

Silverton Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 24, 2021

Zoom Meeting

CHAIR: Chris Stewart

SECRETARY: Amy Kostuik

In attendance; Ethel Lungal, Rheanne Gray, Rev. David Howell, Amy Kostuik, Chris Stewart, Kim McLeod, Barbara Cochrane, Murray & Colleen Cochrane, Diana Lawless, Mary Joslin, Betty-Ann Slon

1. **Call to Order:** Chris called the meeting to order at 1pm.

Motion: Betty-Ann Slon/Ethel Lungal

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

2. **Adoption of the Agenda:**

Motion: Rheanne Gray/Murray Cochrane

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

3. **Annual Report:**

Kim brought to our attention that there were some errors in the Annual report (budget and on p. 42) that pertained to Silverton’s reports. These errors were corrected.

Motion: Mary Joslin/Barbara Cochrane

“That we accept the Annual Report as amended.” Carried.

4. **Treasurer’s Report:**

Kim McLeod provided a financial report (Pages 39 & 40 in the Annual Report). Kim reports that we are sitting at a net loss of \$-1337.70. She expressed that considering we are in a world-wide pandemic we are doing quite well. Kim explained that there is a WP reallocation amount for this year of \$1863.94 and that we will need to decide where to allocate these funds.

Motion: Diana Lawless/Mary Joslin

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

5. **Minutes from the 2020 Annual Meeting**

Motion: Betty-Ann Slon/Colleen Cochrane

“That we accept the minutes from the 2020 Annual Meeting as presented.” Carried.

6. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- **Church repairs and maintenance** – Diana Lawless has brought to the boards attention that she is aware of a contractor that may be interested in providing a quote for the steps/ramp project. General discussion was held regarding the nature of the quote needed so that a decision could be made.

Other things to consider for this project include;

- varying types of materials that could be used (wood, metal)
- could a temporary ramp be a possibility to use as needed instead of a permanent structure?

Murray Cochrane and Chris Stewart have agreed to assist Diana in meeting with contractors and determining the next steps to be presented/approved at the board level. For now, Diana will email the contractor she has in mind and ‘get the ball rolling.’ When the weather warms up Chris, Diana and Murray will make plans to meet in person to discuss further.

- Signage will remain on our ‘to do’ list but our ramp/step project will be the priority for now.

7. **Stewardship Report:**

Colleen Cochrane is our representative on the Stewardship Committee. She provided a report which is also listed in the Annual report on page 13. Stewardship last met in November. At this meeting goals were discussed for M & S for 2021. Silverton was short in reaching their goal for 2020. The goal set for 2020 was \$3500. We were well short and raised \$2020 (short fall of \$1480). Recommendation was made at Stewardship that our goal for 2021 be set at \$2450.

Discussion was had in regards to the recommended goal of \$2450. The consensus was that those in attendance felt it would be best to try to reach the previous \$3500 goal. Discussion was also had in regards to the possibility of accessing Bridge grant funding to meet any shortfalls in both the 2020 goal and if needed for 2021. If the \$1480 (that we were short in 2020) could be sent to M & S by the end of January 2021 it could still be applied to our goal for 2020.

During the meeting we received word that we were approved for the Bridge grant and are in receipt of \$10,000.

Motion: Colleen Cochrane/Diana Lawless

“That the M&S goal for 2021 be set at \$3500.”

Carried.

8. **Wider Parish Report:**

Report was reviewed in the Annual Report on Page 3. Rev. David reports that the grant that was available through Braendle Bruce was approved. Wider Parish will be deciding on how these monies will be used.

9. **WP Worship Committee Report:**

Reviewed on Page 13 in the Annual Report. Lois Clement is the WP Worship Rep. Rev. David mentioned that more people are welcome to join this committee. Rev. David also expressed the need to have someone assist him who has some technical skills (perhaps a committee could be formed) to continue to improve/adapt worship service by zoom. Rev. David asked if Jeff Kostuik might be interested in helping in this regard. Amy will inquire and get back to Rev. David.

10. **WP Manse Committee Report:**

Reviewed on Page 14 in the Annual Report. Karen Cochrane is the Manse Committee Rep. Shingles were completed this past year on the Manse.

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

Reviewed on Page 14 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. An honorarium was granted to Rev. David in lieu of wages.

12. **Minister’s Report:**

Rev. David reports that it has been quite the year, considering the global pandemic.

- Summer plans – Rev. David missed working with the cadets this past summer but is so appreciative of the support he has been given through Russell/Silverton. Rev. David has been approached to be a chaplain at the Flight training centre in Brandon for summer of 2021. By May 1, the group will make a decision on whether the camp can run, due to Covid concerns.

- Rev. David also reports that regular contact with the Food bank has been helpful for him as a means to be able to be in contact with people.
- Ministry; Conversation circles will begin again next Sunday at 7pm via Zoom. Upcoming topics include Covid 19 and Democracy. Rev. David recognizes that people need a forum to be able to vent during Covid.

13. **New Business:**

A) **Fundraising**

General discussion was held whether fundraising would be needed. Amy expressed that there is a fundraising option available through Purdy’s chocolates and maybe this would be a worthwhile joint venture with Knox. She will follow up with Elaine Kuhl/Judy Snitynsky to see if there is interest in doing this.

B) **Budget** – was reviewed.

Motion: Amy Kostuik/Mary Joslin
Budget is on P. 43 in the Annual Report.

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

C) **Re-allocation dollars;**

Motion: Rheanne Gray/Betty-Ann Slon

“That \$1863.94 be put in the contingency fund. Carried.

D) **Bridge Grant;**

Discussion was held in regards to the use of this \$10,000 grant.

Motion: Amy Kostuik/Rheanne Gray

“That \$1480 of the monies received from the Bridge Grant be sent to the Mission & Service fund to meet our 2020 goal.” Carried.

Motion: Rheanne Gray/Ethel Lungal

“That the balance of the Bridge grant goes into the contingency fund.” Carried.

E) **Elections:**

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

Wider Parish Representative – there were no nominations to fill this vacancy currently. Rheanne and Chris volunteered to meet after the meeting today to brainstorm a list of people that they could approach. If no one is in place to fill this vacancy by the time the Wider Parish meets again, Diana Lawless has agreed to go to the meeting.

F) **Adjournment:**

Motion: Diana Lawless

“That we move the meeting be adjourned.” Carried.

Date: _____

Secretary: _____

Chairperson: _____