

Russell/Silverton Wider Parish Annual Meeting held via ZOOM
Sunday February 7, 2021 @3:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm with Kerry Dunn acting as chairperson and Kim McLeod as secretary. 33 people were in attendance.

Rev. David Howell opened the meeting with prayer.

MOTION: Diana Lawless/Mina Laycock: that the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried.

MOTION: Alice Coulter/Rose Kieper: that all those present are full members or adherents of the Russell-Silverton Wider Parish, with voting privileges. Carried.

MOTION: Diane Falloon/Peggy Bradshaw: that the minutes of the Russell- Silverton Wider Parish Annual Meeting held on February 9,2020 as found on page 1-3 of the Annual report be adopted as printed. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes:

- a) Photo Directory – This was put on hold due to the pandemic, and the committee will revisit it at some point.
- b) Covenant with Region - Our covenants were remitted in the fall and we will be recognized as fully covenanted churches during the Regional Ash Wednesday Worship Service on February 17 @ 7 pm viz ZOOM

MOTION: Ritchie Davidson/Teresa Boucher: that the 2020 Wider Parish Financial Statement as found on pages 4 - 8 of the Annual report be accepted as presented. Carried.

Silverton Congregational Report -

Diana Lawless reported that they met on January 24th with 12 in attendance. They had a \$1337.70 net loss in revenue last year but with the reallocation they will start the new year off fine. They are still working on getting quotes for their ramp/steps. Chris Kohler, Diana Lawless and Murray Cochrane will meet in the spring to get back to work on this. Their M&S goal was short last year and they will keep the goal the same (\$3500) for this year. They had a discussion about fundraising possibilities.

Knox Congregational Report -

Ritchie Davidson reported that they met on January 24th with 28 in attendance. They had a \$5800 net loss in revenue last year but with the reallocation they will start the new year off fine. They received a \$10,000 Bridge Grant from the Province of Mb. and have placed it in the contingency fund. The building fund has forgiven the Accessibility project the remaining funds needed. Their M&S goal was short this year but will be topped up from the contingency fund. Jill Koss and Michael Reavie have volunteered to sit on the technology committee. Peggy Bradshaw volunteered to become our Prairie to Pine rep, Brendon Betke volunteered to sit on the property committee.

Business arising from the congregational reports: Nil

Stewardship Recommendation:

Kerry Dunn reported that the M&S goals are \$3,500 for Silverton and \$15,000 for Knox for a Wider Parish total of \$18,500

MOTION: Dan Ferg/Chris Kohler: that the 2020 Wider Parish Annual Report be accepted as printed. Carried.

After clarification of the Stewardship line in the budget **MOTION:** Ray Elliott/Donna Reid: that the 2021 Wider Parish budget as found on p.9-10 of the annual report be accepted as printed. Carried.

New Business:

Re-opening – Ray Elliott gave a rundown of how the re-opening committee sees the re-opening process going. Of course, this will always be in adherence to Provincial guidelines. After very good and thoughtful discussion it was felt by most in attendance that we not even look at opening until the fall with a safety first goal. Consensus was that ZOOM services be continued.

Online Worship and technology- This topic also introduced conversation and questions. Rev. David indicated that with the help of Michael and Jill he would like to see the ZOOM options perhaps changing and evolving, continuing after in person worship has returned.

Summer Services – Rev. David asked that we hold off any decisions about summer worship until May. He will have heard from the Cadet program by then regarding his employment for the summer. At that point worship options for the summer will be discussed.

Sharing with David:

Rev. David indicated that he has felt blessed through this past year by our congregations as he has worked his way through technical issues while remaining committed to the pastoral care of the parish. He thanked the member for their continued support. He will be creating a coffee/chat room for people to use during the week. The only requirement is to check with the office to book a time. This ZOOM info should not be shared with the broader community.

Nominations: Diane Falloon agreed to remain on the Wider Parish Board for a second 3 year term.

MOTION: Dan Fert/Peggy Bradshaw: Jill Koss be appointed to a 3 year term on the Wider Parish Board. Carried.

MOTION: Diane Falloon/Rose Kieper: that Dan Ferg be appointed as the M&P rep to the Wider Parish Board. Carried.

MOTION: Ray Elliott/Ritchie Davidson: that Brendon Betke be appointed as the Manse Committee rep to the Wider Parish Board. Carried.

The next Wider Parish Board meeting will be on February 24th at 7 pm via ZOOM

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Rev. David Howell led us in a benediction.

Adjournment by Greg Setter @2:20 pm