

**Knox United Church Annual Meeting
January 27, 2019**

Chairperson: Ritchie Davidson

Recording Secretary: Jayla Betke

Rev. David Howell combined a welcoming prayer and Grace before lunch.

Ritchie Davidson called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m. and invited anyone who had not yet done so to use this time to vote. There were 23 people in attendance.

Motion: Rose Kieper/Lorraine Poitras to accept the agenda as printed. Carried.

Motion: Pam Elliott/Alice Coulter that all present be made corresponding members of Knox Congregation with voting privileges. Carried.

Appoint Minute Checkers: Veronica Laycock and Ruth Davidson agreed to review the minutes of this meeting once the minutes are available.

Motion: Elaine Kuhl/Enid Robinson that the minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting be accepted as presented (pages 13-15) in the Wider Parish Annual Report. Carried.

Motion: Laurie Burgess/Teresa Boucher that the Annual Report of Knox Congregation for 2018 be accepted as presented (pages 13-30). Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

1. Accessibility Project- There were a few small issues during the building of the lift, but it is now completed. We had budgeted \$160,000-\$200,000 for the project, final total is \$157,870 with \$22,630 of that left to be raised. We are awaiting inspection of the lift, until that is done the door will be locked during the week and one of the members of the committee will need to be contacted if use of the lift is needed.

Treasurer's Report: (pages 18-22 in Annual Report)

Presented by Treasurer, Kim McLeod. We are \$4,738.43 short in funds compared to last year. There is \$2,051.32 in unused funds from Wider Parish.

Motion: Laurie Burgess/Andrew Kuhl that the proposed Knox United Church budget for 2019 be accepted (page 21). Carried.

Motion: Teresa Boucher/Ann Petz to approve the recommendation to accept the Wider Parish budget for 2019 in the Annual Report (page 8). Carried.

Motion: Veronica Laycock/Rose Kieper that Kim McLeod and Elaine Kuhl be tasked with counting the votes. Carried.

Motion: Lorraine Poitras/Daryle Laycock that 75% be set as the minimum requirement for the Affirming Ministry vote to be considered a positive vote. Carried.

New Business:

- Funeral Ushers

Motion: Peggy Bradshaw/Laurie Burgess that we discontinue providing ushers for funeral services. Defeated.

Discussion was held on this topic and it was felt that it is important to provide ushers from the church at funerals. We will try to find more people willing to usher.

Stewardship/M&S Recommendation:

Motion: Kim McLeod/Daryle Laycock to approve the Stewardship recommendation of \$18,000 for M&S covenant. Carried.

Affirming Ministries Vote:

A total of 63/65 votes were affirmative, giving a 96.92% affirmative vote.

Motion: Peggy Bradshaw/Ruth Davidson 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: Enid Robinson/Rose Kieper that Knox United Church become a member of Affirm United and pay the yearly registration fee, currently \$100.00. Carried.

Motion: Laurie Burgess/Alice Coulter that Knox United Church accept the proposed Affirming Ministry Vision Statement as the official Affirming Ministry Vision Statement of Knox United Church. (See attached). Carried.

Motion: Enid Robinson/Ann Petz that Knox United Church accept the proposed Affirming Ministry Action Plan as the official Affirming Ministry Action Plan of Knox United Church. (See attached). Carried.

Motion: Ruth Davidson/Teresa Boucher that the Affirming Ministry committee be established as a standing committee of Knox United Church with the mandate of carrying out and maintaining the Affirming Ministry Action Plan. Carried.

Motion: Pam Elliott/Elaine Kuhl that Knox Council be empowered to make the necessary changes to the constitution to add the Affirming Ministry committee as a standing committee of Knox United Church. Carried.

Nominations:

1. Knox Council- The council members will all stay on, with the exception of Peggy Bradshaw as a Presbytery Rep is no longer needed.
2. Knox Rep to Wider Parish board- a congregational rep from Knox is needed; this will be brought up at the Wider Parish annual meeting.

Review of Trustees: Greg Setter and Ritchie Davidson agreed to stay on as trustees. David Dunn would like to step down from this position. Daryle Laycock agreed to become a trustee.

Motion: Elaine Kuhl/Ruth Davidson that Daryle Laycock be made a trustee. Carried.

Minister's Report:

- David accepted a position as Senior Chaplain in Cold Lake this summer.
- He is excited about the future following the Affirming Ministries vote and noted there is a lot of work to be done still.
- Conversation Circles will resume being held once per month in February.
- Discussion was held on the change in structure of the church.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. with a motion from Laurie Burgess.