



MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING 2018

GRACE UNITED CHURCH

April 8, 2018

ATTENDEES: Henri Lecot, Jim Galloway, Ginnie Galloway, Susan Toller, Margaret Wooley, Dick Morrison, Joanne Kosmack, Sharon Rounds, Leyton Woods, Winnie Woods, Vicki Seguin, Susan Gaden, Nancy Pitre, Larry Seguin, Nancy Landry, Marianne Quain, Natalie Istead, Bill Burr, Donna Burr, Eileen Moore, Ken Roy, Rev. Boyd Drake, Natalie Istead

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Drake. The agenda was moved for approval by Nancy Pitre and seconded by Nancy Landry.

Carried

Larry Seguin agreed to chair the meeting (moved by Sharon Rounds and seconded by Jim Galloway) and Vicki Seguin agreed to act as Secretary. (moved by Sharon Rounds and seconded by Nancy Landry).

Carried

The minutes of the 2016 meeting were moved for approval by Jim Galloway and seconded by Nancy Landry.

Carried

ANNUAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

NON FINANCIAL REPORTS

Larry Seguin: Since last year a lot of change and consolidation has been accomplished. A new Governance structure has been put in place and we are beginning to look at options concerning location which will continue into the fall with the formation of a working group.

MINISTER'S REPORT: Rev. Natalie Istead

The Minister's report reflects the commitment that Natalie has made to us as our minister and to the work she is doing for us in our faith community and beyond.

PASTORAL CARE: Joanne Kosmack

Natalie's new stimulating program for Pastoral care is receiving positive comments and results from both the Committee and recipients.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE: Susan Toller

Sunday School attendance varies and there were 7 children in attendance on the day of the meeting. The Youth Group is no longer operational at this time.

Natalie has established new programs in the Community including Theology in the Pub, Services at the Manoir and joint services and ventures with the Anglican community.

Natalie expressed her thanks to Petya Karakoleva and Regina Heringa for their assistance with the musical talents they share with us.

TRUSTEE REPORT – Jim Galloway

The details of how the proceeds from the sale of buildings were explained. The 85% amount from sales must be kept and the interest can be used if necessary to meet the budget shortfalls for Grace.

Larry thanked the Trustees for their hard work and diligence in the management of our investments and for the completion of the transfer of deeds required as a result of the formation of Grace.

Rev. Boyd suggested that people should look at increasing their givings to assist.

COMMUNICATIONS: Larry reported that an application has been made at Algonquin College for students to work on creating a new Website for Grace. We hope to hear from them shortly.

WORKING GROUP – ONE LOCATION: Rev. Boyd Drake

Conversations are taking place with the Municipality and the Anglican community. Interest is high. This work will continue into the fall.

MRCS: This is an impressive group of people working to manage rentals of the building for groups and to sponsor cultural presentations. There is always something going on in our

church building. Discussions with the Community as to how they can contribute to the future use of the space are going well.

QUILTING GROUP: Joanne Kosmack stated that this group actually provides pastoral care for her. New ideas for banners are needed and welcomed!

NEARLY NEW: The Nearly New shop provides support for many charities and assistance for families in need in the community. They also refer people to other Community groups which can respond to specific needs.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

TRUSTEE REPORT: Jim Galloway

The transfer of amounts of \$36,000 to the Fiera Account at five different times was explained as it was a question of timing so as to get the best of market fluctuations rather than transfer it all at one time.

The amount of 85% from sales must stay invested with interest allowed to be used by the Treasurer to meet budget requirements if required and on request. The remaining 15% is to be kept as short term investments to be used by the Trustees for operational or maintenance requirements as required.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sharon Rounds

Sharon reviewed the definition of a charity and gave an overview of Government eligibility of a charitable designation.

She presented a letter from Presbytery inviting her to take part in an audit of Presbytery church records by a group of Treasurers from participating churches. She also presented a letter indicating that our records were audited and approved by this group.

Sharon reviewed the details of her report. The amount of \$536 from Rupert was intended for the Sunday School and not for the Trustee account. The Trustees will transfer this amount to the Worship Committee.

There is \$5,000 less budgeted for PAR in the budget. PAR was explained and it was suggested that members consider this option as it enables the Treasurer to budget with better with a clear indication of available funds rather than see a drop in the summer while the same expenses occur year round.

There is a budgeted amount for upcoming repairs required to the Chelsea and Rupert locations.

Council voted to set up a building fund of \$8,000 to show our commitment to future upgrades to the building.

Rentals are collected by MRCS from which Grace operating expenses are paid e.g. fuel and hydro costs.

The Cemetery reports are included for information only. They are audited by Sharon Rounds.

There were a total of 199 receipts issued for a total of \$100,495.68. The breakdown is detailed in the report.

A vote of thanks to Sharon Rounds, our Treasurer was unanimously carried.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Vicki Seguin

A list of Committees and their members was presented with a notation that new members for any and all Committees are welcomed and indication of interest does not need to happen only once a year but anytime!

Adjournment of the meeting was moved by Jim Galloway and seconded by Nancy Pitre.

Respectfully Submitted

Vicki Seguin

Secretary to Annual Meeting 2018

Larry Seguin

Chair to Annual Meeting 2018