

Annual Congregational Meeting 2021 Lynn Valley United Church

Minutes

June 27, 2021

By Zoom and at Lynn Valley United Church

Participants were admitted through a password and by being recognized by the host (Len Grinke). There were a small number of people joining in person in the sanctuary.

The meeting was called to order by Shauna Grinke, Board of Governance Chair. Len Grinke served as Zoom host. Moana hosted and facilitated voting at the on-site meeting.

Agenda was reviewed.

Devotional

An opening devotional was offered by Reverend Debra Bowman.

Len Grinke advised that the meeting was being recorded.

Attendees: 14 members in church and 20 members online (Quorum established)

Quorum:

Shauna declared that we have a quorum based on poll results of 34 members and the Minister.

First Nations Land Acknowledgement:

Shauna provided the land acknowledgement

Enabling Motions:

Shauna explained the purposes of the enabling motions and the distinction between adherents' and members' voting rights.

That all present have the right to speak at the meeting

M: Ray Boucher S: Myrna Pearce. Carried. Voting by members only.

That adherents have the right to vote on all matters for today's meeting

M: Kane Schutz S: Myrna Pearce. Carried. Voting by members only.

2020 AGM Minutes: June 28, 2020

The AGM Minutes of June 28, 2020 have been previously approved by the Board of Governance, in accordance with LVUC bylaws. They are available from the LVUC website in the Private Members Area.

Elections: First call for nominations to Board of Governance

The Chair outlined the process that had been followed this year, with a nominating committee consisting of Myrna Pearce and Shauna Grinke and with submission of candidate statements, available on the LVUC website. Nominations can be made from the floor by anyone.

The following four candidates were nominated by the Nominating Committee for the four Board of Governance vacancies:

- Joseph Catlin
- Wendy Harris
- Neil Fancourt
- Kelly Jenner

No other nominations were received from the floor.

Elections: First call for nominations to Board of Trustees

Walter Wright has stepped off of the Board of Trustees after 8 years (Thank You Walter)

Nominations for the one vacant trustee position:

- Judith Clarke

No other nominations were received from the floor

Elections: First call for nominations for Regional Representatives

Nominations for two vacancies for Regional Representatives:

- Jennifer Eastwood
- Judith Clark

No other nominations were received from the floor

Annual Report 2020-2021

Shauna provided highlights from the Annual Report, and thanked Neil Fancourt and the Fancourt Group for producing a beautiful report for all to review. Shauna gave testimony to the extraordinary year reflecting on our metrics, the health of tithes and offerings and reviewing the timeline of our year at a glance. Highlights included: the work of the Affirm Committee, Calling a new Minister and completion of the Building Project.

Financial Statements 2020-21

These are received for information; they will be audited after year end. They are based on actual income and expenses to May 31, 2021, and projections to June 30, 2020

Shauna provided overview. The number of givers has increased. Donations down slightly from budgeted due to the pandemic. A surplus is expected ahead of budget.

Budget 2021-2022

Roger Eastwood as head of the Finance Team reviewed budget highlights, including:

- Budget was prepared for them reviewed by and approved by Board of Governance
- Impact from COVID-19 (no programs, government subsidies for approximately \$74 K, members remained generous with donations)
- Assumes programs and facility rentals back to normal October 1st.
- Legacy Fund: recommending additional draw of \$40k to balance the budget, the trustees have recommended a budget variance of 1% and have recommended a review of all programs over the next 12 months to identify potential impact on legacy fund

Budget Motions

That the annual draw from the Legacy Fund investments be increased by 1% for the 2021-2022 fiscal year only.

M: Roger Eastwood. S: Myrna Pearce. Carried.

To approve 2021-22 budget as presented.

M: Roger Eastwood. S: Laurel Coard. Carried.

Deb Thanked Roger for the awesome work carried out by he and the finance team.

Elections: Second Call

There was a second call for nominations to the Board of Governance, Board of Trustees and Regional Representatives. No further nominations were made.

Vote on Marriage Policy

Motion: The Marriage Policy as presented to the Board of Governance at the April 14th and May 12th, 2021 Board Meetings is adopted by the Community of Faith at Lynn Valley United Church.

M: Kane Schutz. S: Myrna Pearce. Carried.

Question from Judith: Motion should include amendments made in May 2021.

Affirming Ministry Presentation

The Affirm Committee provided a well-received presentation outlining the historic steps LVUC is taking in becoming an Affirming congregations within the United Church and brought a motion to do so to the floor.

Motion: Having fully completed the requirements of Affirm United Canada, Lynn Valley United Church wishes to be officially recognized as an Affirming Church by the United Church of Canada as presented.

M: Kane Schutz. S: Marilyn Mann. Carried.

Celebrating the Vote!

To celebrate becoming an affirming congregation, the proposal to purchase a rainbow bench was shared with an open invitation for donations.

Third Call for Nominations

On the third call for nominations for Board of Governance and for Trustee, no further nominations were made.

The chair declared that:

Board of Governance is confirmed by acclamation

Board of Trustees is confirmed by acclamation

Regional Representatives are confirmed by acclamation

Appointment of Financial Reviewer

Roger recommends that Clearline CPA be appointed to review the financial statements and records of Lynn Valley United Church for the year ending on June 30, 2021, in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for non-for-profit organizations.

Vote Carried.

Expressions of Thanks

Shauna thanked Reverend Deb Bowman as well as Reverend Eric Hamlyn, Frank Ziggenson, Moana Hartigan, Nikki Karmali for their service. A special Thank You to Matt Grinke for his 10 years with LVUC.

Shauna also thanked the Affirm Committee under Kane's leadership, the Search Committee under Wendy's leadership and the many volunteers who have made LVUC so vibrant.

Wendy expressed gratitude to Shauna Grinke for her outstanding work as Board of Governance Chair over the past four years.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.