

The meeting was called to order 12:04 pm by Chair Grace Halvorson

Present: Rev Karen Millard, Grace Halvorson, Kaija Belfry Munroe, Deb Kent, Ian Kent, Cindy Roy, Elizabeth Kerr, Hugh Kerr, Marilyn Caldwell, Valerie Stainton, Kayla Mak, Susan MacDonald, James MacDonald, Kevin Haberl, Vicki Haberl, Pat Yendall, Patsy Riecker, Elaine Graham, Moneta Neighbor, Maureen Gilmour, Lisa Cameron

1. **Opening Prayer/Reflection - Welcome to the Squamish Nation Traditional Territory** Ha7lh en skwalwn Kwis tl'iknumut tl'a Skwxwuu7mesh Uxwumix

2. **Opening Comments:**

Rev Karen Millard presented a video highlighting 2018 at Squamish United Church. Grace Halvorson talked about how 2018 was a year of transitioning into the new building. Some final elements such as the cross outside are still missing. New welcoming signs were just donated by Rob Pedersen. The sound panel installation is completed. This expense was paid with the original money allocated for the building. The church's children's ministries have been very successful and 2 grants have been received. The community is acknowledging what we do.

3. **Motion for Voting Privileges:**

MOTION: Moved by Deb Kent, seconded by James MacDonald that voting privileges be given to all members and adherents in attendance. Carried.

4. **Review and Adoption of minutes of 2018 AGM:**

MOTION: Moved by Kaija Belfry-Munroe, seconded by Kevin Haberl that the minutes of the April 22, 2018 Annual General Meeting be adopted. Carried.

5. **Acceptance of 2018 Committee Reports:**

MOTION: Moved by Marilyn Caldwell, seconded by Valerie Stainton that the Committee Reports except for the Nomination Committee be received. Carried.

Marilyn Caldwell spoke about the development of the M&P ministry. She explained that Rev. Karen Millard requested a sabbatical leave last spring. The United Church of Canada allows a paid sabbatical after 5 years of uninterrupted service. The purpose of a sabbatical is to reflect, learn and to recharge. A sabbatical committee has been formed. Karen's sabbatical will start at the end of April until the end of July. Karen has decided to take the sabbatical during a quieter

time in the church. The worship committee, M&P committee and the board are involved in the planning of covering Karen's sabbatical leave. It is important to keep the church's momentum going. The church has a lot staff and ministries, including pastoral care as well as the before and after school care. We are lucky to have 2 ordained United Church ministers in Squamish. Both have been approached to help cover Karen's leave. The ordained ministers, Deb Bowman and Elaine Graham, will be covering 2-3 Sunday services per month. The 4th Sunday will be covered by a lay minister. A detailed plan of the sabbatical coverage will be presented at the next board meeting.

Kayla Mak spoke about the family ministries. Both Spirit Kids, the before and after school care program and children's church and messy church are growing. Next month Messy Church is planning a big Easter celebration. A new grant for Spirit Kids has been received for 2019. We already have children signed up for September 2019 care.

Question from Pat Yendall: How many kids are allowed and how many kids do we currently have signed up in Spirit Kids?

Kayla reported that we are allowed 24 kids. It is 12 kids per adult. On average at the moment we have 5 children in morning care and 11 in the afternoon care.

Children's church was very busy over Christmas. We have over 20 kids coming to children's church. The kids were split up into age groups. In the future we might even ask to use the second pre-school room for children's church. Currently we have approximately 6-7 children per Sunday. This historically is a slower time of the year.

Rev Karen Millard spoke about how busy the past year was and how taking a sabbatical is the right time for her. Karen talked about how our staff and programming at the church is functioning well. Elaine Graham and Kayla Mak are managing their programs well. We will be having a busy summer with child care summer camps happening every day. The caring ministry team is in place; it is very important to have help available when needed. Our community doesn't only have seniors who are in need but also struggling families with children. We have developed an excellent relationship with our community partners. We support one another and our programs. This is a gift that we had hoped for. When we receive grants such as the grant we just received for our child care program the community is watching. We are seen as caring for our community. Our place is moving and thriving even if it's not necessarily bringing in money. We can celebrate how we are impacting our community and we have to trust that God is with us.

6. **Smyth Reviewed 2018 Financial Statements:**

MOTION: Moved by the Hugh Kerr, seconded by Ian Kent that the 2018 Reviewed Accounts as prepared by Smythe LLP be accepted. Carried.

7. Looking Ahead

Kaija Belfrey- Munroe announced the grant we received for Spirit Kids and explained that we will be applying for more grants in April.

Rev Karen Millard explained that the United Church of Canada realizes that grants are necessary to help sustain churches and they are therefore making those funds available.

Grace Halvorson

8. Budget 2019

Hugh Kerr presented the 2019 budget with a power point presentation. He presented an overview of our 2018, 2019 and projected 2020 finances.

MOTION: Moved by Ian Kent, seconded by Kevin Haberl that the 2019 Budget as presented be approved. Carried.

MOTION: Moved by Hugh Kerr, seconded by Ian Kent that we have a special semi-annual ministries and finances meeting in October 2019. Carried.

9. Nominations for 2019 Board.

Squamish United Church	Proposed 2019 Board of Directors
Position	Candidate
Board Chair	Grace Halvorson
Vice Chair	
Past Chair	Ian Kent
Board of Trustees Chair	
Treasurer	Hugh Kerr
Finance Committee Chair	Nominated by Grace Halvorson, seconded by Valerie Stainton: Kaija Belfrey-Munroe
Worship Chair	Trevor Harris
Caring Ministry	Elizabeth Kerr
Ministry and Personnel Chair	Marilyn Caldwell
Mission and Services Chair	Hugh Kerr
Children and Family Liaison	Kaija Belfrey-Munroe
Property Chair	
Stewardship Chair	Grace Halvorson
UCW Liaison	Val Stainton
Member at Large	Pat Yendall

MOTION: Moved by Hugh Kerr, seconded by Deb Kent that the Nominations Committee report be approved. Carried.

10. **Next Meeting Date – March 2020**

11. **Adjournment by Elizabeth Hugh, seconded Patsy Riecker. Closing Prayer.**