

Annual General Meeting
St Andrew's River Heights United Church
Sunday, February 26, 2023, 11:30 a.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to order and declaration of quorum

Welcome by Rob Siddall and meeting called to order.

Quorum achieved (approximately 60).

2. Opening prayer and time of remembrance

Karen delivered a prayer and recognized the congregants that have passed away this past year.

3. Motion allowing adherents to vote

Rob explained the need for a motion allowing adherents to vote. Moved by Glenn Neufeld, seconded by Bob Barr. All in favour.

4. Election of meeting secretary

Rob explained the need for a motion to elect a meeting Secretary. Anne Grewar nominated Lisa Richards as Secretary of the meeting. There were no further nominations. All in favour.

5. Acceptance of February 27, 2022, Annual General Meeting minutes

Moved by Joan Stevenson, seconded by Jody Kerr. All in favour.

6. Tabling of Group Reports

The 2022 Group reports, which formed part of the Annual Report that had been distributed to members of the Congregation, were tabled at the meeting. Rob suggested that people read the Group reports if they have not already done so as they describe some of the very important work carried on by the many Church Groups.

7. Council Report

The 2022 Council Report, which also formed part of the Annual Report, was tabled at the meeting. Rob advised that he had thought that 2022 had been a reasonably good year for St. Andrews, and that after having started the year in lockdown things had almost returned to normal. He collectively recognized the many groups and people who had contributed so much to the Church in 2022.

8. Foundation Report

Paul Webster summarized the Foundation Report (found in the Annual Report 2022) and thanked Deborah Metcalfe for her contributions to the Foundation in previous years.

9. Finance Report

Bill Craddock reported on the 2022 financial statements, and presented the 2023 budget.

a) Tabling of independently reviewed 2022 financial statements

Bill reported on the independently reviewed 2022 financial statements which were tabled at the meeting (they were distributed at the meeting and also formed part of the 2022 Annual Report). They reflected a small surplus of \$1,919.

b) Approval of 2023 budget

Bill presented the 2023 draft budget, which was distributed at the meeting and which was also in the 2022 Annual Report. Moved by Greg Fearn, seconded by Jody Kerr, that the 2023 budget, as presented to the meeting, be approved. All in favour.

10. Nominations and elections for (a) Council, and (b) Foundation Board

a. Council- 2 new members

Nominating Group- Glenn Neufeld, Rob Siddall, Anne Grewar, Bill Craddock

Recognition of members who are stepping down this year:

- Anne Grewar- served on Council since 2012, has agreed to Chair the Outreach Group
- Sarah Witiuk- 3 years of serving on Council, member of the Choir since 2012

Glenn Neufeld then nominated the following people to serve on Council for the upcoming year:

- Karen Lumley, Rob Siddall (Chair), Lisa Richards (Vice-Chair), Bill Craddock, Michael Duncan, Kathy Knowles, Glenn Neufeld, Leigh Carlson and Iris McKay.

There were no further nominations. All in favor, elected for upcoming year.

b. Foundation Board- 4 new members

Rob advised that there are currently five “ex officio” members - Paul Webster (Chair), David Wreford, Rob Siddall, Bill Craddock and Karen Lumley. He announced that four additional members are to be elected by the Congregation.

Paul Webster nominated the following:

- Deborah Metcalfe, John Barber, Alison Koots, Maggie Henderson

There were no further nominations. All in favor, elected for upcoming year.

11. Other business

Rita Swan proposed further Prairie to Pine representatives - she is our sole current representative. She encouraged others to join, as we can have more than one representative. Rita provided some additional information on the role and responsibilities.

12. Expressions of appreciation

Anne Grewar thanked many individuals who contributed significantly to our Church during 2022.

- The Anna Blair Circle for the AGM lunch
- Karen Lumley for her moral guidance and leading by example
- Bill Craddock for his dedication in managing St Andrew's finances
- Charlotte Lindsey our office manager and tech support
- Fred Cross who records and edits the service each and every week
- Glenn Neufeld for his leadership with the return to in-person services
- Katy Hamer who continues to showcase the quality music at St. A
- Wes Elias our organist and pianist
- Tyler Craddock who ensures the sound system is working and speakers are heard every Sunday
- Ruth McKenzie for her help in organizing our Sunday morning worship services and assisting Colleen Watters to arrange scripture readers each week
- David Wreford who opens the church when needed
- Rita Swan who was a student in the lay workshop leadership program for her contributions
- Jan and Evan Demeduck for their contributions with the children and youth christian education
- Jeff Kremer for his effort maintaining the building
- 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
- All the members of the congregation for continuing to participate in the Sunday services in many different ways
- The many volunteers who give freely of their time throughout the year.

13. Closing prayer

Karen delivered a closing prayer.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:42 pm.