

KNOX UNITED CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 28, 2018

Chairperson: Ray Elliott

Recording Secretary: Nancy Ferg

Ray Elliott called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and welcomed all to the meeting. There were 31 people in attendance.

Rev. David Howell opened the meeting with a prayer.

MOTION: Dan Ferg/Elaine Kuhl that the agenda is adopted as printed. Carried.

MOTION: Pam Elliott/Mick Brownridge that all present at the meeting be made corresponding members of Knox congregation with voting privileges. Carried.

APPOINT MINUTE CHECKERS- Ruth Davidson and Veronica and Daryle Laycock agreed to review the minutes of this meeting once the minutes are available.

MOTION: Enid Robinson/Fran Hutton that the minutes of the 2017 Knox Annual meeting are accepted as printed in the Wider Parish Annual Report 2017 (p.13-16). Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Accessibility project (Ritchie Davidson) Blueprints from Edifice Engineering in Dauphin were presented at the meeting and Ritchie explained where the lift would be located, and some of the changes that would be required to the building. The lift is proposed to be on the interior south side of the building. Total cost estimate \$175,000 to \$200,000. At present there is a total of \$70,000 in the Knox building fund, of which \$31,000 has been allocated to the Accessibility project. The former Binscarth United Church has recently donated \$10,000 which can be allocated to the project as well. There is the possibility of accessing grant money.

There was much discussion around this topic, including concerns of dwindling congregation and costs for the project, as well as benefits of the project to the congregation and the community.

MOTION: Peggy Bradshaw/Alice Coulter that Knox proceed with the Accessibility project by installing the lift as outlined in the plan presented in the engineer drawings. Carried.

Two committees will be needed to help move forward with this project:

1. Financial Planning and Funding committee-Elaine Kuhl volunteered the Fund and Fellowship committee (Elaine Kuhl, Judy Snitynsky, Cheryl Reavie) to work on this; Peggy Bradshaw and Kim McLeod also agreed to be on this committee.
2. Building committee- to work with contractors, and be available on short notice to answer questions and make decisions. Ritchie Davidson, Andrew Kuhl, Ray Elliott and Fred Dunn have volunteered to be on this committee.

Ritchie Davidson will contact the lift company (Rolling Spokes) and the construction contractors to inform them that the project is going forward and for contractors to get their bids submitted right away. The Fund and Fellowship committee will develop a project financial appeal letter to be sent out to all congregation. Once final plans are in place, Rev. David Howell will take the plans to Presbytery for approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT (p. 18-20 & 21-23 in Annual Report)

Presented by Treasurer Kim McLeod. The recent donation of \$10,715.78 from the former Binscarth United Church is included in the report.

MOTION: Peggy Bradshaw/Fran Hutton that the donation of \$10,715.78 from the former Binscarth United Church is to be moved to the Knox Building Fund, and these funds can be used for the Accessibility Project. Carried.

MOTION: Ruth Davidson/Diane Falloon to accept the Treasurer's report as printed in the Knox 2017 Annual Report. Carried.

MOTION: Dan Ferg/Elaine Kuhl that the annual reports of Knox congregation are accepted as printed in the Wider Parish Annual Report 2017 (p.17-30, except the budget). Carried.

PROPOSED BUDGET

- a) The proposed 2018 Knox budget was reviewed. The budget for 2017 was met.

MOTION: Rose Kieper/Andrew Kuhl to approve the 2018 Knox United Church budget as printed in the Wider Parish Annual Report 2017 (p.21). Carried.

- b) Wider Parish budget p.8 of Annual Report

MOTION: Glenda Cook/Mina Laycock to approve the recommendation to accept the 2018 Wider Parish budget as printed in the 2017 Annual Report. Carried.

STEWARDSHIP M&S RECOMMENDATION

As Knox achieved their goal for M&S for 2017, the Stewardship Committee is recommending that the Knox Mission and Service covenant goal for 2018 remain the same at \$18,000.

MOTION: Nancy Ferg/Kerry Dunn that the Knox portion of the Wider Parish Mission and Service covenant remains the same at \$18,000 for 2018. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. AED (automated external defibrillator) device- a device has been donated to the church by Glen and Terry Jackson. It was decided at this meeting that the device will be installed in the Knox sanctuary where the wooden mailboxes are presently located on the south wall. Training is available through Marg Fraser and the Park Manor committee in Russell. There is also a training DVD included with the device. Volunteers will be needed to agree to take the training.
2. Due to renovations that may be required by the Accessibility project, a UCW time capsule that was placed in the walls may need to be moved. UCW members present at this meeting agreed to this.
3. Ushers for funerals-Laurie Burgess is the coordinator of this and is finding it difficult to line up ushers. She is requesting anyone who is available to help with this to contact her. Kim McLeod will place an appeal for funeral ushers in the announcements.

NOMINATIONS

1. Knox Council- 1 position needs to be filled. Fred Dunn has been nominated as a congregational rep.

MOTION: Elaine Kuhl/Annette Bryant that Fred Dunn be elected as a congregational rep. to Knox Council. Carried.

Ray Elliott thanked Fred for joining the Knox Council, and also thanked the present Knox Council members, including Nancy Ferg who is going off Council, for their work in this capacity.

2. Knox rep. to Wider Parish board- Rose Kieper is a rep; Diane Falloon has agreed to be a congregational rep, but one more rep is needed.

REVIEW OF TRUSTEES

The Trustees at present are David Dunn, Greg Setter, and Ritchie Davidson. All 3 are willing to stay on in this position.

MOTION: Enid Robinson/Diane Falloon to keep David Dunn, Greg Setter and Ritchie Davidson as Knox Trustees. Carried.

MINISTER'S REPORT by Rev. David Howell

- Affirming Ministry committee- has joined with the Worship Committee to offer studies on Right Relationships during Lent, focusing on relations with Aboriginal people. During Lent there will be liturgy, workshops, and guest speakers who will also be having a question and answer session, as well as a Blanket Exercise, following a joint service at Knox Feb 25. On March 4, 5, 6 at Knox there will be a photo display on loan from Presbytery on the Brandon Indian Residential School.
- David was on unpaid leave again in the summer of 2017 to work as chaplain at Cadet Camp. He enjoys the change in the summer working with youth, but also is happy to return to his work in the parish in the fall. David is interested in working at Cadet camp again in the summer of 2018, but will only do so if there is a replacement available who is qualified for funerals and emergencies
- He plans to start up the monthly Current Events gatherings at Knox soon.
- As requested at this meeting, David has agreed to make announcements during worship service of upcoming funerals. Offering prayers out loud during worship for specific people would need to be done only with permission and agreement of the people involved.

Benediction: Rev. David Howell closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm with a motion by Pam Elliott/Dan Ferg.