

Silverton Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 23, 2022

Zoom Meeting

CHAIR: Chris Stewart

SECRETARY: Amy Kostuik

In attendance; Rheanne Gray, Rev. David Howell, Amy Kostuik, Chris Stewart, Kim McLeod, Barbara Cochrane, Murray & Colleen Cochrane, Diana Lawless, Mary Joslin, Betty-Ann Slon, Greg & Karen Cochrane, Lois Clement & Tammy Garnett.

1. **Call to Order:** Chris called the meeting to order at 2:30pm. Rev. David led the group in prayer.

Motion: Karen Cochrane/Betty-Ann Slon

“That all those present be made corresponding members of Silverton Congregation for this meeting.” Carried.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda:**

Motion: Colleen Cochrane/Tammy Garnett

“That we adopt the agenda as presented.” Carried.

3. **Treasurer’s Report:**

Kim McLeod provided a financial report (Pages 43 & 44 in the Annual Report). Kim reports that we have a net income for the year of \$140.86 which is very good. She expressed that we are doing quite well in large part due to a later December donation. Building fund has a balance of \$3784.63; Memorial Fund - \$545.20; Contingency Fund - \$19795.24.

Motion: Greg Cochrane/Murray Cochrane

“That we accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented.” Carried.

4. **Minutes from the 2021 Annual Meeting**

Motion: Betty-Ann Slon/Diana Lawless

“That we accept the minutes from the 2021 Annual Meeting as presented.” Carried.

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- **Church repairs and maintenance**

- Step project has been started. Travis Chastko will work on completion of this project when the ground thaws.
- Discussion was had regarding some work needing to be done including; flower beds (the timbers around the front beds are falling apart), trim on windows needing to be scraped and painted and also the bathroom is in bad shape with mold and needs to be addressed. The plan to move forward with these projects is that Murray will text everyone with a day for a ‘bee’. This will happen post seeding.
- Discussion was also had around the removal of the oil heating tank in the basement as our church does not need this tank any longer. Murray indicates that the Silverton Community Centre may be able to use this tank as it is in better shape than what they currently have.

Motion: Murray Cochrane/Rheanne Gray

“That the oil heating tank be removed from Silverton United Church and be donated to the Silverton Community Centre so long as it is suitable.” Carried.

- Amy apologized for her oversight in that last annual meeting she was to have asked Jeff if he would be willing to help with doing some work with Rev. David regarding Zoom technical issues. Rev. David says this assistance is no longer necessary. Rev. David provided a brief overview of the technology requirements coming up. He doesn't see a whole bunch of upgrades that will be needed however he did indicate that the purchase of some microphones may assist with sound as some people indicate it is hard to hear the choir etc. He also indicated that if someone from Silverton wanted to assist with hosting Zoom worship he would be willing to help train that individual(s).

6. **Stewardship Report:**

Colleen Cochrane is our representative on the Stewardship Committee. She provided a report which is also listed in the Annual Report. All the Stewardship committee meetings were held via Zoom in 2021.

We met our goal for M&S this year and raised \$3500. A December donation came in that allowed us to realize this goal.

Discussion was had regarding setting the goal for 2022. The Stewardship committee's recommendation was that our goal remain the same at \$3500. A motion was made by Mary Joslin that we set our goal at \$2000. Following this there was more discussion. Some congregants wanted the goal to remain at \$3500 seeing as we had met that goal in 2021. It was suggested that if we were short in reaching our goal that perhaps the Contingency fund could make up the shortcoming. Others felt due to varying circumstances (Silverton UCW disbanding being one) that our goal should be reduced. Discussion was held that perhaps to meet in the middle (between \$2000-\$3500) might be a suitable goal and an amount was suggested of \$2750. Mary Joslin rescinded her previous motion.

Motion: Mary Joslin/Lois Clement

"That the M&S goal for 2022 be set at \$2750."

The above motion went to a vote with 6 individuals in favour of the motion and 5 against. The motion was then carried.

7. **Wider Parish Report:**

Report was reviewed in the Annual Report.

8. **Worship Committee Report:**

Lois Clement is the WP Worship committee representative. Discussion was held regarding the use of communion elements. Presently, Elaine Kuhl and Colleen Cochrane have been preparing the elements in a manner that allows for safe distribution during the pandemic. Amy Kostuik had donated a box of 100 prepackaged elements that include a wafer and juice. For now, (as the church is closed due to the pandemic until at least the beginning of February) it was decided that we decide on this once the church is open again. We can try the prepackaged elements and see what everyone thinks of them to determine if they are what we want to use moving forward.

9. **WP Manse Committee Report:**

Karen Cochrane is our Manse Committee representative. She provided a report which is also in the Annual Report. There was not much to report on over the past year. The manse is due for an inspection but due to Covid it wasn't completed in 2021.

10. **WP M&P Report:**

Reviewed in the Annual Report. Greg Cochrane is our representative. Rev. David reports that he feels supported by the committee. Rev. David and Kim both requested that a raise to not be considered this year. This request was denied, and a raise was given. Due to the

pandemic, Rev. David's plans changed and he did not leave this summer to do chaplain summer work. He did, however, continue to provide support to Knox & Silverton.

11. **Minister's Report:**

Rev. David reports that he feels blessed to be here and appreciates the support given through the various committees and individuals. He reports that he has been in correspondence regarding potentially serving as a Chaplain during the summer of 2022 at Cold Lake, AB.

- Conversation circles will begin again in February. If anyone is interested in attending they can attend in person or via Zoom.

12. **New Business:**

A) **Summer Worship Services**

Rev. David indicated that Knox had made a motion regarding summer worship services. Their motion was that if Rev. David was away during the summer that there would be no services for the months of July & August. If Rev. David is here that there would be services in July but no services in August.

Motion: Betty-Ann Slon/Rheanne Gray

"That should Rev. David be away during the summer of 2022 that church services in Silverton be suspended for July and August. If Rev. David should be here, services will be held in July but not in August." Carried.

B) **Budget** – was reviewed and is also included in the Annual Report.

Motion: Betty-Ann Slon/Murray Cochrane

"To accept the Silverton budget as presented." Carried.

Motion: Greg Cochrane/Mary Joslin

"To accept the Wider Parish budget as presented to be voted on at the WP Annual Meeting." Carried.

C) **Elections:**

Positions to be filled by volunteers except for the Treasurer position which is paid. The following vacancies need to be filled;

- **Silverton Board** – 3 vacancies

Tammy Garnett and Murray Cochrane were nominated to fill vacancies on the Silverton Church Board. Diana Lawless agreed to complete another 3-year term following the completion of a 3-year term. Diana's terms will be reviewed annually due to her residing in Brandon. Greg Cochrane will serve as an alternate on the Silverton Board.

- **WP Board** – 3 vacancies

Amy Kostuik and Karen Cochrane were nominated to fill vacancies on the Wider Parish Board. Betty-Ann Slon agreed to complete another 3-year term following the completion of a 3-year term.

- Other positions were reviewed including Lois Clement serving on the Worship Committee and Colleen Cochrane serving on the Stewardship Committee. Both positions remain filled by Lois and Colleen.

Motion: Mary Joslin/Diana Lawless

"That we move nominations cease and thank you to all who have volunteered."

D) **Motion:** Greg Cochrane/Tammy Garnett

"That we accept the Annual Report as presented." Carried.

E) Discussion regarding the TV in the church and if we should be considering a new one. Murray indicates that there has been lots of advancements in tech since we purchased our tv. This item is tabled for the time being until the church should re-open.

F) Adjournment

Motion: Diana Lawless

“That we move the meeting be adjourned.”

Carried.

Date: _____

Secretary: _____

Chairperson: _____