

St. Andrews River Heights United Church
Annual General Meeting MINUTES
February 23, 2020

1. Call to order (11:56pm). Declaration of quorum (52 people).
2. Opening prayer—Noelle Bowles & Time of remembrance—Karen Lumley
Min Hamilton, Evelyne Louise Lamont, Margaret Jean Harrison, June Pratt ,
Rae Spear, Shirley Davidson, Sarah Jayme Wilkins , Barry Warrack ,
Josephine Brown , James Lawrence Johnston , Betty Jo Johnston , Dr.
William (Bill) Abbott , Ilse Schroeder , Alan Crossin and Pat Drewett.

May we remember those people and their imprint on our lives.

3. Motion allowing adherents to vote. Moved by Joan Stevens. Seconded by
Deborah Metcalfe. All in favour. Carried.
4. Motion to approve the agenda. Moved by Martha Graham. Seconded by Iris
MacKay. All in Favour. Carried.
5. Motion to approve the February 29, 2019 AGM minutes. Moved by Bernard
Boland. Seconded by Heather Mian. All in favour. Carried.
6. Motion to accept the interest group reports. Moved by Jan Demeduk.
Seconded by John Swan. All in favour. Carried.
7. Chair's report –Anne Grewar. See attached 2019-20 Annual Report
 - a. Motion to accept the 2019 Chair's report. Moved by Allison Koots.
Seconded by Clark Brownlee. All in favour. Carried.
 - b. Introduction of the 2019-2020 service team:

Chair: Anne Grewar
Past Chair: Paul Webster
Secretary: Noreen Mian
Treasurer: Bill Craddock
Ministry + Personal: Michael Duncan
Members at Large: Rob Siddall, Lorne Hurst, Lisa Richards, Glenn
Neufeld.
8. Governance working model review—Anne Grewar

In 2018, I agreed to be Vice Chair not really thinking it through that in 2019 I would actually be Chair of the Church Council. The previous Chairs made the position seem effortless. My learning curve began in March 2019. Fortunately, I have received a lot of support and guidance. I thank everyone for their patience and assistance. A special thank you to Karen for her unwavering support, moral guidance and valuable advice.

Some of the events that I feel worth noting this past year include;

- January 2019 marked the beginning of the new organizational structure for the United Church of Canada. We needed to prepare the covenant of mutual commitment, accountability and support for Prairie to Pine Region (we are region 5). A new interest group "Governance" emerged to help with this process.
- Finally, in June the record of appointment for Noelle was finalized. I thank Michael Duncan for working tirelessly through the ever changing process with our region.
- The Council felt we needed help to complete a visioning exercise and provide us with some strategic priorities and next steps. We hired Kirsten Earl McCorrister (KEM Consulting). She created, distributed and analyzed a short survey with the congregation. She then facilitated an all-day planning session with the Council creating a positive vision and establishing 5 priorities and associated steps for moving forward in the next 12 - 18 months (see November Council minutes). We started right away in November to work on the priorities.

Since 2016 we have been operating under the new governance model which is a smaller more efficient Council that works closely with the many interest groups. I thank all the volunteers who work tirelessly over the year devoting their time and talents to ensure St Andrews works so well.

May God continue to bless us all at St Andrews.

9. Foundation report—Deborah Metcalfe

- a. See attached 2019-20 Annual Report
- b. \$29,000 will be added to church budget from the Foundation.
- c. Questions and discussion about Charities as designated beneficiaries.

- d. Motion to accept St. Andrew's River Height United Church Foundation Report. Moved by Anne Grewar. Seconded by Sarah Cory. All in favour. Carried.

10. Finance report—Bill Craddock

- a. See attached 2019-20 Annual Report
- b. Independent Reviewer's Statement: Audit complete with no noted concerns.
- c. Motion to accept the treasurer's report. Moved by Bill Craddock. Seconded by Anne Grewar. All in favour. Carried.
- d. 2020-21 budget overview.
- e. Motion to approve the 2020-2021 budget with deficit of \$5,400K. Moved by Bill Craddock. Seconded by Joan Stevens. All in favour. Carried.

11. Nominations—Paul Webster

- a. The 2019-20 nominations committee was: Paul Webster, Anne Grewar and Glenn Neufeld
- b. A special thank you to Linda Paul who was a member of the council 10+ years and an active member of several interest groups. Thank you for your service.
- c. A special thank you to Lorne Hurst an outgoing member of Council. He was an active and enthusiastic member with the youth and the stewardship group. Thank you for your contribution Christian Education, Stewardship and the Council.
- d. A special thank you to Paul Webster, a member of the council for 20+ years in a variety of roles including Chair. Paul will continue on the Finance Committee.
- e. Sarah Cory, Glen Neufeld will be joining the Council for 2020-2021
- f. The 2020-21 Council slate as presented:

Chair: Anne Grewar

Vice Chair: Vacant

Secretary: Noreen Mian

Treasurer: Bill Craddock

Ministry + Personal: Michael Duncan

Members-at-Large: Rob Siddall, Lisa Richards, Glenn Neufeld, Sarah Cory

Interest Group Chairs:

Christen Education: Vacant

M & P: Michael Duncan

Fellowship: Betty Jubinville

Outreach: vacant

P & A: Gord Shawcross and John Swan

Stewardship: Clark Brownlee

Worship: Ruth Mackenzie

- g. Motion to approve the 2020-2021 Council slate. Moved by Deborah Metcalf. Seconded by Betty Jubinville. All in favour. Carried.

12. New Business

13. Expressions of appreciation—Paul Webster

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;
- Karen Lumley and Noelle Bowles for their 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 for her work on organizing the 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;
- Tyler Craddock for operating the sound system every Sunday;
- All members of the Church Council for their hard work and dedication;

- All members of the congregation for attending and participating in the Sunday service at St. Andrew's;
- 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

Bill - Thank you to **Betty Lorimer**, Basement Bookstore Manager. In the past eight years, Betty and the Basement Bookstore have given the church \$13,400. She is moving to Ontario to be close to her newest grandchild in the spring.

Anne - Thank you to **Linda Paul** who was a member of the Church Council for 10 plus years. I first met Linda when she chaired a joint search committee. She was one of my mentors as a previous chair of the Council. She also stepped in to help as secretary when needed. Linda is an active member of many interest groups even from afar.

Anne - Thank you **Lorne** for all your contributions to the Council. Lorne is a doer, taking up the challenge to learn and grow spirituality with our youth. He will continue to be an active member with the Stewardship group and working on some of our strategic priorities.

14. Closing prayer and adjournment—Karen Lumley

a. Motion to adjourn at 12:40pm