

**Knox United Church Annual Meeting
January 24, 2021 by Zoom**

Chairperson: Ritchie Davidson

Recording Secretary: Jayla Betke

Call to Order: meeting called to order by Ritchie Davidson at 3:05 p.m. There were 28 members in attendance.

Opening Prayer: Rev. David Howell

Motion: Dan Ferg/Jill Koss that the agenda be accepted as printed. Carried.

Motion: Ray Elliott/Peggy Bradshaw 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 the meeting once they are available.

Motion: Rose Kieper/Barb Ronberg that the minutes of the 2020 annual meeting be accepted as presented (pages 15-16) in the Wider Parish annual report. Carried.

Motion: Alice Coulter/Diane Falloon that the annual reports of Knox Congregation for 2020 be accepted as presented in the Wider Parish Annual Report. Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

1. David received notification from the region that our covenant has been accepted with no changes. A covenanting service is planned for Feb 17 @ 7:00 p.m. (Ash Wednesday) via Zoom. They would like a picture of the church. Kim will take a picture with the new sign and e-mail it to the region.

Treasurer's Report (pages 19-26 in annual report): Presented by Treasurer, Kim McLeod. We ended the year with a deficit of \$5,794.13. Wider Parish ended up \$9,434.48 under budget; \$7,304.47 will be reallocated to Knox. Knox received \$10,000 Provincial Bridge Grant, will need to decide what to do with funds.

Motion: Kerry Dunn/Mick Brownridge that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Carried.

Motion: Ray Elliott/Barb Ronberg that the reallocation funds from Wider Parish be put into General Revenue. Carried.

Motion: Dan Ferg/Kerry Dunn that the funds from the Provincial Bridge Grant be put into the contingency fund. Carried.

Budget:

Motion: Rose Kieper/Elaine Kuhl that the proposed Knox United Church budget for 2021 be accepted as presented (page 24). Carried.

Motion: Glenda Cook/Elaine Kuhl to approve the recommendation to accept the Wider Parish budget for 2021 in the annual report (pages 9-10). Carried.

Accessibility Fund debit to Building Fund:

There is still \$4,901.48 owing to the Building Fund from the Accessibility project. Discussion held on this.

Motion: Peggy Bradshaw/Jill Koss that the Building Fund forgive the balance owing from the lift project and that the project be deemed complete and paid in full. The total Building Fund will now become \$27,786.51. Carried.

Stewardship/M&S Recommendation:

Motion: Nancy Ferg/Ruth Davidson to approve the Stewardship recommendation of \$13,550 for the M&S covenant. Friendly amendment to keep the M&S covenant the same as last year at \$18,000. Defeated (16 voting no, 11 voting yes, 1 abstention).

Motion: Greg Setter/Peggy Bradshaw that the M&S covenant for Knox be set at \$15,000. Carried (24 voting yes, 4 voting no).

Motion: Ruth Davidson/Nancy Ferg that \$2,729.30 be given to M&S from the Contingency fund to reach 2020 goal. Carried (26 voting yes, 1 voting no, 1 abstention).

New Business:

1. Council would like to not consider reopening before Easter and will re-evaluate in late February or March. Discussion held on same.
2. We will need 3 new Council members in 2022. Anyone interested can contact a board member.
3. David is looking for people to sit on a 'tech committee' regarding updates to the digital services of the church. Jill Koss volunteered for this.

Nominations:

1. Knox Rep needed for Prairie to Pine Region- Kim is willing if no one else volunteers. Anyone interested can contact a board member.
2. Property is looking for anyone wanting to join committee. Brendon Betke volunteered.

Review of Trustees: Daryle Laycock, Greg Setter, and Ritchie Davidson agreed to stay on as trustees.

Minister's Report:

- Happy with how our congregations have dealt with the current situation. It's hard not being able to do pastoral care visits as normal. Other pastoral charges are in conflict; feels blessed to be where he is. Open to conversation about how things are going.
- Hasn't started any of the Zoom groups he planned in the fall, but will be starting Conversation Circles via Zoom with the first being Jan 31 @ 7:00 p.m. (topics Covid-19 and the situation happening in the U.S.)
- Missed working with the cadets last summer. Has been asked to be chaplain in Brandon for the cadet program this summer (Government will make official decision on going ahead with the program in May).

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m. with motion from Barb Ronberg.