

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
ST. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH CONGREGATION
Sunday, January 29, 2017
Draft Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. Opening Prayer: Rev. Brian Wilkie
2. Brian, as last year's Chair, opened the meeting, calling for the election of Chair for AGM 2017. Motion: to nominate Rudy Lorrain as AGM 2017 Chair. Moved by Ron, seconded by Ray, no other nominations. Rudy was acclaimed as AGM 2017 Chair.
Motion: to nominate Jacquie Hawken as AGM 2017 Secretary. Moved by John , seconded by Ron, no other nominations. Jacquie was acclaimed as AGM 2017 Secretary.
3. Agenda additions:
 - a): Social Club Report, moved by Jane, seconded by Jean, Carried.
4. Minutes of 2016 AGM reviewed in summary format. They have been on file in the office since the last AGM. No discussion or questions.
Motion to approve these Minutes as presented. Moved by Jacquie, seconded by Paul. Carried.
5. Nominations Committee Report: Brian
 - a) Jane stepping down as Missions Coordinator
 - b) Neil stepping down as Volunteer Associate Pastor, and subsequent elimination of the position, and all payments associated with it
 - c) Phil stepping down as Treasurer
 - d) Nominations received for Board Members for 2017, and names of those willing to stand again:
 - i) Jane was nominated as Treasurer
 - ii) all other existing Board Members agree to stand for 2017Motion to accept the report – Brian. Seconded by Rudy. Carried.
6. Election of Board Members as presented for 2017 – carried.
7. Pastor's Report (attached) – Brian's highlight: It is very healthy in a church to have members step up to provide pulpit guidance while the pastor is absent. We will continue to focus on United Church mission changes, watching for how that fits with our congregational and denominational mission, that of pursuing and serving Jesus.
8. Pastoral Care Report (attached) – Jean's highlight: We are not only helping our church family, but gladly reaching out to those who are associated with us.
9. Presbytery Representative Report (attached) – John's highlight: I will keep the congregation and Board informed of the status of the various remits coming up within Presbytery about the suggested changes in governance.
10. Music and Choir Report (attached) – Jacquie's highlight: Thank you to our congregation for their support and their voices raised in song. Question: could we have more of the familiar melodies? Response: we are trying to have the hymn lyrics provide more of a message, but will attempt to either teach the new melodies first, or find more familiar ones that the lyrics will fit. The congregation is always invited to make suggestions for hymns they would like to sing in the near future.

11. Trustees Report (attached) – Ron's highlight: There has been good management of the funds available. Question: How are property taxes calculated? Ron provided an answer, referring to municipal bylaws and our historical property ownership. The Trustees and Rudy and Brian are working together with Jean-Marc Lalonde to get direction on exactly how our particular property ownership is set up legally, as there is some confusion about United Church congregation ownership and the original Presbyterian congregation ownership.
12. Fellowship Events Committee Report (attached) – Jacquie's highlight: We are delighted to have been able to help our church financially, but also with increasing our outreach and fellowship with the community. We are planning to continue, but may have to scale back our existing schedule as several of our committee members are facing additional stresses at the moment. New members, part-time members, and helpers are always welcome, and in actual fact, have provided a great deal of support already.
13. Ministry and Personnel Committee: no issues have had to be addressed this year.
14. Missions Report (financial statement attached) – Jane's highlight: There is an amendment to the printed statement. Please add the \$27.30 service charges for 2016. However, we've now gone paperless, so these charges won't re-occur. Jane drew our attention to the very healthy donations to each of our 8 charities.
15. Benevolent Fund – this committee is managed by the Pastor, the Board Chair, and the Pastoral Care Team Leader. The fund was set up to assist needy individuals. There has been no activity in the fund this year, but members are invited to submit confidential requests if need arises.
16. Sunday School Report (attached).
17. Pangborn Hall Report (attached). Ray indicated that a special committee will be meeting soon to review the status of our rental rates and contract terms.
18. Stewardship Report (attached): Ray's highlight: Ray encouraged everyone to participate in growing our church: If it is to be, it is up to me!

18a) Social Club Report: Jane reported that the written report for this group will be published later. There is a strong commitment among the members, and this year, they tripled their financial donations, partially due to the new and very popular monthly lunch program.

19. Financial Report 2016 and Budget 2017 (attached) – Jane's highlights: First, a very large and well-deserved vote of thanks to Phil for a difficult job well done over the past few years, leaving us in wonderful financial shape. A special thanks to Fellowship for generous contributions, and also to all those groups and individuals who responded to our roof fund-raising drive. Hydro bills will be reduced this year by the 8% reduction in HST. Jane recommends another paper drive this year, to help reduce costs; it was very successful previously. We are in a plus balance this year of \$5,362.36.

The new accounting system is QuickBooks for Non-Profit Organizations, and we have received support and advice from an experienced church financial officer in Orleans on implementing the system. This year our congregation offered about \$57,000, which is about four times more than the annual offerings ten years ago. Nancy, our church secretary, is declining to receive an honorarium for 2017, but that sum will need to be kept in the budget so that we may be prepared for exigencies. Motion to accept the 2016 Financial Report: moved by John, seconded by Ray. Carried.

Motion to accept the 2017 Budget: moved by Jane, seconded by Paul. Carried.

20. Motion to accept all reports presented: Moved by Ron, seconded by John B., carried.

21. Business Arising:

- a) We have covered the very positive results of our roof funding, the physical roof re-build elsewhere in this report.
- b) Grants – we have applied for funding from New Horizons for Seniors, although that included the roof re-build. When we hear back from them, we will let them know we had to go ahead with the roof on an emergency basis. They may make an exception. If not, so be it. We will restructure the grant for next year for other items.

22. New Business:

- a) an Unrestricted Net Asset Association fund has been set up, from which we will draw funds for the required brick work, along with other needs. Question: are we setting up program activities that would be specifically focussed on brick work fund-raising? Yes, but it will be more low-key than last year's efforts. Our congregation needs a break from the intense fund-raising that went on last year.

23. Closing Remarks: Brian drew everyone's attention to the In Memoriam list in the Annual Report, and noted an inadvertent omission: Memorial Gifts 2016 should include donations in the names of Clarence and Priscilla Price, by Ray and Muriel Lebeau, and in the names of Ren and Irene Lebeau by Ray and Muriel Lebeau. Brian asked for individuals to share memories of Martha Hjarlmarsson, and of Dawna Payer, members who passed on in 2016. A moment of silence was observed.

24. The meeting was closed with prayer, led by Brian.

25. Motion to adjourn: Jane and Lorraine at 1:34 pm