

Approved on March 1, 2020

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Knox-Met United Church

Sunday May 5, 2019

1. Call to order

Carol Schick called the meeting to order at 12:01 P.M.

Carol Schick stated that the Church's Governance Document requires the presence of 20 full members for the meeting of the congregation. After asking for a show of hands, she announced that there were more than 20 full members presented. She declared a quorum for the meeting.

2. Opening Prayer

Cameron Fraser and children provided an artful prayer.

3. *In Memoriam* and Minute of Silence

Carol Schick read out the name of members who passed away in 2018. We observed a minute of silence.

4. Election of chair/secretary of the Annual Congregational Meeting

Moved/seconded by Gilda Graham/Stewart Graham that Carol Schick be elected as chair and Victor Lam be elected as secretary of the meeting of the congregation. Carried.

5. Approval of the agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 7d) Children and Youth Programming
- 7e) Cameron Fraser's Vacation and Sabbatical
- 9c iv) Appointment of Signing Officers

Moved/seconded by Elizabeth Calam/Carole Bryant that the agenda be adopted as amended. Carried.

Moved/seconded by Dan Coggins/Dorothy Kittleson that adherents of the Church be allowed to vote. Carried.

The chair opened the floor to further meaning on the limitations that the adherents may participate or vote.

A point of order was raised by Cameron Fraser. He clarified that the previous edition of the manual (prior to 2016) had a stipulation that adherents cannot vote in matters of the election of officers, order of worship, and pastoral relations, while the current manual is open and without limitations. He further explained that if we go by the previous manual then the current agenda item that will be affected is the election of officers to the Trustees, Board, and Representatives to the Regional Council.

In light of the information provided:

Moved/seconded by Dan Coggins/Dorothy Kittleson that reconsideration be made to the previous motion for those members who voted yes. Defeated.

6. Minutes of Annual Congregational Meeting of April 15, 2018 and January 27, 2019 (JNAC)

Moved/seconded by Carole Bryant/Alison Stickland that the minutes of the annual general meeting held April 15, 2018 be adopted with the following changes.

In Item 19, the spelling of "David Calem" be "David Calam".

Carried.

Moved/seconded by Carole Bryant/Donna Nelson that the minutes of the annual general meeting held January 27, 2019 be adopted with the following changes:

Under Approval of Agenda, "Moved/seconded by Marlene Hall/", the name "Evelyn Gay" shall be added to the pair as the seconder.

In the appendix item, Congregational Members and Adherents Present at this Congregational Meeting, the following changes:

The spelling of "Hans Eckhart" be "Hans Eckart";

The following names be added to the list; "Stewart Graham," "Julia Eckart,"

"Susan McLaren," "Keith Rever," and "Marianne Rever."

Carried.

7. Updates about On-Going Work of the Congregation

Carol Schick and Cameron Fraser updated the congregation with the following on-going work:

- a) Being There When the Future Comes
- b) Affirming Ministries Group
- c) Discussion about keeping the Membership Roll up to date
- d) Children and Youth Programming
- e) Cameron Fraser's Vacation and Sabbatical

Members at large provided their feedback.

8. Election

a) Election of Officers, Board

Carol Schick reported and thanked four members who will be stepping down from the Board; Gary Seib, Laurie Ulmer, Carole Bryant, and Victor Lam. She received the following nominees; David Cawood, Joan Garden, Marlene Wirachowsky, and Barbara Shourounis (Trustee's Rep.) Three times, she invited nominations from the floor and received none. Each nominee was given an opportunity to speak in front of the congregation. Carol Schick declared that the nominees were elected by acclamation.

b) Representatives to the Living Skies Regional Council

Carol Schick received the following nominees; Mari-Anne Berriault, Colette Forbes, and Don Henricksen. Three times, she invited nominations from the floor and received none. Each nominee was given an opportunity to speak in front of the congregation. Carol Schick gratefully declared that the nominees were elected by acclamation.

9. Reports

a) Minister

Cameron Fraser referred to his report contained in the 2018 Annual Report.

b) Chair of the board

Carol Schick referred to her report contained in the 2018 Annual Report.

c) Financial Report

i) Financial Statements

Karen Haggman presented the Financial Statements.

Moved/seconded by Karen Haggman/Debra Burnett that the Financial Statements for the year ending December 31st, 2018 be accepted. Carried.

ii) Proposed 2019 Budget

Debra Burnett presented the 2019 Budget.

Moved/seconded by Debra Burnett/Phyllis Perkins that the proposed 2019 budget be approved. Carried.

iii) Appointment of Financial Reviewer

Moved/seconded by Don Henricksen/Stewart Graham that the firm MWC Chartered Professional Accountants LLP be appointed as the financial reviewer for Knox-Metropolitan United Church's Financial Statement for the fiscal year 2019. Carried.

iv) Appointment of Signing Officers

Moved/seconded by David Cawood/Debra Burnett that the signing officers for the next year be the following:

Chair of the Board, Vice-chair of the Board, Past chair of the Board, Chair of the Administration Ministry, Joan Garden, Bill Perkins, David Calam, Treasurer

Carried.

Moved/seconded by Elizabeth Calam/Carole Bryant that the Reports from 9a) Minister and 9b) Chair of the Board be received. Carried.

d) Board of Trustees

Jim Garden spoke on the Board of Trustees.

Moved/seconded by Jim Garden/Carole Bryant that the Board of Trustees' report be approved. Carried.

Further, Jim Garden noted that a motion is needed from the Congregation in accordance with Marianne Rever's written notification of resignation as a Trustee dated May 13, 2018 and also in accordance with the requirements of the United Church of Canada Act of 1924.

Moved/seconded by Jim Garden/Elizabeth Stroeder that the Congregation of Knox-Metropolitan United Church accept, with regret and with gratitude for her many years of service, Marianne Rever's resignation from the Board of Trustees. Carried.

e) Ministry Council

On behalf of the Administration, Gary Seib acknowledged and thanked Stewart Graham and Gilda Trelaeaven-Graham for their financial support on the new LED lights in the Sanctuary.

Moved/seconded by Cathy Currey/Elizabeth Calam that the following Ministry Council reports to be accepted:

- i) Administration
- ii) Congregation life
- iii) Outreach and Social Action
- iv) Word, Worship, Music and the Arts
- v) Children's Programming

Carried.

f) Committees

i) Ministry and Personnel

Susan McLaren apologized for no written report but stated that the committee meets regularly.

ii) Refugee Committee

Refer to the committee report in the 2018 Annual Report.

iii) Finance Committee

Carol Schick noted that the Finance is a standing committee of the Board in its first year of existence. It has prepared the financial document and budget with the assistance of Ian Wallace of MWC Chartered Professional Accountants LLP.

iv) Affirming Ministries

Refer to the committee report in the 2018 Annual Report.

Moved/seconded by Evelyn Gay/Dan Coggins that the following Committee's Report to be accepted:

- i) Ministry and Personnel
- ii) Refugee Committee
- iii) Finance Committee
- iv) Affirming Ministries

Carried.

g) Other Groups

no reports

10. Other business if necessary

Jim Garden acknowledged and thanked Carol Schick for her time and extraordinary role in chairing the Board.

11. Closing Prayer

In silence.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Elizabeth Stroeder at 2:01 P.M. that this Congregational Meeting be adjourned.
Carried.

Appendix Congregational Meeting Attendance

Elizabeth Stroeder	Steffi Parker	Gary Seib
Marlene Hall	Julian Wotherspoon	Sandra Etter
Stewart Graham	Donna Nelson	Shelleen Ross
Gilda Trelaeaven-Graham	Joyce Fraser	Debbie Mayor
Joan Garden	Cheryl Hymus Fraser	Gert Smith
Jim Garden	Miriam Hornell	Dorothy Kittleson
Elizabeth Calam	Hans Eckart	H. Ann Hall
David Calam	Julia Eckart	Susan McLaren
Mari-Anne Berriault	Ethia Brown	Evelyn Gay
Heather Berriault	Norm Brown	Greg Horsman
EV Mazurkie	Marianne Rever	Donnie Wood
Carole Bryant	Keith Rever	Mark Budd
Wendy Hubelit	Lloyd Redick	Rebecca Haugen
Colette Forbes	Verla Redick	Joyce Wells
Don Hendricksen	Vernon McCarthy	Dan Coggins
David Cawood	Phyllis Perkins	F Wayne Tunison
Jacqueline Crowther	Debra Burnett	Cameron Fraser
Cecilia Prokop	Alision Stickland	Yergalcui Tesfay
Karen Haggman	Dessie Gebreyesus	Victor Lam
Deanna Zak	Rod Nenson	Carol Schick
Kathleen Johnson	Marlene Wirachowsky	Vicki Nelson
		Cathy Currey
		Barbara Shourounis

DRAFT – Minutes of the Congregational Meeting – McNair Business Developments

Sunday, January 12, 2020

Present: Please refer to the list of those in attendance, included at the end of these Minutes.

1. Call to Order –

Carol Schick, Chair of the Board, called this Congregational Meeting to Order.

Quorum of 20+ members was verified by Kathleen Johnson and Elizabeth Stroeder.

2. Opening Prayer –

Cameron Fraser, Minister, led the meeting in prayer.

3. Reconfirmation of Chair / Secretary of Congregational Meeting –

Moved / Seconded by Elizabeth Ivanochko / Alison Stickland that Carol Schick be the Chair of this Congregational Meeting. Carried.

Moved / seconded by Elizabeth Ivanochko / Elizabeth Calam that Elizabeth Stroeder be the Secretary of this Congregational Meeting. Carried.

4. Decision on the Participation of Adherents

Moved / seconded by Gary Seib / Barbara Shourounis that adherents be allowed to participate in this Congregational Meeting. Carried.

5. Approval of Agenda –

Moved / seconded by Vicki Nelson / Donna Nelson that the Agenda be approved. Carried.

6. Background Information on Being There When the Future Comes –

David Calam gave an explanation regarding the history and mandate of the Being There When the Future Comes Committee. He outlined many of the past activities undertaken by the BTWTFC Committee, and what they plan to undertake in the near future.

The committee will try to answer the question: “How can we best use our building and our property to meet our needs?”

The BTWTFC Committee recommends hiring McNair Business Development Inc. to carry out a feasibility study to determine what options Knox-Metropolitan United Church has for future development.

7. Motion to hire McNair Business Development Inc. –

Motion: *The Congregation of Knox-Metropolitan United Church agrees to continue the work of future planning, currently under the banner of **Being There When the Future Comes** by engaging the services of McNair Business Development INC. to conduct a Feasibility Study to determine the viability of our current trajectory in future planning of moving towards a more intentionally multi-functional and partnership-driven organizational structure for the use of the church building, and help create a plan to inform the on-going work. The fee for this work would be \$28,000.00.*

The above motion was moved / seconded by Barbara Shourounis / Dan Coggins. There was discussion regarding this motion, along with several questions. Points to note are:

- McNair will provide Knox-Met with one plan which will include three (3) scenarios;
- McNair was the only firm approached and asked to provide a study of this kind;
- The study will be funded by a special fund, established in 2012 and administered by Trustees, to be used for projects undertaken as part of the BTWTFC initiative;
- Knox-Met is looking for potential investors to take part in the church's future planning.

The vote: All in favour; no abstentions; none opposed. Carried.

8. Adjournment –

Bruce MacDonald moved that the meeting be adjourned.

List of those present for the Congregational Meeting January 12, 2020:

Ande Hugos	Hans Eckart	Dorothy Kittleson
Elizabeth Ivanochko	Julia Eckart	Sandra Etter
Bob Ivanochko	David Calam	Ruth Englund
Donna Nelson	Lloyd Redick	Gert Smith
Carole Bryant	Alison Stickland	Gilda Treleaven-Graham
Bev Lundahl	Vicki Nelson	Stewart Graham
Cecilia Prokop	Mari-Anne Berriault	Greg Horsman
Barbara Shourounis	Dan Coggins	Marlene Wirachowsky
Garrett Craigie	Elizabeth Stroeder	Garry Palmer
Norm Brown	Carol Schick	Kathy Palmer
Marlene Hall	Kathleen Johnson	Deanna Zak
Evelyn Gay	Bill Johnson	Karen Haggman
Elizabeth Calam	Bruce MacDonald	Wendy Hubelit
Ethia Brown	Olive MacDonald	Gary Seib
David Cawood	Jacque Crowther	Cameron Fraser
Dawn Rolke	Rachel MacDonald	

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Minutes of the Congregational Meeting of Knox-Metropolitan United Church

Sunday, February 9, 2020

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Carol Schick, chair of the Board at 12:09 pm.
Quorum (20 full members) was confirmed by show of hands

Request by Joe Stroeder to amend the agenda was ruled out of order until the Approval of Agenda (Item #5).

2. Opening Prayer

Cam Fraser led us in an opening prayer, a few moments of silence followed by A New Creed read aloud by those in attendance

3. Confirming the Chair/ Secretary of the meeting -

Moved by Stewart Graham/Shelleen Ross that Carol Schick be confirmed as chair of this meeting.
Carried.

Moved by Barbara Shourounis/Bob Ivanochko that David Cawood be named as secretary for this meeting. Carried.

4. Question of Participation of Adherents

Carol read the definition of Adherents from The Manual (2019)

Moved by Cathy Currey/Peter Ricci that adherents be invited to fully participate (including vote) in this meeting. Carried.

5. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Elizabeth Calam/Dan Coggins to accept the agenda.

Moved by Joe Stroeder/Liz Stroeder that the Agenda be amended to include item 5a) Decision to hold vote on Affirming Ministry by Secret Ballot.

Amendment Carried.

Approval of Amended Agenda Carried.

5a. Question of Voting by Secret Ballot

Moved by Liz Stroeder/Joe Stroeder that voting be conducted by secret ballot.

Discussion.

Carried with 34 in opposition.

6. Presentation by Affirming Ministries Group.

Karen Haggman on behalf of the Affirming Ministries Group offered a presentation which outlined the process that the AMG took in exploring Knox-Metropolitan becoming an Affirming Ministry. She read the "Statement" prepared by the AMG and outlined the various changes and edits that they took to its final form. She thanked those people who offered feedback and suggestions.

Comments and discussion from the congregation.

7. Motions on Becoming an Affirming Congregation

The Chair explained that the Board had prepared a ballot with 3 questions and that 75% approval would be required on all 3 questions for the Board to request that Affirm United declare KMUC an Affirming Ministry. The 3 questions would be voted on all at once and counted separately with the results announced separately, noting how many votes were cast, how many yes, how many no, how many abstain.

The ballot was shown on the screen (see appendix #2).

Moved by Joe Stroeder/Barbara Shourounis that three separate ballots be used and that question 1 be voted on, tallied and result announced before moving onto before onto question 2 and that this procedure be repeated for questions 2 and 3.

Motion defeated.

Moved by Stewart Graham/Liz Stroeder that question #1 appear on the ballot as

The Congregation of Knox-Metropolitan United Church become an Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada and join Affirm United/S'Affirmer Ensemble.

Moved by Liz Stroeder that Question #1 be amended to remove the words "and join Affirm United/s'Affirmer Ensemble".

This motion was ruled out of order because it would void the intention of the motion because an Affirming Ministry is, by definition, a Ministry that has been recognized by and become a member of Affirm United/s'Affirmer Ensemble..

Ruling was accepted and Liz shared statement to the congregation about Affirm United.

Moved by Vikki Nelson/Barbara Shourounis that we proceed to the vote of question #1 without further discussion.

Carried with over 2/3 voting in favour.

Joe Stroeder objected to the question being called. He challenged the Chair's ruling.

David Cawood as Secretary called the question on whether to sustain the Chairs ruling to proceed without further discussion on Question #1.

Carried.

Moved by Vikki Nelson/Cecilia Prokop that question #2 appear on the ballot as

That the Congregation adopt the proposed Affirming Statement.

Moved by Cecilia Prokop/Julian Wotherspoon to proceed without discussion on Question #2.

Carried with over 2/3 voting in favour.

Moved by Michael Parker/ Bonnie Morton that question #3 appear on the ballot as

That the Affirming Group continue as a committee of the Board

Carried.

Cam Fraser explained that the Board had designated Barbara Shourounis and Liz Ivanochko to count the ballots and Marlene Wirachowsky to act as scrutineer. In Liz's absence Barbara had asked Mark Wartman to act in Liz's place. The Congregation agreed by consensus to this arrangement. Cam clarified that neither Carol nor he vote.

Ballots were distributed by the counters.

Ballots were collected by the counters.

The Ballot Counters and Scrutineer moved to a table set up in the corner of the room to count.

Attendees at the meeting were asked to remain after the announcement of the result for a closing statement and prayer to follow the formal adjournment of the meeting.

Barbara Shourounis announced the results of the vote.

Question #1: That Knox-Metropolitan United Church become an Affirming Ministry and join Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble.

Votes Cast - 81

Yes - 65 (80%)

No - 14

Abstain - 2

Question #2: That Knox-Metropolitan adopt the proposed Affirming Statement (see Appendix 2)

Votes Cast - 81

Yes - 67 (83%)

No - 11

Abstain - 3

Question #3: *That the Affirming Ministries Group continue as a Committee of the Board.*

Votes Cast - 81

Yes - 65 (80%)

No - 12

Abstain - 4

8. Closing Words and Adjournment

David Cawood moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 pm

Shelleen Ross thanked everyone for sharing their thoughts and for attending the meeting.

Cam Fraser invited the congregation to breathe deeply together and to acknowledge that the congregation has spoken with clarity about a desire to become an Affirming Ministry. He acknowledged that this has been a difficult meeting and a difficult way to end this process. He noted that there was much consternation today and that there was a need to process and heal from this together. He announced that in the coming weeks that conversation circles would be held for people to speak together about their feelings. He acknowledged that regardless of how one voted that the congregation was encouraged to seek good ways to move forward together in the direction that had been decided today.

He closed with a blessing.

Appendix #1 - Congregational Meeting Attendance (from Sign-In list)

1. Deanna Zak
 2. Evelyn Gay
 3. Cathy Currey
 4. Elizabeth Calam
 5. David Calam
 6. Marianne Rever
 7. Keith Rever
 8. Bob Ivanochko
 9. Hart Godden
 10. Gary Seib
 11. Jacqueline Crowther
 12. Chantel Poisson-Fast
 13. Dan Coggins
 14. Lucie Poisson-Fast
 15. Shaun Poisson-Fast
 16. Greg Bamford
 17. Peter Ricci
 18. Paula Ricci
 19. Christie Fessler
 20. Marilyn Turnley
 21. Joyce Fraser
 22. Bonnie Jones
 23. Zalin Cooper
 24. Donna Jones
 25. Kathy Palmer
 26. Janice Koch
 27. Alejandra Coronel
 28. Bev Lundahl
 29. Phyllis Perkins
 30. Melva _____
 31. Elizabeth Stroeder
 32. Joe Stroeder
 33. Kate Johnson
 34. Jessica Stroeder
 35. Victoria Stroeder
 36. Ev Mazurkie
 37. Heather Berriault
 38. Mari-Anne Berriault
 39. Sheena Folnovic
 40. Mark Wartman
 41. Gail Wartman
 42. Alison Stickland
 43. Dorothy Kittleson
 44. Sandra Etter
 45. Susan Etter
 46. Ruth Englund
 47. Wendy Hubelit
 48. Julia Eckart
 49. Hans Eckart
 50. Garry Hanson
 51. Greg Horseman
 52. Gilda Treleaven-Graham
 53. Stewart Graham
 54. Barbara Shourounis
 55. Michael Parker
 56. Delee McDougall
 57. Linda Schriener
 58. Al Schriener
 59. Marlene Wirachowsky
 60. Vicki Nelson
 61. John Jinks
 62. Tracy Jinks
 63. Bonnie Morton
 64. Peter Gilmer
 65. Olive MacDonald
 66. Bruce MacDonald
 67. Susan McLaren
 68. Marlene Hall
 69. Colette Forbes
 70. Sylvie Roy
 71. Rob Wright
 72. Ferrah Graham
 73. Simon Graham
 74. Karren Haggman
 75. Eilis Gribbon
 76. Monique Poisson-Fast
 77. Julian Wotherspoon
 78. Donna Nelson
 79. Laurie Ulmer
 80. Aaron Balkaran
 81. Cecila Prokop
 82. Cheryl Hymus-Fraser
 83. Rebecca Haugen
 84. Shelleen Ross
 85. Mark Budd
 86. David Cawood
- Carol Schick – Board Chair/Non-Voting
Cameron Fraser – Minister/Non-Voting

Appendix #2 – Proposed Affirming Statement as presented to the Congregation

We are an Affirming Ministry of The United Church of Canada on Treaty 4 territory, located in the heart of downtown Regina, seeking to fully welcome all.

People of every sexual orientation, sex (including intersex), gender (including transgender and gender non-conforming people), gender expression, age, ability, neurodiversity, marital status, family configuration, race, ethnicity, religious belief, and economic condition are welcomed into full participation in every aspect of the life and ministry of Knox-Metropolitan United Church and are affirmed to be a sacred and beautiful expression of God's own image.

We are committed to on-going learning, action, and solidarity as we embody these words within our faith community and work and pray for a more just society and world.

With God's help, so may it be.

Appendix #3 – Ballot Used for Voting

Knox-Metropolitan United Church – Congregational Meeting – Sunday, February 9, 2020

Instructions:

1. Please circle one option for each of the three questions listed below.
2. Please fold this paper once from top to bottom.
3. Please hold your ballot until counters come to collect it .

Questions:

Does the Congregation Agree:

1. *That the Congregation of Knox-Metropolitan United Church become an Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada and join Affirm United/s'Affirmer Ensemble.*

Yes **No** **Abstain**

(Please circle only one choice)

2. *That the Congregation adopt the proposed Affirming Statement (on screen)*

Yes **No** **Abstain**

(Please circle only one choice)

3. *That the Affirming Ministries Group continue as a Committee of the Board.*

Yes **No** **Abstain**

(Please circle only one choice)