

First United Church
Annual Congregation Meeting
March 13, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Donna Goertzen, Eugene Loughran, Sandie Woods, Miriam Galloway, Elwood Galloway, Jim Sheridan, Faye Sheridan, Alan Gummesen, Richard Lemieux, Gloria Lemieux, Dick Baker, Barb Baker, Jen Pollack, David Spearing, Freda Spearing, Grace Rumohr, Elleleine Ansell, Lynda Hamilton, Phyllis Waite, Steve Waite, Evelyn Slade, Bill Heesing, Eleanor Heesing, Julia Heesing, Edna Melnyk, Joan Prochnau, Diane Durnford, Karen Martin, Ken Pollard, Kathleen Pollard, Rick Chaba, Marg Chaba, Brenda Nichols, Ben Decker, Camille Ream, Holly Dunford, Joan Orchard, Brent Orchard.

1. Welcome

Meeting begins at 11:45 am with opening prayer: Rev. Paul Walfall

2. Purpose

Diane Durnford as acting chair, reviews the following items as our purpose for today:

- To approve December 2015 Congregation (Budget) Meeting Minutes
- To Receive the Annual Report for 2015
- To appoint members to the Church Governance Board and Committees of the Board
- To receive a recommendation from the Board regarding Board Nominating Committee
- To provide a brief introduction on UCC 'Remits'

Motion 16-03-01C: That Rick Chaba act as Chair of this March 13, 2016 Congregational meeting.

Moved: Barb Baker **Second:** Gloria Lemieux

Motion 16-03-02C: That Sandra Woods act as secretary of this March 13, 2016 Congregational meeting.

Moved: Donna Goertzen **Second:** Al Gummesen

3. Enabling Motion

Motion 16-03-03C: Understanding that members have the right to vote on all matters before this congregation meeting, it is moved that all Adherents be extended the right to vote on temporal matters placed before this meeting.

Moved: Al Gummesen **Second:** Marg Chaba

Motion 16-03-04C: Voting will be by a show of hands in place of a paper ballot.

Moved: Al Gummesen **Second:** Faye Sheridan

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4. 2015 Congregation Meeting

Motion 16-03-05C: To accept the minutes of December 13, 2015 Congregational meeting as presented.

Moved: Dave Spearing **Second:** Jim Sheridan

Motion 16-03-06C: To accept the 2015 Annual Report information.

Moved: Elwood Galloway **Second:** Jim Sheridan

5. Reviewing and Planning of God's Ministries

Report from the Search Committee was presented by Karen Martin with the following recommendations:

- a) Adherents become members
- b) A permanent nominating committee is to be formed that will work to fill all positions on the church board and committees.
- c) Provide study/learning opportunities for members, of First United, which would assist in helping people to understand roles and responsibilities and Governance of the church. This knowledge would assist in increasing interest in the roles and responsibilities of the board positions and support in finding members with the ability/suitability for those positions.

Motion 16-03-06C: That the report was received from the Search Committee and accepted as a good plan to move forward with:

Moved: Marg Chaba **Second:** Al Gummesen

Nominations for Board Chair were received from the congregation. Dick Baker agreed to let his name stand with the understanding that his term would be for 1 year to coach the Chair Elect to take over the Chair position in the following year.

Motion 16-03-07C: That Dick Baker be nominated to the position of Board Chair of First United Church for a 1 year term March 13, 2016 to March 13, 2017:

Moved: Marg Chaba **Second:** Al Gummesen **Accepted by acclamation.**

Nominations for Chair were received from the congregation. Eleanor Hessing agreed to let her name stand for a 1 year term with the understanding that she would be coached to take over the Chair position in the following year.

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Motion 16-03-08C: That Eleanor Hessing be nominated to the position of Chair Elect of First United Church for a 1 year term March 13, 2016 to March 13, 2017:

Moved: Marg Chaba **Second:** Karen Martin **Accepted by acclamation.**

Election of Members at Large.

Motion 16-03-09C: That the following four individuals be appointed as Members at Large of the First United Church Board. Brenda Nichols, Diane Durnford, Elwood Galloway and Jennifer Pollack for the year ending at the next Annual Congregation meeting:

Moved: Donna Goertzen **Second:** Faye Sheridan **Carried.**

Board Motion: Affirmation of Treasurer

Motion 16-03-10C: That Joan Prochnau be affirmed as Treasurer for First United Church for a 4th year:

Moved: Marg Chaba **Second:** Al Gummesen **Carried.**

Affirmation of Board of Trustees

Motion 16-03-11C: That the following five individuals be affirmed as members of the Board of Trustees for First United Church; Elwood Galloway, Brent Graham, Dick Baker, Ted Moller and David Spearing:

Moved: Jim Sheridan **Second:** Richard Lemieux **Carried.**

Affirmation of Presbytery Representatives

Motion 16-03-12C: That the following Cathy Pearson and Jackie St. Goddard be affirmed as Presbytery Representatives for First United Church:

Moved: Gloria Lemieux **Second:** Karen Martin **Carried.**

Affirmation of Ministry and | Personnel Committee

Motion 16-03-13C: That the following three individuals be affirmed as Members of the Ministry and Personnel Committee at First United Church. Neil Horne, Marg Chaba and Al Gummesen.

Moved: Karen Martin **Second:** Donna Geortzen **Carried.**

Nomination of Ministry and Personnel Committee Member

Motion 16-03-14C: That Freda Spearing be appointed to the Ministry and Personnel Committee at First United Church.

Moved: Barb Baker **Second:** Marg Chaba **Carried.**

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Affirmation of Property Committee

Discussion: Members of the congregation wondered if the Property Committee recommendations to the Church Board were being effectively communicated to the board of Trustees and if the Board of Trustees were involved in decisions on being made concerning property.

Motion 16-03-15C: That the following individuals be affirmed as the Property Committee of First United Church; Jim Sheridan and Steve Waite.

Moved: Gloria Lemieux **Second:** Karen Martin **Carried.**

Recommendations that a Stewardship Committee be formed

Discussion: The need for a stewardship committee was brought forward for discussion. Rev. Paul Walfall shared the concept that stewardship is not fundraising, but concerns “all gifts of the church, including talents, hands, brains, emotions as well as funds. The congregation were advised that this is currently being reviewed by the board.

Motion 16-03-16C: That a Stewardship Committee be form to help assist the church.

Moved: Al Gummesen **Second:** Karen Martin **Carried.**

Board Nomination Process

Discussion: Discussions on why, who and how a Nomination Committee for nominating skilled people to Board positions would be essential to ensuring a healthy and balanced Governance Board. It has been taken under advisement of the board that this meets the needs of the board and congregation.

Motion 16-03-17C: That the First United Church Governance Board take action to establish an ongoing Nomination Committee.

Moved: Diane Dunford **Second:** Al Gummesen **Carried.**

Remits – UCC General Council

Five Remits are to be studied and discerned over the next six months:

1. Church Courts Model
2. Settlement and Transfer
3. Office of Vocations
4. Funding a new model
5. One Order of Ministry

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Summary of the Board of First United for 2016 – 2017:

Chair: Dick Baker

Chair Elect: Eleanor Hessing

Treasurer: Joan Prochnau

Presbytery Representatives: Cathy Pearson & Jackie St. Goddard

Ministry & Personnel Chair: Al Gummesen

Members at Large: Brenda Nichols, Diane Durnford, Elwood Galloway & Jennifer Pollack

Ministry Personnel: Reverend Paul Douglas Walfall

6. Adjournment

Motion 16-03-18C: To adjourn the congregational meeting of First United Church at 1:00pm.

Moved: Jim Sheridan

Second: Elwood Galloway

Submitted by:

Sandra Woods, Congregation Meeting Secretary

Rick Chaba, Congregation Meeting Chair