



**MINUTES**  
**(Part 2) of Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, June 11, 2023**  
Held in the Fellowship Hall & on Zoom at 12:00 p.m.

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**Call to Order – Deb Gill:** approximately 12:07 p.m.

**ACM Opening Motion: Rev. Nancy Knowles**

- **MOTION that Deb Gill be elected Chair of the Part 2 Annual Congregational Meeting. Moved by Steve Northey and seconded by Janice Sinker. Carried.**

**Remainder of Opening Motions - Deb Gill**

- **MOTION that Mary McFadden be elected Recording Secretary of the Part 2 Annual Congregational Meeting. Moved by Rhonda Manore and seconded by Marilyn Beattie. Carried.**
- **MOTION that voting privileges be extended to adherents who are present. Moved by Janice Sinker and seconded by Trish Challen. Carried.**
- **MOTION that the agenda be approved as distributed. Moved by Peter Challen and seconded Wilma Harris. Carried.**

**AGENDA**

**1. Welcome from chair - Deb Gill:**

- Thanked Debbie Procter and Lois Gill for the set up. Extended a thank you to all for their pot-luck offering and for attending part 2 of our Annual Congregational Meeting. Asked for help to tear down.
- Explained that after the meeting is adjourned, Rev. Nancy will speak on Collaborative Ministry.
- Approximately 52% attended, making a quorum.
- Explained that on Saturday, June 10 at the Special Council Meeting, a motion was passed that appointed Lori Hyatt as Finance Chair to commence on July 1, 2023.

**2. Review & approval** of the Sunday, February 26 Annual Congregational minutes.

Deb asked for any questions or concerns.

- **MOTION that the Sunday, February 26 Annual Congregational minutes be approved as circulated. Moved by Melodie Northey and seconded Trish Challen. Carried.**

**3. Prayer - Rev. Nancy Knowles**

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### 4. Presentation of Auditor's Report

- Deb briefly explained Lori's financial background experience and expressed how pleased Council is that Lori has taken on the role of Finance Chair.
- Lori took the floor with the opening comment thanking Bryan Beattie and Council for their support.
  - Lori briefly explained the Compilation Report process done by Seebach Accounting and their review of our 2022 financial records sent by Bryan.
  - The result of their review showed:
    - Very minor adjustments as to how our 2022 finances are reported.
    - Our 2022 finances are accurate.
    - Any issues seem to be from our Power Church finance software. The Finance Team is will be working with Power Church to resolve any issues. If in a timeframe, the Team is not satisfied with the Power Church software, they will change to another program. This process will take place over a six-month period.
    - Emphasized that our 2022 finances are in complete order – no concerns.
    - No reason for a further audit is indicated at this time.
    - The Team will be working on an easy to understand Finance Report.
    - Plan to report back to Council on progress of last quarter.
- Lori asked if there were any questions:
  - Barry Nicholls asked why our net worth did not show on the auditor's report. Lori explained that this figure is not normally shown but she will investigate the answer and get back to Barry. Comment that this figure would be the insured value (which fluctuates).
  - There were no further questions.
    - **MOTION that Huron Shores United Church Council recommends that the Community of Faith receive the Finance Report as completed by Seebach Accounting. Moved by Peter Challen and seconded by Janice Sinker. Carried.**
      - **Rationale** - This report was completed externally as was recommended by the Region as one of our mediation recommendations. It is a Compilation not an Audit.

### 5. Recognition Honouring Bryan Beattie - Steve Northey (Quoting):

*"It is my pleasure and honour to thank Bryan Beattie on behalf of the Finance Team, Council and the Community of Faith. Bryan, with the loving support of his wife, Marilyn, has been a remarkable leader for many years at Huron Shores United Church and Grand Bend United Church before that. Through good times and bad he has been a rock. In recent years he has guided us through a major renovation and continually strives to pay down and lead our debt recovery project.*

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### 5. Recognition Honouring Bryan Beattie - Steve Northey (Quoting) – cont'd:

*It has been a pleasure to work with Bryan on our Finance Team. It amazes me how he takes all those numbers and makes sense of them!*

*And now the time has come to truly retire from the responsibility of HSUC finances. We will miss him but we know he and his expertise are never far away.*

*Bryan, on behalf of all of us, THANK YOU for all your years of dedication, keeping our church in a strong financial position. Please join me in thanking Bryan."*

Immediately after Steve's recognition, Bryan received a standing ovation.

**Peter Challen** – stepped up to the microphone and gave recognition of the review done by Seebach, and his hope that the congregation will move forward in a positive way. In addition to this comment, Peter went on to express congratulations to Lori on her presentation and the future work of the Finance Team.

**Equity Monitor – Janice Sinker** – stated that we did an excellent job!

### 6. MOTION to adjourn at 12:34 p.m.



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Deb Gill,  
Acting Council Chair



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Mary McFadden  
Council Secretary