

**Trinity United Church
Annual Congregational Meeting
February 9, 2020**

Council Chair, Tim Dolbear welcomed and thanked everyone for staying for the meeting. He called the meeting to order and invited Sharon to give the opening prayer. Regional representative, Curtis Marwood was in attendance.

Curtis provided words of welcome as the regional supervisor of the congregation since we have been without a minister. Curtis provided comments of an appreciation for the well-run council and how welcome he has been made in his term with us. Deanna Gibson will be the new regional supervisor going forward. Sandra thanked Curtis for his time with us and for making the trip to Wallaceburg on so many occasions.

Appreciation was also expressed to Herb and Sandra for all they have done over the past year.

A motion was brought forward by Keith Southern and seconded by Tom Morrison to extend voting privileges to those in adherence. The motion was carried with none opposed.

Quorum was present.

It was motioned by Richard Button and seconded by Lynne VanderVeeken to accept the minutes from the Congregational meeting of December 1, 2019 and February 11, 2019 as found on page 4 through 7 of the annual report. The motion was carried with none opposed.

Sandra provided minister's remarks to thank the congregation for the journey over the past year. She felt well supported and appreciated the questions, feedback, and suggestions to help keep things running smoothly. It was a very busy year, but she never felt alone. This congregation knows what it is to be a committee.

Motion made by Michelle Garraway and seconded by Ron Tack to accept the reports as printed in the annual report. All in favour, none opposed. Carried

Financial reports

The trustees financial report, starting on page 16 of the annual report was reviewed first where there are 5 funds we are working from. There were not significant funds this year that needed to be moved to the general fund since there was no minister for the year. The main expenditure was the dishwasher which came out of the general fund within the trustees funds.

Motion made by Lynne VanderVeeken and seconded by Doug MacLennan to accept the Trustees report as printed in the annual report. All in favour, none opposed. Carried

The general fund was reviewed and balances and expenditures review. We ended the year with a net income last year which was largely due to not having a full-time minister.

Motion made by Lynne VanderVeeken to accept the 2019 year-end financial report as printed, seconded by Carl Powers. All in favour, none opposed. Carried

The financial reviewers report is on page 15. Thanks, was expressed to Michelle Garraway and Karen Walker for their review.

Lynne presented the 2020 budget as is printed on page 26 and 27 of the annual report.

There was a question regarding the bulletins and why they were removed. With the new screens and to minimize costs, a decision was made to stop printing the bulletins. They were an expense of \$1000 per year. Deb has offered to print bulletins for people who wish to have them. A suggestion of a sign-up sheet for those who wish to have bulletins was offered.

Motion made by Lynne VanderVeeken and seconded by Ron Tack to accept the 2020 budget as printed in the annual report. All in favour, none opposed. Carried

The nominating committee report can be found on page 8 of the annual report. Tim Dolbear is stepping down as chair, Carl Powers will be coming in as Chair and Tracy Bridge Arnold will be Vice-Chair. Richard Button will be taking over as chair of Finance. M&P has Gord Heath and Diane Glover joining. Worship and Sanctuary has Uta Nowakowski and Janice Gonyou joining.

We are entitled to 3 representatives to the Antler River Watershed Regional council. This should be added back to the committee listings and we should be working towards finding representatives for this.

We also wish to extend thanks to those who have retired from committees and acknowledge their dedication and service.

Motion made by Carl Powers to accept the nominating committee's report as presented, seconded by Richard Button. All in favour, none opposed. Carried

Other business

Due to functioning without a minister, there is no long-range planning report to be reviewed.

Herb deJong, on behalf of M&P, expressed his sincere appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the staff at Trinity. This includes Laura, Debbie, Ana, and Sandra. They have all gone above and beyond especially during this past year with no minister. Sandra took on some additional responsibilities this past year which was appreciated. Another thanks goes to Rob Kirk who helps with our computers and technical equipment.

Sharon is a student minister for the next 2 years. Student ministers do not automatically have the ability to perform sacraments, such as baptisms, communion, and weddings. In order to enable Sharon to do the sacraments approval needs to be obtained from the faith community.

Motion made by Herb deJong to provide Sharon Campbell Rayment with approval from Trinity United Church to perform the sacraments of baptism and communion during her term as student minister. Seconded by Gord Heath. All in favour. Carried

With regard to regional representatives, if there is no one nominated at the annual meeting, it can be approved by council.

Signing authority on the bank accounts for the church will need to be modified to include the new additions to council positions.

Motion made by Lynne VanderVeeken to appoint the treasurer, chair of finance, and chair of council as signing authority for the church. It will need to be signed by two of three. Seconded by Evelyn Mayo. All in favour. None opposed. Carried.

Carl Powers expressed appreciation for the many years that Tim has been chair of council. It is a well-deserved break and we hope you keep in touch.

Doug MacLennan spoke regarding changes to the locks at the church that have been in place for 40 years. There is a local vendor that will change them for us. For anyone with current keys will need to be aware. There are 4 doors that will need to change. There will be 30 keys printed and people will keys will be asked to bring their old keys in and sign out the new keys. They are all numbered and will be easier to track.

Thank you to the worship and sanctuary committee for hosting lunch today.

A motion to adjourn was brought forward by Tom Morrison