

**WESTWORTH UNITED CHURCH**

**72nd ANNUAL MEETING, SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023**

**ATTENDANCE:** Janet Sealey, Sharon Stanley, Petra Thanisch, Larry Moore, Lorraine Moore, Dave Sjoberg, Rochelle Baker, Allan Baker, Jan McIlroy, Linda Paquin, Al Mapes, Kirk Windsor, Alma Acheson, Teresa Sztaba, Bruce Tefft, Kathy Wilson, Florence Baker, Joyce Clouston, Judy Brown, Kevin Sim, Peter Sim, Paul Chard, Rhea Yates, Shirley Ann Simkulak, Ray McClelland, Barb Magarrell, David Lewis, Neil Arnason, Dianne Sjoberg, Olwyn Lewis, Dorothy Reid, Arlene Hints, Ruth Wiwchar, Dan Wiwchar, Kent Magarrell, Earl M. Gould, Heather Robbins, Marion McKay, Allan McKay, Daryl Brooks, Janice Neumann, Jenny Jeffers, Julia Shayna, Cheryl Ennis, Danielle Cadieux, Denise Jones, Brett Loughheed, Diane Riordan, Carol Wilkie, Sandy Marles, Nancy Doern-White, George Nyman, Bettina Nyman, Christine Strike, Genevieve Strike, Anne Love, Keith Love, Jewel Casselman, Eunice Pratt, Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd, Nancy Williamson, Dorcas Windsor, Shirley Watts, Walter Watts, Mary Fultz.

**1. Call to Order:** Dianne Sjoberg called the meeting to order at 12:10, and welcomed everyone back to in person meetings.

**2. OPENING PRAYER:** Was led by Dianne Sjoberg

**3. MOTION REGARDING VOTING PRIVILEGES:**

**Moved by:** Bruce Tefft

**Seconded by:** Keith Love

That all members and adherents in attendance have voting privileges at this AGM for all motions, with the exception of those dealing with Trustees, where only members of Westworth United Church may vote.

Carried.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by:** Sharon Stanley

**Seconded by:** Heather Robbins

That the agenda be approved as printed, with items 7.b to be dealt with individually.

Carried.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 71<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 27, 2022**

**Moved by:** Joyce Clouston

**Seconded by:** Ruth Wiwchar

That the minutes of the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting be amended to include Doern-White (following Nancy) at 7.a. and the corrected spelling of Dan Wiwchar at two places in 7.b.ii. be accepted as circulated.

Carried.

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** none noted.

**7. APPROVAL OF WRITTEN REPORTS**

	<u>Report:</u>	<u>Page:</u>	<u>Prepared by:</u>
a)	Chair	9	Dianne Sjoberg
	Minister	11	Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd
	Affirming Ministry	13	Heather Robbins
	Archives	15	Diane Riordan
	Christian Education & CE Staff List	16	Katie Anderson
	Communication	17	Peter Sim
	Community Care	18	Shirley Watts
	Ministry and Personnel	21	Sharon Stanley
	Outreach	22	Ruth Wiwchar
	Prairie to Pine Regional Council	25	Barbara Wynes
	Prayer Shawl Ministry	26	Barbara Magarrell
	Property	27	Paul Chard Safe
	Re-Opening Ad Hoc Committee	28	Eunice Pratt
	Trustees	29	Kent Magarrell
	UCW Report	30	Nancy Doern-White
	Visioning	32	Bruce Tefft
	W3TA	33	Dianne Sjoberg
	Women’s Spirituality Group	34	Kathy Wilson
	Worship	35	Olwyn Lewis
	Passages & Memorial Donations	38	Christine Strike
	Roll Clerk	39	Christine Strike
	Registry Records	40	Christine Strike

**Moved by:** Shirley Watts

**Seconded by:** Walter Watts

That the leadership team written reports, Group A, with a spelling correction at 21, Memorial Donations to read Merle Brown, be accepted as amended.  
Carried.

**b)**

**i. Special Appeal & Children’s Fund 41 Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd**

**Moved by:** Rhea Yates

**Seconded by:** Shirley Watts

That the written report on Special Appeals and the Children’s Fund be accepted as circulated.  
Carried.

**ii. Finance & Stewardship 46 Ron Bailey**

**Moved by:** Ron Bailey

**Seconded by:** Denise Jones

That the Financial and Stewardship Report be accepted as circulated.  
Carried.

**iii. Financial Review**

**49**

**Lynne McCarthy**

**Moved by:** Ron Bailey

**Seconded by:** Allan Baker

That the Financial Review be accepted as circulated.

Carried.

**iv. Projected Salaries and Benefits 2023**

**54**

**Jenny Jeffers**

**Moved by:** Sharon Stanley

**Seconded by:** Walter Watts

That the report containing the Projected Salaries and Benefits for 2023 be accepted as circulated.

Carried.

**8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORTS**

a) Visioning – Presentation by Bruce Tefft

Chair Bruce Tefft introduced team members: Shirley Watts, Sharon Stanley, Keith Love, Barb Magarrell and Dianne Sjoberg

Over the last few years, the Visioning Committee has talked to many groups within the community about what they have done to ensure their futures. We have talked to the National Church, and have applied for, and received one grant from the Winnipeg Foundation. The culmination of work is the report in the AGM (pp. 32). Bruce Tefft invited questions and comment:

Query: speak more about the recommendation to create a non-profit.

Response: Augustine United suggested the need to form a non-profit organization with a purpose of:

- a. Making applications to non-profit corporations; and
- b. Providing a legal structure/ provide a structure/ framework where WUC could collaborate with other organizations.

Query: (Brett Lougheed) Is there an opportunity to discuss in more detail?

Response: There will be opportunities to discuss.

Query: (Brett Lougheed) Is there a conversation about the future of the gym?

Response: That an engineering study is being undertaken. Intent is to redevelop the gym.

Query: There appears to be a need for services for seniors?

Response: There is an urgent need for services for seniors, as well as an acute need for day-care.

We see an opportunity to meet those needs, and recruit partners that may in the immediate and long-term to help us do that. Revisioning WUC includes considering how a community hub, that will partner with us in the medium to long-term.

Query: (Denise Jones) Will Westworth continue to exist as a church body on its own once a non-profit was established?

Response: WUC will continue as a congregation, in partnership with other organization that will share the building.

Query: (Larry Moore) Please note that structural problems persist that may necessitate a total demolition of the gym and reconstruction.

Response: Engineering study will determine what is possible.

**Moved by:** Keith Love

**Seconded by:** Bruce Tefft

That the congregation of Westworth United Church endorse the document entitled “A Vision for Westworth United Church” and commit to moving forward using the document as a guide.  
Carried.

## **9. BUDGET FOR 2023**

**50 Jenny Jeffers**

**Moved by:** Ron Bailey

**Seconded by:** Denise Jones

That the Budget for Westworth United Church for 2023 be accepted as presented.

Detailed presentation of budget by was given by Ron Bailey (see pp. 50 – 55 of AGM report).

Ron thanked all members of the committee, with special thanks to Jenny Jeffers, and Christine Strike.

A combination of unique circumstances has allowed a surplus from 2022, but a deficit is anticipated in 2023 as outlined.

Grants received were outlined.

Ron Bailey closed with encouragement to maintain and increase PAR, as well as an invitation for members to offer suggestions for funding and/or fundraisers.

Comments from Marion McKay, Chair of Choir, who thanked Finance Committee for a one-time consideration supporting the Music Enhancement Fund to fund three Choir Scholars this upcoming year.

Carried.

## **10. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **11. LEADERSHIP TEAM & VOLUNTEERS FOR 2023—2024**

MOTION TO APPROVE TEAM

**42**

**Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd**

Call for nominations from the floor: none offered.

**Moved by:** Nancy Doern-White

**Seconded by:** Kathy Wilson

That the Leadership Team for 2023 be accepted as circulated.

Carried.

**Presentation and covenanting of the new leadership team by Loraine Mackenzie Shepherd.**

(See pp. 42 – 45).

Loraine noted the personal gifts of each person stepping down from leadership positions:

*Pat Stephenson, Past Chair of Council*

*Joyce Clouston, Secretary of Council*

*Ron Bailey, Chair of Finance Committee; Treasurer*

*Peter Sim, Communication Team Leader*

*Olwyn Lewis, Worship Team Leader*

*Eunice Pratt, Chair of Safe Reopening Committee*

*Barbara & Frank Wynes, Prairie to Pine Region Representatives*

Loraine also thanked volunteers helping with projects and events that allow Westworth to be the hands and feet of Christ within Westworth and in the wider community.

**12. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:** Sharon Stanley

On behalf of the congregation, thanks to the employee team.

**13. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Moved by:** Keith Love

**14. CLOSING WORSHIP**

Led by Loraine Mackenzie Shepherd

The meeting closed at: 12:50

Respectfully Submitted by:

Approved by:

Joyce Clouston

Dianne Sjoberg

Westworth Council Secretary

Council Chair