JAMES BAY UNITED CHURCH

Minutes of Annual General Meeting Sunday, February 28, 2016

Present: 37 members and adherents, Acting Chair: Nola Adams
Karen Dickey (Minister, non-voting), Vanya Smith (Recording Secretary, non-voting)

2. **Welcome and Motions –** Marg Lunam
   MOTION: to grant adherents corresponding and voting privileges
   Moved by Marg Lunam Seconded by – Aleksa Harkness
   CARRIED
   MOTION: To elect Nola Adams as acting Chair for AGM meeting.
   Moved by Marg Lunam Seconded by – Kim Tadei
   CARRIED
   MOTION: To elect Vanya Smith as acting recording secretary
   Moved by Marg Lunam Seconded by – Kim Tadei
   CARRIED

Review of procedures for meeting – Nola Adams

2. **Opening prayer and Setting our intention:** - Cheryl Macpherson
   We covenant together to:
   Show up
   Listen with respect
   Speak up
   Build up
   Be aware of each other and ourselves
   Care about the life of the congregation, the community and the world
   Consider prayerfully

3. **MOTION: to adopt the AGM Agenda**
   Moved by – Linda Wreggitt Seconded by – Susan Ross
   CARRIED

4. **Remembering 2015**
   - Joyce Willems – response to refugee sponsorship
   - Don Osman – reports no signs of cancer for his grandchild at present
   - Gary Brandstadt – couple of extra voices for choir
   - Karen Dickey - remembering the late Ron Leslie and his presence in the gathering for new members in November
   - Marg Lunam – Thrift Shop – been a palpable shift in people doing things together, deepening of relationships, supporting each other.
   - Jeanne Miller – Outreach program – gives thanks to Johan who has resigned
   - Grant shared the experience of the Sunday Kids reaching out to the community around the time of bombs in Paris), and plans for fundraising Board Game Night for refugee support.

5. **A time of remembrance (those who have died 2015) - Karen Dickey**
   Ardith Roy, Isabella Crouan Best, Ken Langford, Dorothy Decker, and Philip Pettyfer.

6. **MOTION: to adopt the minutes of the February 22, 2015 AGM**
   Moved by – Judy Krzesowski Seconded by – Duncan McLean
   CARRIED
   MOTION: to adopt the minutes of the June 14, 2015 congregational meeting
   Moved by – Judy Krzesowski Seconded by – Linda Wreggitt
   CARRIED
   MOTION: to adopt the minutes of the Decmeber 13, 2015 congregational meeting
   Moved by – Judy Krzesowski Seconded by – Doug Lunam
   CARRIED
7. **Receiving the Annual Report**
   MOTION: to receive all reports, except for the Financial Report
   Moved by – Doug Lunam
   Seconded by – Kim Tadei
   CARRIED

Financial Report 2015 Yr End – Cheryl Caldwell
MOTION to receive the 2015 Financial Report
Moved by – Doug Lunam Seconded by – Cheryl Caldwell
CARRIED

8. **Setting our sights - Goals for 2016**
   This is the year we …
   1. name for ourselves who we - Karen
   2. let people know who we are - Karen
   3. move outside [become more involved with people outside] - Linda
   4. deepen our sense of community among us - Cheryl
   5. see the patio become a gathering / welcoming / connecting place (aware that this is the location of the memorial garden) - Doug
   6. connect with people in their 40's and under
   7. engage more people in leadership (and participation) - Karen

Questions: How are these resonating with you?
(congregation – what is important by show of hands)

Is the board picking up on areas of importance - 1/2
Who we are – 2/3
Move outside – 1/2
Deepen community among us – 1/2
Patio welcoming 2/3
Connect with people under 40 - (almost all)
Engage more people to leadership and commitment – (almost all)

Other Suggestions:
Pay more attention to the snow birds
Living in an age of a picture of Christian beliefs having a narrow minded way of thinking. - seems to dominate the idea of Christianity. Let's make it clear who we are.
Speak up – what we believe in! Finding ways for action

9. Proposal to withdraw funds invested with the Victoria Foundation - Doug Lunam
Moved by Doug Lunam that the Trustees Of James Bay United Church be authorized to apply for $15,000 from funds invested with the Victoria Foundation for the purpose of ridding the rats in the ceiling above the church offices, sealing the area, safely removing the debris, and remediation of the area including new ceiling tiles and insulation; replacing the exterior double steel doors and frame in the lower hall; and mounting and installation of the new Church sign and seating area for Thrift Shop anniversary bench at the front of the church.

MOTION to withdraw money from funds invested with the Victoria Foundation
Moved by – Doug Lunam Seconded by – Cheryl Caldwell
CARRIED

10. 2016 Budget Proposal - Cheryl Caldwell
Cheryl highlights the details of the proposed budget for 2015.
MOTION to adopt the proposed budget for 2016
Moved by – Cheryl Caldwell Seconded by – Susan Ross
CARRIED

11. Nominations – Karen Dickey
No nominations are being brought forward at this meeting.

12. Thank you's – Linda Wreggitt, Karen Dickey, Cheryl Macpherson
Members of Ministry Teams are thanked. Additional thanks to Isabel Clemson, Doug Lunam, Marg Lunam, Joyce Pike, Karen Dickey

13. Closing Blessing - Judy Krzesowski

14. Closing the meeting – Nola Adams

Meeting adjourned at 1:35