

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, March 8th, 2020

Rev. G. Ross opened in prayer.

Appointment of Recording Secretary:

Motion by Gord Warren, seconded by Rosalind Cammidge, that Kim Shepherd be appointed recording secretary for the Annual General Meeting. **AGREED**

Adoption of agenda as presented - A reminder that only Members of St Andrew's can vote on motions.

Adoption of Agenda and Business Arising from Minutes of November 24, 2019, as approved by Session, be accepted as presented. **AGREED**

Stewardship Committee:

Rosalind Cammidge thanks everyone on behalf of Helen Collins and herself, who serve as co-chairs of the Stewardship Committee for everyone time, talents and gifts... Highlight of the year the Church's Point of Sale machine. There have been glitches but are getting sorted out.

Trustees: Stan Loree

The Board of Trustees report is on pages 13 & 14, any questions you can speak with Stan Loree. Stan has two important words for everyone: THANK YOU

Stan Loree invites May Jackson to the microphone.

May Jackson: As per the Standing Orders of St. Andrew's, five Trustees are to form the Board. **May Jackson makes a motion, seconded by Donalda Dale that the Trustees for the coming year be: Gord Warren, Stan Loree, John Boyd, Anna Eitner and May Jackson.**

Rev. Geoff Ross advised that a nominee cannot make the motion. **The Motion is reiterated with the motion being made Pam Loree and seconded by Donalda Dale.**

Discussion: Rev. Geoff Ross (Moderator) advises that this motion will have to be tabled as Session was not made aware of the nominations being made by the Board of Trustees. As per the Standing Order (4.3) under the Board of Trustees: "Session shall present to the congregation nominations of Trustees". It is with regret that we cannot proceed with this motion.

Much discussion (going back and forth on the Standing Orders) on the nominations coming from floor to be entertained. Again Rev. Geoff Ross advised that Session was not made aware of these nominations and we are therefore not prepared for a secret ballot vote.

Rev. Geoff Ross mentioned that he is not opposed to it, however, it remains that Session was not made aware of the nominations for presentation to the congregation and therefore not prepared.

Question: Who was to report the nominations to Session?

Answer: The Board of Trustees was to submit the nominees.

Molly Harvey asks that the motion be tabled until November and ask the current Trustees to continue their service.

Question: Why do we have to wait as the Standing Orders, which are confusing, says nominations may be made from the floor?

Answer: In the Standing Orders: Session has authority over all matters of the Church to be able to review and approve all nominees, the same way that Session approves the nomination of Church Officers as recommended by the Stewardship Committee. Session did not receive from the Board of Trustees approval to up the number of Trustees.

Question: How long do we have to wait for this process to be voted on? Can we have an earlier Congregational Meeting?

Answer: Our next Congregational meeting will be November, 2020 which is our Budget Meeting. Session will discuss the possibility of an earlier meeting.

Felicity Alexander mentions that she will second Molly's motion: To amend the motion: To table this motion until our November Budget Meeting.

Discussion started and Gord Warren reminded that once a motion is tabled there can be no more discussion. Rev. Geoff Ross called the vote:

Amended Motion by Molly Harvey, seconded by Felicity Alexander that the motion for the Trustees be tabled until the Budget Meeting in November. CARRIED

Treasurer: May Jackson

We received a substantial cheque in the amount of \$60,000 which represents interest on our investments.

Our Line of Credit is currently sitting at \$29,000.00.

Christopher Ormsby from George Ormsby & Co. joined May for questions on the audit.

Christopher thanked everyone, especially May Jackson.

It was moved by May Jackson, Seconded by Helen Collins that the audited financial statements be accepted as printed. CARRIED

It was moved by May Maltby and seconded by Rosalind Cammidge that we keep George A. Ormsby as the Auditor for the fiscal 2019-2020 year CARRIED

It was moved by Rosalind Cammidge, and seconded Jean Bradshaw by that we appointment May Jackson as Treasurer, and Valerie Warren and Bea Embling as Envelope Secretaries. CARRIED

May Jackson thanked everyone, it is your volunteerism that does not show up in the Financial Statements. Most do not know what all goes on behind the scenes, the Committee members who assist in the nurturing of St. Andrew's...Thank You!

Rev. Geoff Ross thanks Christopher Ormsby for coming and going through all financials.

Rev. Geoff Ross invited members of the South-east Asian Outreach Ministry (further known as SEAO-M) to come forward for a presentation.

Pam Loree, Eunice Boyd and Kim Shepherd came forward. Pam provided an overview from the first contact Pastor Babar Allahditta had with Rev. Geoff Ross up to the present. Highlights included:

- The SEAO-M's intention was to become members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and not be renters of space.
- In 2015 a line in St. Andrew's budget was added to assist the SEAO-M afternoon service. John Boyd has been a member of the team since the beginning. Unfortunately, John Boyd is not well and could not be with us today.
- In 2015 a member of the SEAO-M, Emmanuel Emmanuel, was elected to the Session for a term of service of 6 years.
- In 2016 St. Andrew's assisted Pastor Babar in bringing his family to Canada from Pakistan. Later in 2016 St. Andrew's did our first Refugee Application as a co-sponsor. The other co-sponsor is a family member and a member of the SEAO-M afternoon service.
- In 2017 Pastor Babar Allahditta was acknowledged by Presbytery as a qualified minister and we welcomed Pastor Babar Allahditta as a Minister-in-Association last spring.
- In 2018 Session agreed to form a Session Prep Team and the SEAO- was brought to the Prep team to work on and report back to Session. Participation in the afternoon service has grown to 80-100 congregants, many of whom have become members of St. Andrew's. In the fall of 2018 the Prep Team was made aware of a potential grant through the PCC – The New & Renewed Ministry Grant. With the grant we would be able to create a 1/3 time pastor position for the SEAO-M. In mid-October, the Prep Team submitted the application, on the approval of Session. The team continued to work on creating Terms of Reference, structure and ministry under the responsibility of the Mission & Outreach Committee. The team created a job description for a 1/3 time pastor position. Created a budget and identified benchmarks & roles to assist identifying growth over the year.
- There is an opportunity to apply for a second grant for up to \$20,000 in the fall of 2020 and a possible third year grant for up to \$30,000 in the fall of 2021.
- The team will create two budgets for the meeting in November 2020 (1) successful second grant being received; and (2) one if we do not receive the second grant.

The team found out after the November 2019 budget meeting that we did receive the first year grant from the New & Renewed Ministry Fund in the amount of \$10,000.00. The team drafted a budget, presented to the Stewardship Committee and Session for approval to present to you today.

Motion by Pam Loree, seconded by Kim Shepherd, to amend the 2020 St. Andrew's Budget to include the 2020 budget of the SEAO-M.

Discussion:

Question: The convention held by the SEAO-M is approximately \$5,700 and has never been under the budgeted amount of \$5,000.

Answer: Rev. Geoff Ross advised that the revised budget has been approved by Session and the afternoon service have been asked to increase their givings. The motion is to amend the 2020 St. Andrew's budget.

Rev. Geoff Ross called the vote:

Motion by Pam Loree, seconded by Kim Shepherd to amend the 2020 St. Andrew's Budget to include the 2020 budget of the SEAO-M. CARRIED.

Rev. Geoff Ross thanked the Session Prep Team for all their hard work.

Rev. Ross also thanked:

- To our Session Elders: it is a pleasure and joy to work with each and every one of you. You are working hard and deal with matters every month.
- To our Supporting Elders, who continue to help Session with either serving Communion or being a Duty Elder to mention a couple of things.
- All the Committees. Committees are the pistons of the Session, they are what makes St. Andrew's thrive.
- Those who serve as ushers, coffee fellowship, our Envelope Secretaries, our Treasurer, our Trustees, & elders.
- To the Food Bank Committee and Food Bank Volunteers who provide help to those in our community, those needs are increasing.
- To Shelagh Tyreman, for her ministry in music and leadership, to the choir, the band, and Jr. Music Makers, as this is a major part of what we do here at St. Andrew's.
- Lastly, to Felicity Alexander for her continued dedication to the newsletter of St. Andrew's.

A word from our Clerk of Session, Kim Shepherd:

Kim Shepherd thanked:

- May Jackson for all her hard work putting this year's budget together, it is not an easy job.
- Christopher Ormsby – it was a pleasure working with you again this year and our phone conversations.
- Thank you to all serving Elders for your continued dedication and hard work for St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.
- To Rev. Geoff Ross who leads us on Sundays and throughout the week.
- The most important 'Thank You' to all of you, the congregation. For continuing to support St. Andrew's and everybody who is trying to do God's work in moving us into the community around us.

Motion to adjourn by Molly Harvey

Closing Prayer and Grace - Rev. Geoff Ross.