

Southwood United Church Annual General Meeting Minutes Sunday, February 24, 2019

1. Welcome, Call to Order, Prayer and Recognition of Members Who Passed in 2018

Council Chair Jan McLean welcomed the Congregation and called the meeting to order at 11:54 am. Pastor Ed Lewis also led the group in prayer and included the names of Members who passed away in 2018. These people were Walter [REDACTED], Hal [REDACTED] George [REDACTED] Marj [REDACTED] Eleanor [REDACTED] and Ed [REDACTED]

2. Declaration of Quorum

Approximately 70 members and adherents were in attendance and Jan McLean declared a quorum was present and business could proceed.

3. Definition of Voting Privileges

Adherents are people who attend Southwood but have not been received into full membership of the congregation. Temporal motions are motions that do not have financial implications. Budget approval and motions regarding specific expenditure approval are non-temporal motions and can only be voted on by members of the congregation.

MOTION AGM01-2019: Moved by Derek Carroll **Seconded by** Monica [REDACTED] that permission be granted for adherents to vote on temporal motions brought before the meeting. **CARRIED**

4. Acceptance of Minutes from previous AGM March 18, 2018 and Special Congregational Meeting June 24, 2018

The Minutes of the previous AGM, March 18, 2018, were published as an attachment to the Agenda for the 2019 AGM.

MOTION AGM02-2019: Moved by Marilyn [REDACTED] **Seconded by** Judy McKearney that the Congregation accept the Minutes of the 2018 AGM as recorded. **CARRIED**

The Minutes of the Special Congregational Meeting, June 24, 2018, were published as an attachment to the Agenda for the 2019 AGM. This meeting was held to approve the Ministry Profile Report and send it to Presbytery for approval and declaration of a Pastoral Vacancy at Southwood.

MOTION AGM03-2019: Moved by Derek Carroll **Seconded by** Norm [REDACTED] that the Congregation accept the Minutes of the June 24, 2018, Special Congregational Meeting, as recorded. **CARRIED**

5. Approval of Non-Financial Reports

MOTION AGM04-2019: Moved by Derek Carroll **Seconded by** Sandy Annesley that the Congregation approve Non-Financial reports as contained on pages 3 through 16 be accepted as recorded in the 2018 Annual Report. **CARRIED**

6. Vision/Values Refresh

At Southwood Church, we ...

- **Pursue Christ** through worship, prayer and engaging scripture
- **Care for people** with acts of compassion and hospitality

- **Give generously** of our time, talents and treasures
- **Build relationships** through small groups
- **Participate in God's work** through missions and outreach

Senior Pastor Ed Lewis did a short review of 2018 looking back as examples of past successes and some challenges.

He confirmed that his planned retirement for the second half of 2019 is still firm and he and Connie will be leaving Calgary and moving to their new home on Vancouver Island.

He stated his pride in the vibrancy of the congregation.

7. Looking Forward in the Pastoral Search

Rick Wedel, Chair of the Pastoral Search Committee, made the following report

1. The Search Team was appointed by Southwood Church Council at the October Council meeting. Appointed were congregational members Barb [REDACTED] Will [REDACTED] Angela [REDACTED] Susan [REDACTED] Derek Carroll and Judy McKearney. Also appointed were Council advisor Bill Hanley and Search Team Chair Rick Wedel. Reverend Tom Melvin, from Deer Park United Church, was appointed by Calgary Presbytery as their representative on our Search Team. Reverend Melvin continues on the Search Team as the Chinook Winds Region representative following the changes in UCC governance on January 1, 2019.
2. Starting on November 1, 2018, the Search Team met 4 times to prayerfully consider the task at hand and to consider the qualifications of the applicants.
3. We received 6 applications for the position of Senior Minister. The Search Team shortlisted the applications down to the three most qualified, and sent out invitations for them to attend interviews. One applicant withdrew their application at this point, and the Search Team proceeded with interviews either in person or via Skype with the two remaining candidates.
4. The same criteria was used to evaluate all applicants. The interview questions were identical and were all asked by the same member of the Search Team to each candidate. Follow up questions did vary depending on the answers given by the candidate.
5. The Team then met to consider the candidates, and selected one to make an offer to. The Team authorized Rick Wedel and Derek Carroll to negotiate the terms of our offer, which was done on February 15, 2019. Southwood Council has authorized a special Congregational Meeting [on Sunday March 10, 2019](#) at Southwood Church immediately after the worship service for the Search Team to present its recommendation to the congregation for approval.

8. Financial Report for 2018

Treasurer Derek Carroll made the following report:

1. Total income for he year increased to \$579K from \$536K in 2017, including \$15K in donations, \$8K for rentals and \$28K in outreach'
2. Expenses were \$541K; \$509K in 2017.
3. Mortgage payment \$24K; \$28K in 2017.
4. Cash surplus \$14K; Deficit \$1K in 2017.

MOTION AGM05-2019: Moved by Rick Wedel **Seconded by** Norm [REDACTED] that Southwood United Church congregation accept the 2018 Financial Reports as presented **CARRIED**

9. Presentation of Southwood Budget for 2019

Treasurer Derek Carroll presented the 2019 Budget.

1. We are starting with a cash balance of \$14K.
2. The remaining mortgage payments as of January 1 are \$109K. This is expected to be paid in four years.
3. The 2019 Budget is set to have a zero balance, including mortgage payment of \$27K.
4. Total Income \$564K, a decrease of \$15K.
5. Total Expenses \$564K, an increase of \$23K. Some increases related to the pastoral transition are included while others will not be known until the new Senior Pastor is chosen. Revisions to the budget can be made at that time.

MOTION AGM06-2019: Moved by Norm [REDACTED] Seconded by Bev [REDACTED] that the Congregation approve the proposed 2019 Budget as presented. **CARRIED**

10. Presentation of and Nomination of Proposed Council Members

Jan McLean presented the names of proposed Council members for 2016. The names on this nomination list were Sandy Annesley, Derek Carroll, Doreen Gower, Bill Hanley, Nothando Lambati, Judy McKearney, Jan McLean, Tim Nickerson, Million Abawana and Rick Wedel. Tim and Million are proposed as new members.

Jan McLean also called for nominations for Council from the floor. None were made.

Jan thanked Bob Steele and Daphne Veilleux, who are stepping down from Council, for their service.

MOTION AGM07-2019: Moved by Bob Steele Seconded by Derek Carroll that the Congregation appoint the names on the nomination list to serve as Council for 2019. **CARRIED**

Trustees and Southwood UCW (SUCW) can each directly appoint one member to Council.

11. Board of Trustees Membership

One position on the Board of Trustees needs to be filled.

MOTION AGM08-2019: Moved by Judy McKearney Seconded by Johane [REDACTED] that the Congregation reappoint Debbie Lemco to the Board of Trustees for a six year term. **CARRIED**

12. Any Other Business

Jan Mclean called for any further items of business from the congregation; none was proposed.

Jan also thanked the Staff, Council, Trustees and all the members who volunteered throughout the year for their work and contribution.

13. Motion to Empower 2019 Council

Jan McLean called for a motion that the congregation empower Council to carry out normal business on its behalf until the 2020 AGM. Jan explained that approval of this motion permits Council to deal with matters that in the past may have required a Congregational meeting.

MOTION AGM09-2019: Moved by Clara [REDACTED] Seconded by Richard [REDACTED] that the Congregation empower the 2019 Council to act on its behalf and to deal with such matters as may properly come before it between the time of this 2019 meeting and the 2020 Annual General Congregational meeting. CARRIED

14. Adjournment

Jan McLean adjourned the meeting at 12:32 pm. and made a closing prayer.

Minutes Prepared by Bob Steele, April 18, 2019.

Minutes Approved by Congregation, October 18, 2020

Jan McLean
Chair

Donna Pearson
Recording Secretary