and discussed in Individual Reports section.)
- **MOTION to accept reports as amended, excluding: Financial Report, Nominating Report, and other lifted reports. Amended reports are the Supplement to the Balance Sheet, the corrected Contributions Report and the Office Administration report. Moved by Ruth Ann Eagleson and seconded by Paul Seagrave. Carried.**

Review of Individual Reports

- **Financial Report – Bryan Beattie:** Explained that 2021 was a year of unusual circumstances. The on-going building renewal projects, dealing with COVID-19 closures and operating with the absence of a minister’s guidance.

Bryan reviewed each aspect of the Financial Report and the 2022 proposed budget. Which included:

- Corrected Contributions report
- Addition of Balance sheet supplement
- Balance Sheet of assets and obligations

After Bryan had completed his commentary, he asked if anyone had any questions or concerns. There were none.

- **MOTION to accept Financial Reports. Moved by Steve Northey and seconded by Dennis McIntyre. Carried.**
- **MOTION to adopt the 2022 Proposed Budget. Moved by Melodie Northey and seconded Virginia Scott. Carried.**

Comment from Charles MacDonald - that he was amazed at the lack of concern from the congregation in regard to the HSUC finances.

Review of Individual Reports

- **Financial Report – Bryan Beattie (cont'd):**
 - Appointment of Reviewer for 2022
 - **MOTION to appoint Jim Neville as Reviewer for 2022. Moved by Virginia Scott and seconded by Deb Gill. Carried.**

Mission & Outreach Team's recommendation to the congregation of the Mission & Service Fund target of \$15,000.

- **MOTION to accept the proposed target of \$15,000 for the Mission and Service Fund in 2022. Moved by Roger Hyatt seconded by Virginia Scott. Carried.**

Nominations Working Group Report (Nominations from the floor accepted)

- Review the report
 - **MOTION to elect HSUC Council members as listed in the amended Nominations Report. Moved by Bob Illman and seconded by Doug Procter. Carried.**
 - **MOTION to accept the nomination of the Congregational Visitors: Joanne Barry and Lynne Desjardine. Moved by Ruth Ann Eagleson and seconded by Sharon Neville. Carried.**
 - **MOTION to accept the Nominations Working Group Report as amended. Moved by Steve Northey seconded by Deb Gill. Carried.**
 - **Correction – missing Ministry & Personnel - Steve Northey.**

Nomination of Trustees:

- Bob Illman (Chair), Larry Taylor, Norm Harris, ~~Rosalind MacDonald~~, John Scott, Glenn Miller
 - **MOTION to approve Trustees as named. Moved by Paul Seagrave and seconded by Steve Northey. Carried.**

Nomination of Western Ontario Waterways Representatives:

- Ruth Ann Eagleson, Rosalind MacDonald, Bob Illman
 - **MOTION to approve WOW Representatives as named. Moved by Bryan Beattie and seconded by Lori Hyatt. Carried.**

Any other reports lifted from blanket motion above – Charles commented on each report and invited attendees to ask questions or express comments. Compliments were expressed to the Grocery Cards program, the work of Stewardship, to Charles MacDonald for his work as Council Chair and to Rosalind MacDonald in her role as Lay Pastoral Minister.

- **MOTION to accept these reports as amended. Moved by Virginia Scott and seconded by Roger Hyatt. Carried.**
 - **Correct Office Administration report has two added sentences: "A HUGE thank you to Mary McFadden for taking some of the larger office admin. tasks off my plate this year to help me navigate Karlie's health and my own personal well-being. And for Rosalind for always being available last minute to lend a hand with random Shorelines questions."**
 - **Affirming** – The painted Pride Crosswalk was omitted.

Other Items – Charles MacDonald: brought attention to the below reports:

- Revised Policy & Procedures
- Other Items
- Reports not included in the 2021 Annual Report- available upon request:
 - Camp Bimini
 - Camp Menesetung
 - Christian Development Centre

Charles asked folks to read the Policies and Procedures. If any concerns to contact Office Administration. Invited any other comments. An expression of pride was made in admiration of the work done by all the Council Chairs and team members.

MOTION to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Moved by Bob Illman.

Note: After the adjournment and the computer was closed, Rev Keven Steeper expressed gratitude to our Community of Faith. Bryan Beattie took the floor to express accolades to several individuals and the work of the Council teams.

Charles MacDonald,
Chair

Mary McFadden
Council Secretary