



**Minutes of Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, February 7, 2021**  
**Held in the Zoom Platform during the Worship Service**

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- **Opening Comments – Janice Sinker:** Ruth Ann Eagleson was spotlighted to present a short celebration of Kate’s 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. She read short tributes from six participants to honour Kate.
- **Opening Motions – Kate Crawford:** opened the business part of the service at 10:15 a.m.
  1. **MOTION - That Janice Sinker be elected Chair of the Annual Congregational Meeting.**
    - Asked for nominations from the floor. There were none.
    - The meeting was then turned over to Janice.
  2. **MOTION - That Mary McFadden be elected Secretary of the Annual Congregational Meeting. Moved by Charles MacDonald and seconded by Bob Illman. Carried.**
  3. **MOTION - That voting privileges be extended to adherents who are present. Moved by Virginia Scott and seconded by Ruth Ann Eagleson. Carried.**
    - Kate asked that all participants turn on their screens to show voting hands.
  4. **MOTION - That the Agenda be approved as circulated. Moved by Charles MacDonald and seconded by Rhonda Manore. Carried.**
- **Act of Remembrance – Joanne Barry and Rosalind MacDonald:** took turns in reading the names of each deceased member of our Community of Faith.
  - Special music was played by Janice Sinker and Deb Gill was asked to filled in until Janice was prepared to continue chairing the ACM.
- **Approval of Minutes – Deb Gill**
  1. Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes, January 26, 2020. Noted that in Business Arising is to approve the Special Congregational Meeting of November 24, 2019.
    - **MOTION - that the minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 26, 2020 be approved as written. Moved by Steve Northey and seconded. Lynne Desjardine. Carried.**
    - Janice resumed at 10:30 a.m.
  2. Special Congregational Meeting Minutes, November 24, 2019 - (deferred from 2019 ACM)
    - **MOTION: that the minutes of the Congregational Meeting on November 24, 2019 be approved. Moved by Bob Illman and seconded by Charles MacDonald. Carried.**
  3. Special Congregational Meeting Minutes, July 26, 2020.
    - **MOTION: That the minutes of the July 26, 2020 Congregational Meeting (regarding COVID-19) be approved. Moved by Rosalind MacDonald and seconded Deb Gill. Carried.**

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- **Annual Report, 2020 – Janice Sinker:** Invited the floor to ask questions of any report with the exception of the reports that are lifted from blanket motion and discussed in the Individual Reports section.
  - **MOTION - to accept reports as printed, excluding: Financial Report, Nominating Report, Sabbatical Report and any other lifted reports. Moved by Melodie Northey and seconded by Deb Gill. Carried.**
- **Return to worship – 10:34 a.m.**
- **Meeting resumed – 11:00 a.m.**
- **Review of Individual Reports**
  - **Finance – Bryan Beattie:** Provided a detailed commentary (**attached**) of the 2020 financial figures. Asked for comments or questions. A question was raised about the line item labelled “cost recovery” under the “Receipts”. Explanation was that it is an “in-and-out” item and shows up in the “Expenditures” at the “Debt expenditures” line.
    - **MOTION - to accept Financial Reports. Moved by Bryan Beattie and seconded by Virginia Scott. Carried.**
    - **General Comments –**
    - Bryan explained that due to the uncertainty of when things might return to a more normal situation, a budget will not be presented at this Annual Meeting. The 2021 purposed budget will be prepared and presented at a Special Congregational Meeting called for that purpose in June.
    - Expressed that he was grateful to Luke Nagel for the 2020 Review and briefly explained this role. The appointment of our Reviewer for 2021 will be made when the budget is presented in June.
    - Janice thanked Bryan for all his work “at the wheel”.
  - **Mission & Outreach Fund – Marian Ogilvie:** recommended to the congregation that the Mission & Service Fund target for 2021 be \$15,000. Marian expressed gratitude of the \$17,000 realized in 2020. Encouraged to continue support of the M&S Fund.
    - **MOTION - That the Mission and Service Fund target in 2021 be \$15,000. Moved by Marian Ogilvie and seconded by Lynne Desjardine. Carried.**
  - **Nominations Working Group – Lynne Desjardine:** reviewed the role of the Nominating W.G. and offered a thank you to the individuals leaving roles on Council. **Marilyn Beattie:** named newly elected individuals and continuing members.
    - **Nominations from the floor –** there were none.
    - **MOTION - to accept the Nominations Working Group Report. Moved by Marilyn Beattie and seconded by Melodie Northey. Carried.**

## **Nominations Working Group – Lynne Desjardine (cont'd):**

- **Bob Illman:** asked to clarify if Charles would resign as Chair of Ministry & Personnel. Explanation was given that Charles could not resign until he was officially elected as Council Chair.
- **Bob Illman:** asked that the report be amended to show that Lois Gill and Lynne Desjardine are co-chairs of the newly formed team of “Fellowship and Outreach” in the column “Continuing in Office” for 2021.
  
- **MOTION – to accept the amendment of the “Fellowship and Outreach Team” to the Nomination Working Group report. Moved by Bob Illman and seconded by Rosalind MacDonald. Carried.**
  
- **Review Acclamations/Election – Janice Sinker:**
  - **Asked for nomination for Council Chair** – there were none. Declared Charles MacDonald as Chair of Council
  - **Asked for nomination for Council Minute Secretary** – there were none. Declared Mary McFadden as Minute Secretary will be for 2021
  - **Asked for nomination for Accessibility Chair** – there were none. Declared Linda Obermaier as Accessibility Chair
  
- **Nomination of Trustees – Bob Illman:** Special mention was expressed to Rosalind MacDonald who is leaving the Trustees due to other priorities. Invited anyone who would like to join the Trustees
  - **MOTION - to approve the Trustees for 2021: Bob Illman, Larry Taylor, Norm Harris, Doug Kyle, John Scott, Ron Turner and Glenn Miller. Moved by Bob Illman and seconded by Charles MacDonald. Carried.**
  
- **Other Reports:**
  - **Sabbatical Working Group – Charles MacDonald:** Reviewed written report by giving a short background of 2019 planning and then highlighted plans for 2020. Asked if any questions. Main difference between the two years is that worship leadership was asked of many Community of Faith members in 2020. For the 2021 plans, services will be conducted by Pulpit Supply. Funds to cover Pulpit Supply will come from the United Church’s Restorative Care Plan. Asked for any other questions of any other reports. Questions as to the combined team of Fellowship and Outreach amalgamation. Working groups will now be under the new name.
    - **MOTION – that the Sabbatical Working Group report be approved.**
  - Janice Sinker asked if there were any other reports lifted from blanket motion above
    - **MOTION - to approve these reports. Moved by Virginia seconded Carey Eddy. Carried.**

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- **Other Items – Janice Sinker:** Invited Bob Illman to the spotlight
- **Revised Policy & Procedures - Bob Illman:** has been amended the Policy & Procedures document and it has been reviewed by Council. Once approved will be posted on website.
  - **MOTION – that the Policy & Procedures be adopted as presented. Moved by Bob Illman and seconded by Lynne Desjardine. Carried.**
- **Letter Received from Western Ontario Waterways – Janice Sinker:** The letter is in response to our proposal inquiring as to how future situations such as the Gretta Vosper issue will be handled. Janice read the letter (**attached**).
- **Asked for any other items**
  - Charles thanked Janice for all her leadership during the last two years. Thanked all Council members that are staying in their roles and thanked the new members, especially the newest, Linda Obermaier. Looking forward to chairing Council during 2021.
  - Now that Charles is officially Council Chair, he expressed that he will resign from M&P Chair but oversee the role until this position is filled. Ensured that it will be a smooth transition.
- **Reports not Included** in the 2020 Annual Report- available upon request.
- **Closing Comments – Janice Sinker:** thanked everyone for their patience navigating through our first ACM in a virtual platform, especially all those involved with their technical expertise.
- **Closing Motion:**
  - **MOTION - that the 2021 Annual Congregational Meeting be adjourned. Moved by Bob Illman at 11:52 a.m.**

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Janice Sinker  
Chair

Mary McFadden  
Recording Secretary