

WESTWORTH UNITED CHURCH
73th ANNUAL MEETING, SUNDAY, March 3, 2024

ATTENDANCE: David Sjoberg, Brett Lougheed, Denise Jones, Jenny Jeffers, Katie Anderson, Rachael Doerr, Leslie Rodgers, Jennifer Snyder, Carol Wilkie, Diane Riordan, Bettina Nyman, George Nyman, Heather Robbins, Sandra Marles, Neil Arnason, Leith Love, Anne Love, Nancy Williamson, Andrea Firth, Margaret Newbury-Jones, Tanis Hewitt, Sharon Stanley, Janice Neumann, Barbara Clarke, Suzanne Robinson, Christine Strike, Kathy Wilson, Teresa Sztaba, Bruce Tefft, Janet Sealey, Alan Wilson, Frank Wynes, Dan Wiwchar, Barbara Wynes, Marion McKay, Allan McKay, Shirley Watts, Walter Watts, Wendy Moroz, Kirk Windsor, Ruth Wiwchar, Arlene Hints, Morag Bergthorson, Peter Sim, Judy Brown, Tricia Gerhard, Jewel Casselman, Heather Crockett, Valdine Anderson, Meagan Dufurat, Petra Thanisch, Rochelle Baker, Allan Baker, Eunice Pratt, Kent Magarrell, Kim O'Grady, Alexander Doerr, Dianne Sjoberg, Alma Acheson

1. **INTRODUCTION:** Dianne Sjoberg opened the meeting at 11:34 am, welcomed those in attendance and spoke about the challenges and successes of the past year (staffing, extension into greater community).
2. **OPENING PRAYER:** Rev. Tricia Gerhard had given a prayer for the meeting at the end of the service in the Sanctuary.

3. MOTION REGARDING VOTING PRIVILEGES:

MOTION:

Moved by: Dan Wiwchar **Seconded by:** Anne 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:

MOTION:

Moved by: Keith Love **Seconded by:** Bruce Tefft

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

CARRIED

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 72nd ANNUAL MEETING, March 18, 2023

MOTION:

Moved by: Alma Acheson **Seconded by:** Shirley Watts

That the minutes of the 72nd annual general meeting of Westworth United Church be accepted as printed.

CARRIED

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

7. APPROVAL OF THE REPORTS:

Group A

| Report: | Page: | Prepared by: |
|--|--------------|---------------------------------|
| i. Chair | | Dianne Sjoberg |
| ii. Minister | | Tricia Gerhard |
| iii. Affirming Ministry | | Heather Robbins |
| iv. Archives | | Diane Riordan |
| v. Christian Education and CE Staff List | | |
| vi. Communication | | Brett Lougheed |
| vii. Community Care | | Dorothy Reid |
| viii. Ministry and Personnel | | Sharon Stanley |
| ix. Outreach | | Ruth Wiwchar/Allan McKay |
| x. Prairie to Pine Regional Council | | Dorcas Windsor and Kirk Windsor |
| xi. Prayer Shawl Ministry | | Barb Magarrell |
| xii. Property | | Paul Chard |
| xiii. Trustees | | Kent Magarrell |
| xiv. UCW | | Nancy Doern-White |
| xv. Visioning | | Bruce Tefft |
| xvi. Women's Spirituality Group | | Kathy Wilson |
| xvii. Worship | | Teresa Sztaba |
| xviii. W3Taft | | Dianne Sjoberg |
| xix. Passages and Memorial Donations | | |
| xx. Roll Clerk | | |
| xxi. Registry Records | | |
| xxii. Search Committee | | Eunice Pratt |

MOTION:

Moved by: Diane Riordan

Seconded by: Heather Robbins

That the leadership team written reports, Group A, be accepted as printed.

CARRIED

Group B

i. **Special Appeal and Children's Fund**

MOTION:

Moved by: Denise Jones

Seconded by: Allan McKay

That the Special Appeals written report be accepted.

CARRIED

ii. Finance & Stewardship

MOTION:

Moved by: Denise Jones

Seconded by: Walter Watts

That the Finance and Stewardship report be accepted.

CARRIED

iii. Financial Review

MOTION:

Moved by: Allan Baker

Seconded by: Wendy Moroz

That the Financial Review be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

iv. Projected Salaries and Benefits

MOTION:

Moved by: Sharon Stanley

Seconded by: Denise Jones

That the report containing the projected Salaries and Benefits for 2024 be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE REPORTS:

- a) **Visioning:** Chair Bruce Tefft reported that in 2023, the most important accomplishments of the Visioning Committee were as follows.
- First, hiring a part-time program coordinator and initiating healthy living programming for the community under the banner Westworth Centre.
 - Secondly, working with the Property Committee to have a comprehensive building assessment completed. Huge thanks to Paul Chard for leading this endeavor. The final report of the building assessment is nearly complete. It will be sent to the Community of Faith for all to consider. In the coming weeks, we will invite the Community of Faith to attend a series of meetings to ask questions, discuss the findings, and give the Visioning Committee direction regarding renovating and or rebuilding Westworth.

9. BUDGET 2023:

MOTION:

Moved by: Frank Wynes

Seconded by: Brett Lougheed

That the budget for Westworth United Church for 2024 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Denise Jones summarized the budget report as presented in the annual report. A deficit budget is predicted but depending on circumstances that may change. Renewed energy and participation from the congregation and outside sources present a hopeful picture for the future.

She reiterated that if anyone has any questions at any time during the year please contact her at treasurer@westworth.ca

10. Other business: none

11. Leadership team, and Volunteers 2024: Presented by Tricia Gerhard

List of volunteers are noted at pages 48 to 51 in your report.

Please note the following changes:

- UNDER CE: Leslie Rodger name should be spelled RODGERS.
- AND since Marilyn Anderson Corkum has taken on both Worthy Theatre and a place on Visioning, she will continue on CE, but not as a Co-Team Lead.
- AND, with regret and sadness we have all noted the death of our loved Bob Johnston. At the time of printing of the AGM, Bob Johnston was still working on digitizing photos for the Archives.

PLEASE NOTE THE PROPOSED LEADERSHIP TEAM AS PRINTED CAN HAVE ADDITIONS.

In that regard, Chair Dianne Sjoberg called for nominations or volunteers from the floor.

The call for nominations was repeated 3 times.

MOTION:

Moved by: Ruth Wiwchar

Seconded by: Teresa Sztaba

That the leadership team for 2024 be accepted, with a spelling correction at CE, Leslie Rodgers with a d, the movement of Marilyn Corkum Anderson to member of CE from Co-team lead, and the removal of Bob Johnston's name from the Archives list.

CARRIED

12. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

- Sharon Stanley spoke on behalf of Ministry and Personnel to thank the staff for the wonderful job they all do.
- Tricia Gerhard thanked the volunteers – she got everyone in the room standing as their work, efforts and participation are what makes this church a community fulfill our mission of being the **hands, feet** and **heart** of the church locally and in the community near and far.
- Dianne Sjoberg again thanked the Leadership team and council for their work, support and participation. Special thanks to M & P for ensuring our church continued to function when there were so many changes to be dealt with. Special thanks to Eunice Pratt for her work on not one, but 2 teams that had critical tasks - Safe Reopening and then Search.
- Chair Dianne Sjoberg wished Rhea Yates all the best for the coming year as she takes over the position of Chair of the Westworth Council.
- Marion McKay personal thanks to Dianne Sjoberg for all her leadership and hard work this past year

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Moved by: Keith Love

The list of the New Leadership Team was circulated.

Covenanting of the New Leadership Team by Tricia Gerhard.

Tricia Gerhard gave a Prayer of Blessing for the new leadership team.

14.CLOSING WORSHIP:

Led by Tricia Gerhard

Hymn VU 559 -Come, O Fount of Every Blessing was sung in closing.

Meeting closed at 12;11 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



Alma Acheson
Pro-tem Secretary

Approved by:

Dianne Sjoberg
Council Chair

