

**ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH
2020 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021**

- Alain Beaudin **WELCOMED** everyone to the meeting. - I would like to welcome everyone to our Annual Meeting, as we look back on the weird year we had and look forward to the future, I believe God is with us and will lead us.
- Ken Macdonald opened the meeting in **PRAYER**.
- Laurie White lit the **CHRIST CANDLE**
- **AGM MEETING CHAIR**

Moved by Bob Thomas. Seconded by Rich Cooke, that, under these unique circumstances and he is the Zoom meeting operator, Alain Beaudin be nominated as Chair for the AGM. Carried.

- **ADHERENTS**

Moved by Bob Thomas. Seconded by Janis Peters, that those who are active Adherents be allowed to participate in the votes and discussions during this Annual Meeting. Carried.

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Moved by Sharleen Smillie. Seconded by Jim Mercer, that the 2020 Annual Committee Reports (except the Finance Reports & the Trustee's Report) be accepted as presented. Carried.

- **IN MEMORIUM** – Amendment: Millie Hill and Pieter de Josselin deJong also passed away in 2020. Ken MacDonald read the names of St. Andrew's congregation members who passed away in 2020.

- **AGENDA APPROVAL** - There were no deletions or additions; therefore, the agenda was approved as distributed.

- **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Moved by Janis Peters, seconded by Donna Dunlop, that the Minutes of the January 28, 2020 Congregational Meeting, be approved as distributed in the 2020 Annual Report. Carried.

- **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** – There was none.

- **APPRECIATION** – Alain Beaudin expressed sincere thanks to Maria Hill for her many, many years of tireless efforts and support as St. Andrew's Treasurer.

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- **2020 Trustee Financial Report and Review 2020 Trustee Financial Report**

Motion by Rich Cooke, seconded by Lloyd Spalding, that the 2020 Trustee's 2020 Financial Report be accepted as presented. Carried.

- **2020 Financial Report and Review 2020 Financial Report**

Motion by Rich Cooke, seconded by Lloyd Spalding, that the 2020 Actual Budget Report be accepted as presented. Carried.

- **Proposed 2021 Budget and Presentation of Proposed 2021 Budget**

Motion by Rich Cooke, seconded by Lloyd Spalding, that the proposed 2021 Budget be accepted as distributed. Carried.

- **2020 M&S Fund Report and Review 2020 M&S Report**

Motion by Rich Cooke, seconded by Barbara Hazen, that the 2020 Mission and Services Fund Report be accepted as presented. Carried.

Proposed 2021 M&S Fund Objective and Presentation of Proposed 2021 M&S Budget

Motion by Rich Cooke, seconded by Jim Mercer, that the 2021 Mission & Services Fund Objective be accepted. Carried.

- **Exiting Board Members** - The following Board Members are exiting the Board after serving their terms. Alain wished everyone well in their new volunteer avenues and expressed sincere appreciation for the support, time, and ideas provided over the years.

Maria Hill, Jim Pollock, Paul Holder, Dave Lelivre, Marilyn Atanas, Leon Mitchell, Ian Waltenbery and Rich Cooke

- **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Bob Thomas, Nominating Committee Chair, asked those present if anyone wanted secret ballots?

Response: No

Motion by Bob Thomas, seconded by Nathan Best, that Janis Peters be elected as Chair of the Congregational Board for 2021-2022. Carried.

Bob Thomas asked for nominations from the floor for Vice-Chair. No nominations were made. POSITION OF VICE-CHAIR WILL REMAIN VACANT until further notice.

Motion by Bob Thomas, seconded by Lloyd Spalding, that Alain Beaudin be elected as Treasurer of the Congregational Board. Carried.

Motion by Bob Thomas, seconded by Barbara Hazen, that Nathan Best be elected as Secretary of the Congregational Board. Carried.

Motion by Bob Thomas, seconded by Lloyd Spalding, that the named candidates:

**Lenore Lennox
John Lennox
Cathy O'Neil
Irene Mordeca
Nathan Best**

be accepted as new members of the St. Andrew's Congregational Board. Carried.

- **HORSESHOE FALLS REGIONAL COUNCIL REPS**

Currently Bob Thomas and Tom Allin are our two reps and have graciously agreed to continue for another year.

Motion by Rich Cooke. Seconded by Don Brockway, that Tom Allin & Bob Thomas continue as our Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Representatives for one more year. Carried.

- **NEW & OTHER BUSINESS**

- **BRIDGE FOUNDATION** – Joann Carrothers asked those present to remember the Bridge Foundation when they are planning their charity donations for 2021. The Bridge was put in place by Rev. Bill Petherick, a former, long-time Minister at St. Andrew's. It is a volunteer-driven organization that helps male prisoners work their way back into the community after being released from jail. The Bridge, like so many agencies in this COVID lock-down, are suffering and on the verge of closing.
- **TRUSTEE RESIGNATION** – A Letter of Resignation as a Trustee was received from Don Thorne. Appreciation was expressed for Don's support, time and efforts of the Trustees.

Motion was made by Rich Cooke. Seconded by Bob Thomas, that the Trustee accept the resignation of Don Thorne as a Trustee. Carried.

- **ALAIN BEAUDIN EXITING BOARD CHAIR** – expressed his appreciation to the Board Members and those present for their continued support and help during his year as Board Chair.
- **KEN MACDONALD** – was asked to speak and indicated that on-line services and working in isolation have been a challenge, but thanked all the technicians – without them the services would not have taken place. There are so many people involved in making these services happen and in keeping connections open through the congregation. Thank you all. He commended the Pastoral Care Phone Committee and encouraged everyone to keep connected through phone calls, emails, newsletters and mail outs. This is so important to the health of St. Andrew’s. Ken indicated that he is looking forward to the year ahead with new Ministry at the end of June and coming out of COVID.
- **LAURIE WHITE** – was asked to speak and she indicated that she echoed all Ken’s thank yous (Bonner/Beaudin household, Nate, Spencer) to everyone who jumped in and took pieces of the service videoed somewhere else and blended them together to create a Sunday Service. Paul Holder is stepping back from the Board this year after so many years and on Paul’s behalf, Laurie was asked to thanked the Board. Maria Hill, we are so grateful for all your years as St. Andrew’s Treasurer. Thank you. And we continue, e.g. with our Sock It To Me Drive in February for Baden Powell Day and many more events as lock-down permits. We remember the Daly/Hamilton family as Kyla comes to terms with her diagnosis of Chrones Disease. She is home again. Keep her in your prayers. Well, this is Laurie’s last AGM “forever”. She feels St. Andrew’s has made a difference in the Community around us. Thanks everyone.
- **JANIS PETERS, NEW BOARD CHAIR** – was asked to speak. She indicated that she sees this coming year as continuing to be very challenging and yet, exciting. Thanks everyone.
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – There were none.
- **ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting was closed in **PRAYER** by Laurie White at 12:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted Janis Peters, Secretary