

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Sackville, New Brunswick**

Sunday, February 11, 2018

Place and Time

The Congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sackville, New Brunswick held its annual meeting at the church on Sunday, February 11, 2017 at 12:30 in the afternoon. In gathering to meet, we acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq peoples.

Attendance:

Present: Ed and Terrlynn Allen, Sylvia Harris, Debbie Stewart, Jerry Ward, Barb and Lewis Clarke, Art and Anne Miller, Robert and Lise Corkerton, Mona and Kirk Meldrum, Barbra Clayton, Brian Neilson, Travis and Darya Tower, Mary and Paul Bogaard, Beth Cockburn-Savoie, Linda Trentini, Alex Whitla, Richard Fillmore, Elizabeth Craig, Lindsay and Rev. Jeffrey Murray.

Regrets: David Torrance, Florence Cole, Nita Robinson, Laura Snyder, Joanne Goldenberg, Bertha Fillmore and Elizabeth Millar.

Rev. Murray, Chair, opened the meeting with the reading of Philippians 4:4-9, followed by prayer.

Secretary:

It was moved by Art Miller, seconded by Anne Miller, that Alex Whitla serve as Recording Secretary for the Annual Congregational Meeting. Carried.

Agenda:

It was moved by Richard Fillmore, seconded by Linda Trentini, that the Agenda be adopted. Carried.

Minutes:

It was moved by Ed Allen, seconded by Terrlynn Allen, that the minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting held on February 5, 2017 be adopted as distributed. Carried.

2017 Reports:

It was moved by Art Miller, seconded by Mona Meldrum, that the following 2017 reports be adopted as distributed: Atlantic Mission Society and Ladies' Aid, Atlantic Mission

Society Financial Report, Board, Church School, Flower Committee, Food Bank, Garden, Greeting & Reading, Ladies Bible Study, Music Support, Publications Committee, Session, St. Andrew's Library, and Social Committee. Carried.

Rev. Murray mentioned that the church garden will need to be addressed for this summer.

Nominating Committee Report:

It was agreed to consider the following recommendations for the board of managers appointments under one motion.

It was moved by Sylvia Harris, seconded by Mona Meldrum, that the Recommendations 1 to 7 be adopted. Carried.

1. That Paul Bogaard, Anne Miller and Travis Tower be appointed to the Board of Managers for a three-year term (2018-2020).
2. That Art Miller be re-appointed as Chair of the Board of Managers for 2018.
3. That Anne Miller be re-appointed as the church Treasurer for 2018.
4. That Alex Whitla be re-appointed as Secretary of the Board of Managers for 2018.
5. That Elizabeth Millar be appointed Envelope Secretary for a one-year term (2018).
6. That Brian Johnstone be re-appointed as the Financial Reviewer for 2018.
7. That Anne Miller be re-appointed as a Trustee for St. Andrew's for a three-year period (2018-2020).

Other nominations:

With Darya's consent, Lindsay Murray nominated Darya Tower to serve on the nomination committee.

It was moved by Linda Trentini, seconded by Sylvia Harris, that all other nominations as amended and the report as a whole of the Nominating Committee be adopted. Carried.

Financial Reports and Review:

It was moved by Terrlynn Allen, seconded by Art Miller, that the review letter from Brian Johnstone, Financial Reviewer, be received. Carried.

Rev. Murray called upon Anne Miller to present the financial statements.

Total income was 96% of the 2017 budget, but only 91% of budget was spent. With contributions to B&R there was a small surplus of \$6,225.

Other donations were only for the food bank this year.

It was moved by Paul Bogaard, seconded by Art Miller, that all Income and Expense statements for 2017 be adopted as presented. Carried.

It was moved by Lew Clarke, seconded by Art Miller, that the Balance Sheet for 2017 be adopted as presented. Carried.

There is \$5000 remaining in debentures.

It was moved by Art Miller, seconded by Paul Bogaard, that the session recommendations for donations totalling \$1,625 and Presbyterians Sharing allocation of \$9,368 be approved. Carried.

For the 2018 budget, Anne indicated that a small increase in revenue is required for 2018 and she would urge anyone who can to make a 5% increase for 2018. For support of ministry the board recommends another standard increment (\$869) for this year. Also, the manse bath and tub requires immediate refurbishment to deal with a mould problem.

It was moved by Dick Fillmore, seconded by Ed Allen, that the Budget for 2018, totalling \$122,533 be approved. Carried.

Anne Miller made the following comments following approval of the financial motions: Brian Johnstone and Art Miller have been helping me since I started in this position ten years ago. Their help remains invaluable to me, and I thank them both. But the load on me still felt heavy until this past year when Darya Tower signed on in the new assistant Treasurer position. She has essentially been the “keeper of the cheque book”, and has done it dependably and well. Special thanks to Darya for taking this on.

With this team, I feel comfortable continuing as your treasurer – taking it year by year. I thank both the minister and all of you, the congregation, for your support of this financial team arrangement.

Anne also indicated a concern expressed by Nita Robinson and Florence Cole. They both feel “out-of-the-loop” because neither has access to the internet. This is an issue that deserves discussion to provide other avenues to keep up on what is happening in the church.

Sylvia Harris wished to give appreciation to Jeffrey Murray for his leadership during the year, followed by applause from those attending.

There being no further business, Rev. Murray called for a motion to adjourn.

It was moved by Lew Clarke, seconded by Mary Bogaard, that the meeting be adjourned.

Rev. Murray closed the meeting with prayer at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Whitla

Recording Secretary