

Unitarian Church of Edmonton

Annual General Meeting - May 7, 2017

Call to Order: 12:15 p.m. by President Mike Keast

Reading of Congregational Call by secretary, Gloria Krenbrenk

Invocation: Rev. Brian Kiely

Confirmation of Quorum

Approval of Agenda: **Moved** by Lance Beswick, **seconded** by Andrew Mills, that the May 7, 2017 UCE AGM Agenda be adopted. **CARRIED.**

Approval of 2016 AGM Minutes: **Moved** by Jan McMillan, **seconded** by Art Breier, that the minutes of the May 1, 2016 Annual General Meeting be approved. **CARRIED**

Adoption of Rules of Procedure: **Moved** by Beth Jenkins, **seconded** by Cathy Loiselle, that the Rules of Procedure (attached) be adopted. **CARRIED**

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual reports by committees were presented in written form. There were no questions or comments.

Moved by Dorothy Keeler, **seconded** by Ruth Merriott that the committee reports be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

FINANCES

Auditor's Report by Larry Charach. **Moved** by Susan Ruttan, **seconded** by Lynn Wolff, that the Auditor's Report be accepted. **CARRIED**

Canvass Report by Andrew Mills. **Moved** by Andrew Mills, **seconded** by Gaylord Madill, that the Canvass Report be accepted. **CARRIED**

Financial Report by Susan Ruttan. **Moved** by Susan Ruttan, **seconded** by Lance Beswick, that the Financial Report be accepted. **CARRIED**

Operating Budget by Susan Ruttan. **Moved** by Julius Buski, **seconded** by Arlene Zajic that the operating budget be amended to provide an amount for staff benefits. 4 yes; 36 no. **MOTION DEFEATED.** **Moved** by Susan Ruttan, **seconded** by Yvonne Mireau, that the Operating Budget be accepted. **CARRIED**

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Setting of Ways and Means (Fundraising) Priorities. Moved by Susan Ruttan, seconded by Sylvia Krogh, that Ways and Means priorities for the upcoming year be firstly coverage of any operating deficit, and secondly, other needs as determined by the board. **CARRIED**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND ELECTIONS – Cathy Loiselle

President – Karen Mills elected by acclamation
Vice President – Karen Bilida elected by acclamation
Treasurer – Susan Ruttan elected by acclamation
Trustees – Marilyn Gaa and David Rae elected by acclamation

Nominating Committee

Concern having been expressed with having a staff member on the nominating committee, Lauren Kay, who would have been entering the 2nd year of her term, withdrew, leaving 3 positions to be filled, one for 1 year and 2 positions for 2 years. The Nominating Committee presented as candidates Ruth Merriott and Cathy Loiselle. Rosemary Falconer agreed to continue another term. Ruth Merriott will fill the 1 year position with Cathy Loiselle and Rosemary Falconer filling the 2 year positions.

Ministerial Relations Committee

Nominating Committee presented candidates Julius Buski and David Hagel. Lillias Cowper nominated Sylvia Krogh, seconded by Marge Roche. Election by secret ballot for 2 positions. Sylvia Krogh and David Hagel elected.

Moved by Reva Russell, **seconded** by Lillias Cowper, that the ballots be destroyed. **CARRIED.**

LAY CHAPLAIN APPOINTMENT

Brian Kiely provided information as to qualifications and duties of a Lay Chaplain. **Moved** by Brian Kiely, **seconded** by Reva Russell, that Lauren Kay be appointed as Lay Chaplain for a 3 year term. **CARRIED**

APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO CUC ANNUAL MEETING

Lance Beswick nominated Susan Ruttan to attend as UCE's delegate, seconded by Sylvia Krogh. **CARRIED**

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APPOINTMENT OF UCE AUDITORS

Susan Ruttan nominated Larry Charach UCE auditor, seconded by Audrey Brooks. **CARRIED.**

UCE BYLAWS

Beth Jenkins on behalf of the Bylaw Review Committee, reviewed proposed amendments to the UCE bylaws.

Moved by Beth Jenkins, **seconded** by Audrey Brooks, that the current bylaws of the Unitarian Church of Edmonton be amended in accordance with the wording presented today by the Bylaws Committee, and that the Board be authorized to approve any editorial or content changes required by the Registrar of Corporate Registry or by Canada Revenue Agency. **CARRIED** with the required majority.

Moved by Beth Jenkins, **seconded** by Edwina Madill that the bylaws currently filed at Corporate Registry be repealed and replaced with the bylaws as amended today. **CARRIED** with the required majority.

The secretary will ensure the new bylaws are filed with Corporate Registry.

CHANGE FOR CHILDREN MURAL

Moved by Jeff Bisanz, **seconded** by Kat Hartshorne, that the Church accept the mural from Change for Children that will be installed, free of charge to the Church, on the exterior of our building.

Discussion

Moved by Julius Buski, **seconded** by Bryce Missall, a subsidiary motion that the motion to accept the mural from Change for Children be postponed indefinitely.

Discussion reached 20 minute limit. A motion to extend debate was proposed, then withdrawn with agreement of the seconder.

Moved by Edwina Madill, **seconded** by Gaylord Madill, that the subsidiary motion to postpone be carried out by secret ballot. 20 yes; 31 no. **MOTION DEFEATED.**

Return to: subsidiary motion that the motion to accept the Change for Children mural be postponed indefinitely. 8 yes; 52 no. **MOTION DEFEATED.**

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Discussion resumed on main motion: that the Church accept the mural from Change for Children that will be installed, free of charge to the Church, on the exterior of our building. Upon reaching the 20 minute limit on discussion, there was no motion to extend debate. Prior to voting the president called for a count to ensure a quorum was present; quorum confirmed. 42 yes; 11 no. **CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Kathy Stanley, **seconded** by Lauren Kay, that the meeting be adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Gloria Krenbrenk, Secretary

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