

ELGIN UNITED CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 19, 2017

The Annual Meeting of Elgin United Church was held in the sanctuary, with a quorum present, following a soup and sandwich lunch held in the upstairs Centennial and Fellowship rooms. We were called to order at 1:20 PM by Chair Clinton Halladay.

1. Reverend Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro opened the meeting with prayer and a tribute to our deceased.
2. Agenda - remove # 9 remits and add as "#1- Briefing on 42nd General Council Remits" to new agenda for Special Congregational Meeting #1 to be held immediately following the Annual Meeting.
Motion by Marion Cooper, seconded by Mark Bee to adopt the modified agenda. CARRIED

3. Discussion of reports as presented in the Annual Report pages 14 - 26. All reports were considered moved by the chair/presenter and following presentation/discussion of all reports, there was one motion to second and adopt the reports. Comments, questions and amendments were invited as each report was introduced:

- Annual Report - Chair Clinton Halladay - thank you to the congregation and members was expressed.

Thanks to those members who are stepping down

Joanne McLean - social, Deborah Jodoin - Caring and Sharing, Anne Babala - Fair Trade Coffee, Heather Gribben - Council Secretary

- Social Committee - Joanne McLean reported that though the money raised is low, the events are good outreach projects.
- Memberships and Sacraments - Roberta McKinney. No additional report.
- CYAYA - Christian Youth and Young Adult - Charalee Smith expressed her concern that this very worthwhile and important part of our church has no budget line. World Vision is a significant part of our church life and it is crucial that CYAYA have its own budget. Charalee assured the Chair that so far she has not had to cover expenses on her own.
- Music - Jim Earl noted that the music program had a full, fun and talent filled year.
- Property - Jim Earl acknowledged Paul Simpson as past property manager for all the work that he did. Work that most of the congregants were not even aware of. He just did it! Looking after this old and historic building is very involved and Jim thanked Paul for his past work and for the assistance he is now giving Jim. Thank you Jim and Paul.
- Audio/Visual - Margaret Ross. No additional report.
- Strategic Plan 2016 - Clint Halladay reported that our 2016 goals were accomplished and that we continue to move forward planning 2017 goals in conjunction with the Official Board.
- Nursery School - Jim Earl noted the special outreach opportunities with the Nursery School and that it has been in place for forty one years.

- Treasurer - Joanne McLean spoke about the benefit/need to use a portion of the memorial fund for building repairs. Clint Halladay thanked everyone for past and present donations to the fund.

4. Seconded by Ted Brett to adopt the Annual Report as presented. CARRIED

5. Nominations - Clint Halladay called for nominations for Social Coordinator and noted that this position will be divided into one-time events, Sharing and Caring Coordinator, Fair Trade Coffee Coordinator, and Council Secretary. Please speak to Clint if you wish to volunteer for any of these positions.

6. Goals for 2017:

a) M&S goal will be \$6500

b) Dental Issues Group will be \$2000

Motion by Carl Leggett, seconded by Jim Earl, that our M&S goal for 2017 be \$6500 and our DIG goal for 2017 be \$2000. CARRIED

7. Visioning for 2017 - Clint Halladay noted that we are following our strategic plan and that the Official Board continues to work in the best interests of our church(es). Please talk to Clint if there is something you would like to see happen.

8. Closing - Clint Halladay thanked everyone for all they do and for being there today. John Carley made an announcement that the Citizens Democracy Forum would be meeting on Feb 22 to discuss federal and provincial funding for the guaranteed income initiative. All welcome.

9. Closing prayer - Reverend Takouhi

Submitted by

Heather Gribben