

Annual Congregational Meeting of Quispamsis United Church Feb 21, 2021

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, this meeting was held online, using ZOOM video conferencing software

In attendance: Lynn MacDonald, Connie Downey, Natalie Bowley, Rev. Richard Bowley, Brenda Forret, Dan Forret, Kim Brown, Wendy Crossman, Brion Crossman, Barb McBean, Chris & Karen Young, Carolyn McIntyre, Sue King, Wendy Stewart, Carol Cummings, Rose and Nancy Jardine, Wendy Cornfield, Chris McIntyre, Kathryn McIntyre, Ray & Diane Tonge, Bob and Faye Sherrard, Brenda Blair, Merle Blair, Brenda Badger, John and Barb Hill, Jane Barefoot, Marilyn and Don Robertson, Bruce & Linda Amey, Tom and Una Wilson, Blaine and Anne Smallwood, Bruce and June Jardine, Rose Martin, Mike Martin, Hally Kimball, Carolyn Kimball, Evert Bos, Bill and Marlene Whittaker, Bev Ives and Bill Ives, Sherry Kiervin, Barb McBean, Russell Finnamore, Bertha Finnamore, Hughena & Stu Baker, Cindy Millican, Clifford & Joan Delong, Robert Crowley, Gloria and Ron Moore, Patty & Malcolm Brett, Ruth Buckley, Annie Walker.

Bob Crowley opened the meeting at 10:55

Chris Young moved to extend voting privileges to adherents. Brion Crossman 2nd. Carried

Brion Crossman moved to approve the agenda. Chris Young 2nd. Carried

Brion Crossman moved to approve the minutes of February 9, 2020. Chris Young 2nd. Carried

Treasurer's Report: Brion reported that givings in 2020 were higher than in 2019. Expenses were quite a bit lower than expected. We finished the year with a \$14,000 surplus. We no longer have loan payments. Money has been set aside for more tech equipment upgrades. Brion Crossman reviewed the revenue and expenses for 2021. He is confident that with the increases in PAR and the continued rental revenues we will comfortably meet the budget target. **Brion moved acceptance of the treasurer's report with the 2021 budget of \$171,000. Chris Young 2nd.**

*Cindy Milligan asked about status of tech upgrades. Dan Forret responded with an update of what has been done with projector, computer, camera, and audio upgrades. The committee has plans to use YouTube in the future. Cindy asked if there are rules about how much money we can keep as a surplus. Brion responded; UCC has no regulations, CRA has guidelines. No hard and fast rules. Hally Kimball thanked Brion for all the work he does. **Motion carried.***

Annual Committee and Group Reports: As all in attendance had an opportunity to review the reports prior to the meeting, individual reports were not read. Instead, comments and questions about any report were entertained. **Chris Young moved to approve all reports in the Annual Report. Brion Crossman 2nd. Barb noted that Diane Tonge is co-chair of the Outreach committee and all decisions are made jointly. Carried.**

Bob thanked all committee chairs and members for their work and offered congratulations to the congregation for holding together and carrying on activities even though we were not able to meet.

Business arising from the minutes:

- 1) **Governance** – Chris Young noted that council has expanded to include Safe Church and Tech Committees. These will be shown on the current organizational (egg) chart. The Affirm Committee and Search Committee are committees of the congregation and are not on the chart. The Affirm Committee is looking for additional members to include a better representation of the congregation. We are looking for a youth rep on council. M&P is looking for additional members. Worship Committee is looking for additional tech team members. Bill Whittaker noted that the Property Maintenance Committee is looking for female representation on the committee. Bob Crowley encouraged everyone to check the egg chart to see if there are any committees you might be interested in joining.

Correspondence: None

New Business: Bill commented that we will need more roof repairs in 2021. Bev Ives asked about the idea someone had presented earlier in the year to “buy a bundle of shingles” as a fundraiser. Brion suggested that people simply donate to the building fund.

Bob commented on usefulness of online services

Annie Walker moved adjournment at 11:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hill