

Westworth United Church
Minutes of the 59th Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 28, 2022

Present: Dianne Sjoberg (Chair), Gail Dobbin, Wendy Moroz, Walter Watts, Sam Andrew, Ron Bailey, Paul Galbraith, Allan Baker, Rochelle Baker, Walter Oblinski, Joyce Oblinski, Mike Dobbin, Walter Savickey, Beth Savickey, John Erskine, Edna Erskine, Tom Erskine, Sharon Savickey, Neil Arnason, Alma Acheson, Larry Strachan, Kirk Windsor, Marion McKay, Elisabeth Ramirez, Santiago Ardila, Orvaldo Ardila, Allan McKay, Lisa Cupples, Kim O’Grady, Ray McClelland, Mona Denton, Jim Miller, Sandy Miller, Andrea Firth, Allison Ross, Jean Doern, Margaret McPherson, Pat Challis, Neil Challis, George Gamby, Carol Gamby, Eleanor Geib, Bob Parsons, Rhea Yates, Carol Wilkie, Kent Magarrell, Elaine Pigden, Barb Magarrell, Nancy Doern-White, James Loewen, Bill Morris, Joanne Morris, Douglas MacEwan, Helena Haberman, Cheryl McNabb Davis, Erick Sjoberg, Todd Hyra, Gerald Davis, Josh Sjoberg, Kate Sjoberg, Clark Saunders, Colleen Armstrong, Audrey McClelland, Merle Brown, Ruth Epler, Yvonne Heinrich, Cec Heinrich, Lorrie Pismenny, Mary Toombs, Gordon Toombs, Merle McTaggart, Morag Bergthorson, Dorcas Windsor, Doreen Stephenson, Dan Wiwchar, Ruth Wiwchar, Barbara Wynes, Frank Wynes, Laura Buchan, Maggie Barnett and David Sjoberg.

Dianne Sjoberg called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m. in the C.E. Auditorium and welcomed everyone to the 59th Annual Meeting of Westworth United Church. She pointed out that there are two microphones available for anyone who wishes to speak from the floor as well as the one at the table in front. Dianne also said that the United Church of Canada follows Bourinot’s Rules of Order and briefly explained what that meant in the conduct of this meeting.

Mona Denton led us in an opening prayer.

MOTION: “That all members and adherents in attendance shall have voting privileges at the Annual Meeting.”

MOVED: Sam Andrew SECONDED: Colleen Armstrong CARRIED

MOTION: “That the Agenda be approved as amended, adding the single sheet regarding the financial review.”

MOVED: Gerald Davis SECONDED: George Gamby CARRIED

MOTION: “That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of February 22, 2009 be approved as distributed.”

MOVED: Gail Dobbin SECONDED: Paul Galbraith CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes of the 58th Annual General meeting was covered at our special Congregational meeting of November 8, 2009.

MOTION: “That the minutes of the Congregational Meeting of November 8, 2009 be approved as corrected, noting “Jean” Doern, not “Jane” on page 3 of that document.”

MOVED: Gail Dobbin SECONDED: Laura Buchan CARRIED

Business Arising from the Special congregational meeting:

MOTION: “That the Legacy Committee be disbanded, with thanks for their work.”

MOVED: Wendy Moroz SECONDED: Mike Dobbin CARRIED

MOTION: "That the Westworth Faith and Future Fund Committee, as described in the Westworth Faith and Future Fund document, be established."

MOVED: Barbara Magarrell SECONDED: Helena Haberman CARRIED

Dianne Sjoberg expressed thanks to everyone who had worked so hard on defining the Faith and Future Fund and defining the committee charged with administering it.

Approval of Written Reports

Reports including financial information are indicated by (F).

Reports are to be accepted in groupings.

- a) **Minister and Chair** by Clark Saunders, Mona Denton, Dianne Sjoberg

MOTION: "That the Reports under (a) be approved as presented."

MOVED: Colleen Armstrong SECONDED: Alma Acheson CARRIED

- b) **Archives (F)** by Jean Doern and Marian Windatt
Christian Education (F) and by Laura Buchan
Creative Spirits (F) by Mona Denton
Communication by Bill Boris
Fellowship by Alma Acheson
Membership by Shirley Watts
Ministry and Personnel by Beth Savickey
Outreach by Frank and Barb Wynes
Pastoral Care by Rhea Yates
Presbytery by Dorcas and Kirk Windsor and Colleen Armstrong
Property by Larry Strachan
Senior Choir (F only) by Neil Arnason

Neil Arnason spoke, acknowledging Ray Benson's service over the years to the Choir. He pointed out that some copies of the Annual Report were printed with a version of the statement that contained an error. The RBC savings account was closed out in April 2009 with the balance (\$518.27) being transferred to the RBC chequing account. The correct statement shows this transfer and a final RBC saving balance of \$0.00. The error occurred because there were no monthly statements for the savings account. The final balances for the other two accounts were confirmed from the monthly bank statements. He also highlighted the following items in the statement: the transfer of the offering from the Lessons and Carols Service to the church to 'Close the Gap', transfer of money in from the Chancellor choir account as the result of their choir being disbanded, and the use of choir money to support a choir scholarship.

- Trustees** by Kent Magarrell
Worship by George Gamby

MOTION: "That the Reports under (b) be approved as amended."

MOVED: Cheryl McNabb Davis SECONDED: Beth Savickey CARRIED

- c) **UCW (F)** by Gladys Cadieux and Nancy Doern White

MOTION: "The the Report under (c) be approved as presented."

MOVED: Nancy Doern White SECONDED: Shirley Watts CARRIED

- d) **Memorial Donations** by Heather Lavery
Passages and Roll Clerk by Heather Lavery
Special Appeals & Children's by Clark Saunders
Fund
Legacy Fund by Kent Magarrell

MOTION: "That the Reports under (d) be approved as presented."

MOVED: Gerald Davis SECONDED: Cheryl McNabb Davis CARRIED

Dianne Sjoberg asked the Legacy Fund Committee members to stand so the Congregation could applaud their work on our behalf. We were pleased to do so.

On Page 30 of the Annual Report, under "Passages", the name of Margaret Wiebe appears twice. This error needs to be corrected.

- e) **Finance and Stewardship** by Wendy Moroz

MOTION: "That the Report under (e) be approved as presented."

MOVED: Wendy Moroz SECONDED: Mike Dobbin CARRIED

- Independent Review** by Allan Baker

MOTION: "That the Independent Review report be approved as presented."

MOVED: Wendy Moroz SECONDED: Larry Strachan CARRIED

- f) **Nominating Report for 2010**

Shirley Watts thanked everyone on all of our committees, those now being nominated and those who are retiring. She corrected the spelling of Dianne Sjoberg and Diane Riordan's names, and asked to add, to Finance and Stewardship, the names of Walter Oblinski and Neil Arnason. She also reminded us that several positions still need to be filled in the coming months; please contact her if you can recommend anyone (including yourself).

MOTION: "That the Report under (f) be approved as amended."

MOVED: Shirley Watts SECONDED: George Gamby CARRIED

7. Budget for 2010

Our Treasurer, Walter Watts, presented, by Power Point, the Budget for 2010. He explained that Westworth cannot plan a budget which has a deficit. Therefore our 'donations' are indicated as higher than our 2009 income figures were.

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MOTION: "The the Budget for 2010 be approved as presented."

MOVED: Ron Bailey

SECONDED: Mike Dobbin

CARRIED

Statement: Any Independent Review of our books should be done by someone outside of our congregation.

Statement: The Financial Handbook for Congregations, 2010 from the United Church of Canada, gives the definition of 'audit' which is acceptable, as a review being done by a person, who is at arms' length from the treasurer and bookkeeper.

OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Bob Parsons. As a member of Westworth for five years, Bob Parsons expressed appreciation for our music. He thanked Ruth Wiwchar, not only for her direction of the choir, but also for her voice and her humour. He thanked Dorcas for her mastery of the organ and piano. He also thanked Cheryl McNabb Davis for her beautiful solos, which he called 'warm and inspirational'. Everyone agreed with his expression of thanks for our music presentations through our applause.

QUESTION: Can Wendy Moroz indicate to us why our givings are down?

ANSWER: At least \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) of givings were not realized through death of our members over the last 2 – 3 years. Otherwise, we cannot be sure about the reason for the gap between our 'budgeted' and 'actual' pledged amounts. The maintenance of our building is an on-going concern.

QUESTION: Are the numbers of our active members going down?

ANSWER: Yes.

- b) Table Group Discussion. Re Congregational Finances going forward. Dianne Sjoberg explained the reason for the discussion and how this discussion will be accomplished. She spoke of the history of volunteers in the church and how this volunteering has been falling off. The next bit of time was occupied by ten questions being asked of several table groups, the findings written on flip-chart papers and those findings posted on the wall. The results of this exercise will be analyzed by the Board.
- c) The Dedication of the new Board will be held in late March.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Clark Saunders rose to express appreciation for our volunteers. About 140 people serve on the Board and on Committees and there are countless others. You are the Church, he told our volunteers, and you give encouragement to us and to others.

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George Gamby then said that Westworth Church is a church of community. A thank-you is due to those in Westworth who make it happen; Clark Saunders, Mona Denton, Albert Anguish, Maggie Barnett, Heather Lavery, Ray McClelland, Will Firth, Walter Watts, Dorcas Windsor and Ruth Wiwchar. Applause!!

Dianne Sjoberg thanked Cathy Barnsley for the terrific catering she does for us every year.

Marion McKay gave thanks to Dianne Sjoberg and to everyone on committees, those who are now stepping down and to those starting to serve.

Dianne Sjoberg expressed thanks to all in the church for their support over her chairmanship.

Clark Saunders led us in a benediction.

MOTION: "That the meeting adjourn."

MOVED: Gerald Davis.

The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.

Dianne Sjoberg, Chair

Gail Dobbin, Secretary

