

# Silverton Annual Congregational Meeting

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**Sunday, January 27, 2019; Silverton United Church**

**CHAIR:** Murray Cochrane  
**SECRETARY:** Amy Kostuik

1. **Call to Order:** Murray called the meeting to order at 9:45am.

**Motion:** Ethel Lungal/Colleen Cochrane

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

2. **Affirming Ministry Business:**

- Discussion was held as to what percentage be set (75 or 80%) as the required percentage in order to consider the vote as positive towards becoming an Affirming Ministry.

**Motion:** Betty-Ann Slon/Avis Stitt

“That 75% be set as the minimum requirement for the Affirming Ministry Vote to be considered a positive vote.” Carried.

**Motion:** Betty-Ann Slon/Colleen Cochrane

“That Kim McLeod and Diana Lawless be tasked with counting votes.” Carried.

- Kim distributed ballots regarding the Affirming Ministry vote.
- Votes were counted with the results being shared as 100% positive towards becoming an Affirming Ministry.

**Motion:** Avis Stitt/Lorna Hackman

“That the Affirming Ministry Vote be accepted as a valid vote, that the results be recorded in the minutes, and that the ballots be destroyed.” Carried.

**Motion:** Rheanne Gray/Karen Cochrane

“That Silverton United Church become a member of Affirm United and pay the yearly registration fee, currently \$100.” Carried.

**Motion:** Diana Lawless/Betty-Ann Slon

“That Silverton United Church accept the proposed Affirming Ministry Vision Statement (below) as the official Affirming Ministry Vision Statement of the Silverton United Church.” Carried.

We, the congregation of Silverton United Church, believe God has made us, and gifted us with incredible diversity. We are diverse in gender, gender identity, race, age, physical ability, class, faith and sexual orientation. We are called to celebrate and embrace this diversity. We proclaim that it is our responsibility to walk as Christ walked; humbly and peacefully, honoring and respecting each individuals' personal circumstances and qualities that make them unique. We are all children of God, regardless of any circumstance and thus we respond with acts of justice and love to all. We welcome and include all people into our congregation, honoring their uniqueness and diversity and celebrate the gifts they have to share. All persons are welcome to take part in every aspect of church life.

**Motion:** Ethel Lungal/Colleen Cochrane

“That Silverton United Church accept the proposed Affirming Ministry Action Plan (attached) as the official Affirming Ministry Action Plan of Silverton United Church.

Carried.

**Motion:** Rheanne Gray/Ethel Lungal

“That the Affirming Ministry Committee be established with the mandate of carrying out and maintaining the Affirming Ministry Action Plan in consultation with the Silverton Board.”

Carried.

**Motion:** Karen Cochrane/Isabelle Armbruster

“That the Silverton Board be empowered to make the necessary changes to the constitution to add the Affirming Ministry Committee.”

Carried.

3. **Adoption of the Agenda:**

**Motion:** Avis Stitt/Lorna Hackman

“That we adopt the agenda as presented.”

Carried.

4. **Annual Report:**

**Motion:** Greg Cochrane/Barb Cochrane

“That we accept the Annual Report as presented.”

Carried.

5. **Treasurer’s Report:**

Kim McLeod provided a financial report (Pages 36 & 37 in the Annual Report). She also reports that we did not meet our M&S goal set for 2018 as we were short \$848. Kim explained that there is a WP reallocation amount for this year of \$512 and that we will need to decide where to allocate these funds.

**Motion:** Hannah Burla/Avis Stitt

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

Carried.

6. **Minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting**

**Motion:** Betty-Ann Slon/Colleen Cochrane

“That we accept the minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting as presented.”

Carried.

7. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- Church repairs and maintenance – Murray continues to work on getting a quote on the needs for the steps/ramp. Windows will be a priority this year.

8. **Stewardship Report:**

The report is listed on P. 11 in the Annual Report. Colleen Cochrane is our Stewardship Rep. Discussion was held about our M&S goal for 2018. It was decided to decrease our goal from \$4400 to \$3500.

**Motion:** Avis Stitt/Hannah Burla

“That the M&S goal for 2019 be set at \$3500.”

Carried.

9. **Wider Parish Report:**

Report was reviewed in the Annual Report on Page 3.

10. **WP Worship Committee Report:**

Reviewed on Page 10 in the Annual Report. Lois Clement is the WP Worship Rep.

11. **WP Manse Committee Report:**

Karen Cochrane is the Manse Committee Rep. Karen provided a report. Shingles are a priority for the Manse.

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

Reviewed on Page 11 of the Annual Report. Greg Cochrane is our M&P rep.

13. **Minister's Report:**

Rev. David's report was reviewed in the Annual report on Page 9&10.

14. **New Business:**

- Discussion was held regarding the reallocation funds of \$512.

**Motion:** Diana Lawless/Lorna Hackman

"That \$512 be put in the contingency fund."

Carried.

- Fundraising Dinner – went well this past fall. Discussion was held whether to plan for a Spring or Fall dinner in 2019. Decision to be made in future months. Thanks to all that helped with making it a success.
- Budget – was reviewed.

**Motion:** Rheanne Gray/Greg Cochrane

"That we submit the budget as presented to the Wider Parish for acceptance." Carried.

- Signage – now that we have officially become an Affirming Ministry signage is a top priority in our next steps. It will be required that our sign include the Affirming Ministry logo. Discussion was held as to what would be suitable. Our current sign out front of the church is in bad shape so it was a general feeling that this sign should be replaced. With an upcoming Affirming celebration in the near future we will need signage probably before this sign could be designed and replaced. A possibility could be banners to be used inside and outside the Sanctuary. Further discussions will be held within the Affirming Ministry committee.

15. **Elections:**

Positions to be filled by volunteers in the exception of the Treasurer position which is paid.

The following vacancies need to be filled;

Silverton Board – 2 vacancies; Amy Kostuik agreed to let her name stand and stay on the board for one more term. Diana Lawless agreed to let her name stand to take a term on this board.

Sunday School Superintendent – Rheanne Gray asked that her term be reviewed on an Annual basis. She agreed to do another year term.

Wider Parish - 1 vacancy; Betty-Ann Slon agreed to take a term as a Wider Parish representative.

Stewardship Committee – Colleen Cochrane has completed 2 consecutive terms. She agreed to complete another term as Stewardship representative.

**Motion:** Ethel Lungal/Isabelle Armbruster

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

Carried.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** Hannah Burla

“That we move the meeting be adjourned.”

Carried.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_