

**Annual General Meeting
St Andrew's River Heights United Church
Sunday, February 24, 2019**

1. **Call to order and declaration of quorum:**
 - a. Paul Webster called the meeting to order at 11:50 AM and declared that Quorum was reached.
2. **Opening prayer and time of remembrance:**
 - a. Karen Lumley opened with prayer and a reading of all those who had passed away in 2018.
3. **Motion allowing adherents to vote**
 Moved by Joan Stevenson and seconded by Clark Brownlee that the adherents present at this meeting will be allowed to vote. Carried
4. **Acceptance of agenda**
 Moved by Fred Cross and seconded by Deborah Metcalf that the agenda be accepted as presented. Carried
5. **Acceptance of minutes of AGM, February 25, 2018**
 Moved by Sue Bolton and seconded by Greg Fearn that the Minutes of the 2018 AGM be accepted as presented. Carried.
6. **Acceptance of interest group reports**
 Linda Paul noted that there is a correction needed in the P&A report. The first bullet on page 35 of the report should read:
"New dual flush toilets have now been installed in all the washrooms."
 Moved by Bill Muir and seconded by Ruth Mackenzie that the interest group reports be approved as amended.
 Andrea Moffatt will make this correction to the on-line document.
7. **Report of the chair of the service team:**
 - a. Paul Webster read the report of the chair found in the AGM booklet.
8. **Governance working model review:**
 - a. Rob Siddall reported on the work of the Governance Interest Group (GG). He outlined the results of the survey that was conducted in the fall of 2018. Further he indicated that the GG had presented its report to the Service Team for discussion in January 2019 and for decision in February 2019. The ST approved the Interim Governance Model as presented with some alterations. It was decided that the Interim Model would become the permanent model and that further work will need to be done to align both the Constitution and the Regulations Documents with the new model. As 2019 progresses further input from Region 5-Prairie to Pine – will be required.
 A comment was made that M&P should not act as a liaison with any group. The GG will investigate that.

9. Foundation report -

- a. Deborah Metcalfe reported on the work of the Foundation her full report is available in the AGM booklet.

A question was asked as to what might happen to the Foundation should there be an amalgamation with another church in the future. Deborah responded that it is her understanding that if it is a true merger then the assets of the merging churches would be merged. If it is a closure of one church to join another congregation, then the Foundation would be liquidated. Deborah agreed to do more research on this issue and whether there would need to be a name change in the event of a true merger.

Deborah reported that there are 2 vacancies on the Board of the Foundation and asked for expressions of interest to join the Board.

10. Finance report -

a) Independent reviewer's statement

Bill Craddock provided the statement from Howard Rempel indicating that the books are in good order and meet the requirements.

b) Finance Interest Group

- Bill Craddock presented the 2019 budget responding to questions along the way. He reported that \$10,000 was donated to the Oak Table Building Fund. This was money that was not needed for the 2018 budget. The presentation by Glynis Quinn a few weeks ago was so powerful that the Finance Group and the ST approved this donation. The congregation applauded this effort.
- Bill reported on the new rental agreement with RH Daycare. The day care will now assume some responsibility for utilities such as water since they are the primary users of utilities in the building.
- The contract with the nursery is up in August and it is thought that a similar contract will be negotiated with the nursery
- The new telephone system installed at the cost of \$6200 is very efficient and resulted in a decrease in monthly costs. The cost recovery will occur in a few years.
- Bill reported that there was an increase in donations to the M&S fund.

In response to a question, Bill reported that the donation of the monies from the Basement Bookstore do not show up in the abbreviated version of the budget, but are included in the detailed accounting. Betty Lorimer was thanked for her work related to the bookstore and the subsequent donation of about \$1500.

In response to a question, Bill reiterated that the monies for Oak Table Building Fund came from the investment portion of the budget. Some cashing in of assets was required to make this donation and the balance of the cash was placed in our account at the Steinbach Credit Union.

c) 2019 budget:

Moved by Bill Craddock and seconded by Lorne Hurst that the 2019 budget be approved as presented. Carried

11. Nominations

Nominating Report

Service Team Executive:

Chair	Anne Grewar
Vice-Chair	Vacant
Past Chair	Paul Webster
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Bill Craddock
M & P	Michael Duncan
Members-at-large	Lisa Richards, Rob Siddall and Lorne Hurst

Interest Group Chairs:

Christian Education	Vacant
Fellowship	Betty Jubinville
M & P	Michael Duncan
Nominating	Paul Webster
Outreach	Nancy Hodgson
P & A	Gord Shawcross/ John Swan (Co-Chairs)
Stewardship	Clark Brownlee
Worship	Ruth McKenzie (Interim)

Trustees:

John Barber, Bernard Boland, Ellen Peel (Bruneau), Gord Shawcross

St. Andrew's Foundation:

Chair	Deborah Metcalfe
Secretary /Treasurer	David Wreford
2 vacancies	

ABC Unit:

ABC is using a model of rotating chairs

4 Regional Reps to Prairie to Pine (5)

Rita Swan
3 vacancies

Moved by Diane Bewell seconded by Glenn Neufeld that the slate be accepted as presented. Carried

12. New business:

Paul Webster reported that members of the ST will be meeting with Mary Best from the Pastoral Relations Commission on February 27, 2019 to clarify the procedures needed to follow through with the filling of the Ministry vacancy at St Andrew's which is currently being filled by Rev. Noelle Bowles as a Gap Minister until June 30. The Congregation will be required to complete a Ministry Profile. Paul asked that anyone interested in joining the group that will be completing the Ministry Profile should volunteer. Further information will be forth coming to the Congregation once the details become clear.

13. Expressions of appreciation:

Anne Grewar thanked the many people who contribute to the work of the congregation.
The life and work of the church would not happen without the dedication of many talented individuals:

- Derek Morphy and Wes Elias for the music program;
- Carolyn Lutes and the hand bell choir;
- Karen Lumley for her spiritual leadership;
- Andrea Moffatt in the office for providing support to everyone;
- Bill Craddock for his dedication in managing St. Andrew's finances;
- Jan Demeduk and the Sunday School teachers for leading the children in youth and Christian education;
- Gord Shawcross and John Swan for going above and beyond the call of duty, and to all the members of the Property Committee for the hands-on work they do;
- Jeff Kramer for his effort in maintaining the building;
- Alison Koots and Delores Jardine for their work on organizing the ushers and greeters every week;
- All the volunteers who make coffee every Sunday morning;
- The Anna Blair Circle for preparing the lovely lunch for today's AGM;
- All the Interest Group chairs and their members for the work they do each month;
- Betty Lorimer for her running of the Basement Bookstore
- Tyler Craddock for operating the sound system every Sunday;
- All members of the Service Team for their hard work and dedication, and a special thanks to Linda Paul for her term as Interim Secretary of the Service Team;
- All members of the congregation for attending St. Andrew's every Sunday;
- Rita Swan and David Wreford for the processing of the collections every Sunday morning
- And to all the many volunteers who give freely of their time throughout the year
- Paul Webster for his leadership on the Service Team over the past 2 years

14. Closing prayer and adjournment:

Karen Lumley closed with prayer and led us in the reading of the Vision Statement as a final blessing.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM