

**WESTWORTH UNITED CHURCH
69TH ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020**

ATTENDANCE: Kirk Windsor, Eleanor Geib, Larry Strachan, Mel Finlayson, Tim Stephenson, Neil Arnason, Janet Sealey, Dorcas Windsor, Florence Baker, Nancy Pinnell, Shirley Williams, Shirley Ann Simkulak, Gordon Toombs, Dorothy Reid, Lee-Ann Blasé, Alan Wilson, Kathy Wilson, Debbie McLeod, Teresa Sztaba, Bruce Tefft, Paul Chard, Rhea Yates, Merle McTaggart, Nancy Williamson, Bob Johnston, Ed White, Sharon Stanley, Madeline Popowich, Elaine Boris, Jean Doern, Earl Gould, Diether Peschken, Thomas Masters, June Masters, Doris Woodward, Erika Simpson, Kent Magarrell Judy Brown, Peter Sim, Arlene Hintsa, Norm Snyder, Jennifer Snyder, Ray McClelland, Leslie Rodgers, Brett Loughheed, Denise Jones, Marion McKay, Kathy McPhail, Carol Wilkie, Gord McLeod, Daryl Brooks, Larry McPhail, Allan McKay, Joyce Clouston, Barbara Wynes, Marilyn Anderson Corkum, Bill Corkum, Frank Wynes, Barb Gwyer, Jennifer Snyder, Olwyn Lewis, David Lewis, Linda Paquin, Paul Galbraith, Douglas MacEwan, Shirley Watts, Walter Watts, Gerald Davis, Cheryl McNabb Davis, Jenny Jeffers, Anne Love, Keith Love, Janice Neumann, Bettina Nyman, George Nyman, Diane Riordan, Ron Bailey, Heather Robbins

1. **Introduction:** Eunice Pratt, Chair, opened the Annual Meeting at 11.20 a.m. and welcomed all 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: Keith Love
Gerald Davis

Seconded by:

CARRIED

4. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: That the Agenda be approved as circulated.

Moved by: Cheryl McNabb Davis
George Nyman

Seconded by:

CARRIED

5. Approval of Minutes of the 68th Annual Meeting (March 10, 2019) Pages 966-970

MOTION: That the Minutes of the 68th Annual Meeting held on March 10, 2019 be approved as distributed.

Moved by: Heather Robbins
Larry Strachan

Seconded by:

CARRIED**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

There was no business arising from the previous Minutes.

7. APPROVAL OF WRITTEN REPORTS

Prior to the conversation regarding the written annual reports, appreciation was expressed for the work Heather Lavery, our Church Administrator, does collecting the reports, and organizing and producing our Annual Report.

<u>Report:</u>	<u>Page:</u>	<u>Prepared by:</u>
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		Shepherd
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Staff Costs		Shepherd
		Ron Bailey
		Lynne McCarthy
		Jenny Jeffers

8. CORRECTIONS/MOTIONS ARISING FROM REPORTS

It was noted that the reports have given the congregation a very good overview of the extent of the work of the Council, Committees and Ministry Teams.

Peter Sim noted that Candace Maxymowich has left the Communications Committee due to illness.

The congregation offered prayers for her recovery.

Diane Riordan noted an error on page 27 under Membership - Total membership should be reported as of December 31, 2019, not 2018.

MOTION: That the reports under Sections a) and b) be approved as presented.

Moved by: Denise Jones

Seconded by: Walter Watts

CARRIED

No questions or discussion followed.

9. BUDGET FOR 2020

Ron Bailey presented the budget for 2020, as included in the Annual Report. Comments included a note regarding questions that had been asked of the Finance Committee prior to the annual meeting. Those questions and answers to them were provided on an information sheet distributed at the meeting. In response to additional inquiries, it was noted that credit card and e-transfers are available, though, as with PAR donations, small fees apply. The Finance Committee, our Accountant, Jenny Jeffers, and Church Administrator, Heather Lavery, were thanked for all the work they do to keep our finances in good order.

Overall, we had a good financial year with unexpected expenses to do with the boiler and some water issues. A campaign to raise funds to repair our Sanctuary windows was initiated and, to date, the response has been good. Tuesday, May 5 at 7 p.m., the Finance Committee will be offering a workshop on Wills and Enduring Powers of Attorney, as well as charitable gifts for Estate Planning purposes.

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

Moved by: Ron Bailey

Seconded by: Tim Stephenson

CARRIED

There were no further questions.

10. OTHER BUSINESS:

Remarks from the Chair

Eunice Pratt expressed her appreciation for the hard work, dedication, and wisdom of the congregation. Eunice also expressed a special welcome to our newer members, and a hope that they will find a special connection and personal mission in the life and work of the church.

Eunice also made special mention of appreciation for the dedication and thoughtful direction of our Ministry Teams, Committees and Council, as indicated in the Reports. They have offered leadership through renovation projects, opportunities for congregational fellowship over lunches, the work and thoughtful consideration of the Affirming Committee, and the ongoing discussions, learning, shared services and teaming opportunities with St. Andrews River Heights United Church (SARHUC). Plans for the coming year include a joint project with SARHUC to expand our knowledge of the ways other congregations have become more closely aligned, as we continue to challenge ourselves to act together as “the hands and feet of Christ at Westworth and beyond”. An ad hoc committee is being set up to work together with SARHUC.

Notes of appreciation

Bruce Tefft, on behalf of Dianne Sjoberg (Leader of the Christian Education Ministry Team) offered a note of appreciation regarding ZEEBU, a youth program of the Prairie to Pine Region. The weekend event was a wonderful success. Our congratulations to CE and all members who helped make it the success it was.

10. Westworth Covenant of Respect

Council began the development of this Covenant with three goals in mind including that it should:

- a. Respond to the Thriving Congregations Report which emphasized that a characteristic of these congregations was that they were very clear and public about how they related to one another and how different points of view were respectfully and thoughtfully communicated.
- b. Be Affirming and Welcoming to all, and in keeping with the direction set by the Affirming Educational Committee.
- c. Draw heavily from, and be an extension of, the Mission and Values statements developed and accepted by the congregation in 2014.

MOTION: "That the Westworth Covenant of Respect be accepted as presented and so included in the Westworth Manual, posted or printed materials."

Moved by: Keith Love

Seconded by: Rhea Yates

CARRIED

11. LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR 2020 AND MOTIONS TO APPROVE

Eunice Pratt introduced the new and continuing church leaders leading or serving on Ministry Teams, Committees and Council. Gerald Davis and Eunice Pratt have agreed to serve as Prairie to Pine Regional Council representatives for the coming year. Two positions as Prairie to Pine representatives remain vacant.

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

Moved by: Marion McKay

Seconded by: Mel Finlayson

CARRIED

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

Moved by: Walter Watts

Seconded by: Anne Love

CARRIED

12. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Paul Chard acknowledged our dedicated staff team who have worked so diligently this past year. Special notes of appreciation were directed to Rev. Earl Gould who more than filled in during Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd's sabbatical preaching and offering pastoral care, and to Andrea Firth who organized and carried out the work in the Church Office while Heather Lavery was ill.

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd acknowledged the Council members who are leaving their positions. Eunice Pratt will continue with Council as Past Chair. Norm Snyder leaves as Past Chair and will sit on the Exploration Committee, working with St. Andrews, as will Keith Love. Alma Acheson has relinquished her role as Council Secretary as she starts a new adventure. Ruth and Dan Wiwchar served as our regional representatives to the Prairie to Pine Regional Council.

Eunice Pratt was thanked for her thorough, thoughtful and gracious leadership during her term as Council Chair, and especially during Loraine's sabbatical. Eunice offered her thanks to the congregation for their commitment to travelling along with the leaders in the congregation.

Eunice thanked all those who contributed to the lunch, both time and food, especially the kitchen crew.

12. MOTION:

That the 69th Annual General Meeting of Westworth United Church be adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Moved by: Marion McKay

13. CLOSING WORSHIP

Closing worship included the covenanting of the new Council and Leadership Team Leaders.