

**WESTWORTH UNITED CHURCH
68th ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019**

ATTENDANCE: Douglas MacEwen, Diane Riordan, Carol Wilkie, Jean Doern, Nancy Doern-White, Eleanor Geib, Carole Hunter, Glenna Lindsay, Peter Sim, Judy Brown, Kirk Windsor, Janice Neumann, Diether Peschken, Lee-Ann Blase, Gordon Toombs, Shirley Ann Simkulak, Florence Baker, Morag Bergthornson, Alan Wilson, Kathy Wilson, Dorothy Reid, Gary Reid, Bruce Tefft, Nancy Williamson, Heather Robbins, Dorian Hoage, Dorcas Windsor, John Carney, Sonja Carney, Fred Chernoff, Natalie Chernoff, Nadia Marmach, Allan McKay, Marion McKay, Wendy Martin White, Ed White, Kim O'Grady, Skye Rousseau, Laura Rousseau, Allison Warrian, Debbie McLeod, Agathe Winchell, Dianne Sjoberg, Cheryl McNabb Davis, Gerald Davis, Ron Bailey, Bob Johnston, Earl Gould, Joyce Gould, Keith Love, Arlene Hintsa, Anne Love, Bettina Nyman, George Nyman, Taekyu Lee, Heain Choi, Jennifer Snyder, Norm Snyder, Paul Chard, Rhea Yates, Nancy Pinnell, Doris Woodward, Tom Masters, June Masters, Larry Strachan, Barb Magarrell, Kent Magarrell, Sharon Stanley, Madeline Popowich, Jenny Jeffers, Dave Sjoberg, Eunice Pratt, Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd, Alma Acheson

1. **INTRODUCTION:** Eunice Pratt opened the meeting at 11:54 and welcomed those in attendance.
2. **OPENING PRAYER:** Eleanor Geib led the congregation in an opening prayer.
3. **MOTION REGARDING VOTING:**
MOTION: That all members and adherents in attendance shall have voting privileges at this Annual Meeting.
Moved by: Cheryl McNabb Davis **Seconded by:** Bruce Tefft
CARRIED
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**
MOTION: That the agenda be approved as circulated.
Moved by: Gerald Davis **Seconded by:** Keith Love
CARRIED
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 67th ANNUAL MEETING** March 18, 2018 (Pages 935-939) and Congregational Meeting of October 14, 2018 (Pages 954-955)
MOTION: That the minutes of the 67th Annual Meeting held on March 18, 2018 and the Congregational Meeting held on October 14, 2018 be approved as distributed.
Moved by: Bruce Tefft **Seconded by:** Lee-Ann Blase
CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

7. APPROVAL OF WRITTEN REPORTS

<u>Report:</u>	<u>Page:</u>	<u>Prepared by:</u>
a) Minister	11	Loraine Mackenzie Shepherd
Chair	12-13	Eunice Pratt
Archives	14	Diane Riordan and Bob Johnston
Christian Education	15-16	Dianne Sjoberg
Communication	17	Peter Sim
Community Care	18-19	Jennifer Synder
Governance	20	Gerald Davis
Ministry and Personnel	20	Paul Chard
Outreach	21-23	Ruth Wiwchar
Passages & Memorial Donations	31	Heather Lavery
Prayer Shawl Group	33	Barbara Magarell
Presbytery	24	Dorcas and Kirk Windsor
Property	27	Spencer Newton
Roll Clerk & Registry Notes	30	Heather Lavery
Trustees	27	Kent Magarrell
UCW Report	29	Nancy Doern-White
Worship	28	Petra Thanisch
b) Children's Fund & Special		
Appeals Fund	34	Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd
Faith & Future Fund Review	32-33	Gerald Davis
Finance	39	Cheryl McNabb Davis
Financial Review	38	Lynne McCarthy
Staff Costs	39	Jenny Jeffers

8. MOTIONS ARISING FROM REPORTS:

- Addition to Memorial Donations by Nancy Doern White– A donation to the Memorial Fund from UCW was made in memory of Irma Hotchkiss. This donation was not listed under the Memorial Fund.
- Larry Strachan had a question for the Property Team regarding estimated costs for repairs to the roof. Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd responded to the question.

MOTION: That the reports under section a) be approved as amended.

Moved by: Norm Snyder

Seconded by: Dorothy Reid

CARRIED

MOTION: That the reports under section b) be approved as presented.

Moved by: Norm Snyder

Seconded by: Cheryl McNabb Davis

- Larry Strachan had a question about the funding application and special applications as presented in the Faith and Future Review report. Gerald Davis responded to the question.
- Larry Strachan had a question about the Special Application and Disbursements under the new proposed fund. Gerald Davis responded to the question.
- Marion MacKay spoke regarding the recommendations of the review.
- Diane Riordan spoke about the history of the Legacy Funds, and the Faith and Future Funds and questioned what would happen to the monies in whatever fund is in existence in the future. Gerald Davis responded to these comments and questions.
- Andrea Firth questioned the source of the Funds for the new Westworth Funds. Cheryl McNabb Davis responded to the question.

CARRIED

Faith and Future Fund:

MOTION: That the Westworth Fund be established to accept undesignated bequests and donations; that all funds currently held in the Faith and Future fund be transferred to the Westworth Fund; and, once this is completed that the Faith and Future Fund be dissolved.

Moved by: Bruce Tefft

Seconded by: Ron Bailey

- Diane Riordan asked for clarification if the motion means we are also voting on the Guidelines. Eunice Pratt responded that yes it does.

CARRIED

9. **BUDGET FOR 2019**

Cheryl McNabb Davis presented the budget as included in the Annual Report.

MOTION: That the budget for 2019-2020 be approved as distributed.

Moved by: Cheryl McNabb Davis **Seconded by:** Paul Chard

- George Nyman had a question regarding the state of the building and possible expenditures. Eunice Pratt responded to the question.
- Diane Riordan had a question about the General Fund budget and the VBS budget. Cheryl McNabb Davis and Jenny Jeffers responded to the question.

CARRIED

10. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- **Chair's Remarks:** Eunice Pratt presented her remarks from the Chair of Council expressed her gratitude for everyone's help over the past year. She then focused on events accomplished in 2018 such as membership status. She also spoke on the future of the Westworth including acting out our calling as the hands and feet of Christ, the learning journey in becoming an Affirming Congregation, responsible maintenance of the building, and partnerships with St. Andrews. She also stated that there are still unfilled Leadership positions and asked the congregation to consider who might fill these.

- **Minister's Remarks:** Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd presented her report including an update on her upcoming sabbatical during May to July. She acknowledged the many people who will be providing coverage and care during her time away and plans in place for Westworth during that time. She also spoke about what she will be doing on her sabbatical which will focus on "Thriving United Churches" and the blog she will be writing while away so the congregation can participate in her journey and discoveries.
- **Comments from congregation:**
 - Rev. Eleanor Gibb commented that about VBS and other Children's Events should not need to be self-sustaining.
 - Allan McKay thanked the leadership of the church and related positive comments that he has heard about our Outreach and Study Groups. He specifically focused on Steinbach using Westworth as a model.

11. **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:**

- Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd acknowledged and thanked those leaving leadership positions on the Council and on Teams (Petra Thanisch, Cheryl McNabb Davis, Gerald Davis, and Kirk and Dorcas Windsor).
- Paul Chard acknowledged and thanked the staff for their commitment and hard work.

12. **LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR 2019 AND MOTIONS TO APPROVE:**

Eunice Pratt introduced the new and continuing church leaders serving on Teams, Committees, and Council, and listed the current vacancies (currently Vice Chair, Regional Reps-2 in total as Ruth and Dan Wiwchar have agreed to be Regional Reps.)

MOTION: That the proposed slate of officers be approved as amended.

Moved by: Jean Doern

Seconded by: George Nyman

CARRIED

MOTION: That Council have permission to fill any open leadership positions prior to the next annual meeting.

Moved by: Gerald Davis

Seconded by: Ann Love

CARRIED

13. **MOTION:** That the 68th Annual General Meeting of Westworth United Church be adjourned at 1:23 pm.

Moved by: Marion McKay

14. **CLOSING WORSHIP:**

- **Covenanting** of new Council and Leadership Team Leaders.

- **Worship** service continued with Prayer, Hymn and Benediction.

Eunice Pratt, Chair of the Board

Alma Acheson, Secretary

