

# ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ST ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF ROCKLAND, ONTARIO

**Minutes: February 13, 2022**

1. **Meeting** called to order at 2:05 p.m. Opening prayer: Brian, with special added prayers for (retired) Pastor Neil Baxter.
2. 2021 AGM Chair Bill Hawken called for nominations for AGM Chair 2022 and AGM Secretary 2022.

**Motion:** to nominate Bill Hawken as AGM Chair 2022. Moved by Ray, seconded by Hazel. Acclaimed.

**Motion:** to nominate Jacquie Hawken as AGM Secretary 2022. Moved by Rudy, seconded by John. Acclaimed.

**Attendance Record:** Barb and Rudy Lorrain, Marie Miville, Pastor Brian Wilkie, Hazel McInnes, Suzanne Yelle, Jane Cooper, Jean Normand, Jacquie and Bill Hawken, Ray and Muriel LeBeau, John Douglas, Colette Joubarne (required for quota in a congregation of this size – 33-99 – 10 members – quota achieved).

3. **Statement of Traditional Lands Acknowledgement** – explained by Bill. *St. Andrew's Christian Church respectfully acknowledges that Clarence-Rockland is situated on the unceded traditional and ancestral land of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Nations.*

## 4. Agenda

**Motion:** to adopt Agenda. Moved by Jacquie, seconded by Jane. Carried.

5. **Minutes of 2021 AG meeting:** a full copy has been filed in the 2021 Board Minutes binder and is available on the church website. An Executive summary was presented by the 2022 AGM Secretary. No questions or concerns.

**Motion:** to approve the AGM 2021 Minutes. Moved by Jacquie, seconded by Rudy. Carried.

## 6. Business arising from the Minutes:

a) Jane reported that she will be meeting with Alex Mirhady (Treasurer of Orleans United Church) to review the end-year financial summaries for the past three years.

7. **Regular Reports:** The Annual General Report 2021 is available in several formats, in print and on the Church website ([www.rocklandchurch.ca](http://www.rocklandchurch.ca)). In addition to these written reports, the following highlights are to be noted:

a) Pastor: asked for prayer for 7 churches in the EOR (Eastern Ontario Region) looking for new leadership.

- b) In Memoriam(p.7): Brian asked for a minute of silence for those we have lost this past year.
- c) Church Board
- d) Trustees: as there has been a change in this group, more time is required to go through the files that have been newly passed over.
- e) Sunday School/Awana
- f) Pastoral Care: despite the pandemic and resulting physical isolation, this group continues to reach out to others.
- g) Stewardship
- h) Property
- i) Social Group (Seniors)
- j) Regional Council
- k) Pangborn Hall
- l) Music: some minor repairs to the grand piano may be needed in the near future.
- m) Missions: Jacquie asked for an additional Mission Initiative to be considered. Motion: that the local charitable initiative by Rockland Community Church (RCC) and World Renew to help a local barber, Naseer Al Zoubane and his family, bring over a son and daughter-in-law still in a Syrian refugee camp in Jordan. Moved by Jacquie, seconded by John. Donations can be made through our church offering system, and will be forwarded on occasion to RCC. We will publicize the cause in various ways to our membership and offer the group the use of Pangborn Hall for a fund-raising event in the future. Carried.
- n) Fellowship Events: upon re-opening safely, spring events may be considered.

**Motion:** to accept all regular reports. Moved by Jane, seconded by Hazel. Carried.

### **8. Board Nominations/Elections**

**Motion:** to accept the nominations report. Moved by Barb, seconded by Ray. Carried. Call for nominations from the floor. None. The full slate was acclaimed.

### **9. End-Year Financial Report 2021**

**Motion:** to accept the 2020 Financial Report. Moved by Jane, seconded by Rudy. Carried.

### **10. Budget 2022**

**Motion:** to accept the 2021 Budget. Moved by Jane, seconded by Rudy. Discussion: Rudy announced that the Ministry and Personnel Committee(M&P) recommended the addition of \$400 to the Telephone/Communications line annually as a taxable benefit paid directly to Brian (as discussed in the most recent EORC meeting). Also, in addition to the 1.3% annual increase mandated by Presbytery, M&P recommended an additional increase of 1.2% to Brian's salary, in recognition both of his service and of the rising Cost of Living. The Chair requested that in the future, as a matter of Policy and

Procedure, substantial financial changes such as these be brought to the Board for information and approval before being presented to the Annual General Meeting. Motion Carried.

11. **New Business:** None.

12. **Closing Remarks and Prayer:** Brian

13. **Motion: to adjourn.** Moved by Ray at 4:15 p.m.