

Unitarian Church of Edmonton
Annual General Meeting – May 5, 2019

Call to Order: 12:01 p.m. by President Karen Mills

Reading of Congregational Call: Acting Secretary Lynne Turvey

Invocation: Rev. Brian Kiely

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

Approval of Agenda: **Moved** by Ali Hammington, **seconded** by Lynn Wolff, that the May 5, 2019, UCE Annual General Meeting Agenda be adopted. **CARRIED**

Approval of Minutes: **Moved** by Susan Ruttan, **seconded** by Art Brier, that the minutes of the May 6, 2018, UCE Annual General Meeting be approved. **CARRIED**

Remembrances: Rev. Brian Kiely read out the names of UCE members and friends who have died in the past year. They include: Joanne Olafson, Ed Holmes, Jim Logan, Annabelle Bourgoin, Marnie Sproule, Dan Sorochan, Bonnie Barnett, Isabelle Mills, Hal Simons

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS

President Karen Mills invited the congregation to ask questions about the written annual reports of UCE staff and committees, which were attached to the agenda. There were no questions. Reports were provided by: Church Administrator, Minister, Audit Committee, Building and Grounds Committee, Canvass Chair, Communications Committee, Director of Religious Exploration, Finance Committee, Human Resources Committee, Landscape Committee, Leadership Committee, Pastoral Care (Chaplain), Religious Exploration Committee, Rental Committee, Social Justice Working Group, Teller.

FINANCES

President Karen Mills provided some context to UCE's financial information. She explained that, as Rev. Brian Kiely will be retiring in 2020, lay services will be provided from February to June. In September 2020, an interim minister will be employed for a two-year period to assist with recruitment of a new minister and the associated transition period.

Auditor's Report: presented by Chair Larry Charach. **Moved** by Lynn Wolff, **seconded** by Yvonne Mireau, that the Auditor's Report be accepted. **CARRIED**

Canvass Report: presented by Chair Andrew Mills. **Moved** by Jan McMillan, **seconded** by Maurice Bourgoin, that the Canvass Report be accepted. **CARRIED**

Financial Report: presented by Treasurer Doug Eastwell. Doug noted that with the retiring of the last of the outstanding debentures, UCE is now debt free. However, canvass totals have declined each year

for the past four years and expenses continue, so we still need to be financially prudent, particularly as we enter a time of transition and transformation.

Moved by Jennifer Hinchcliffe, **seconded** by Ali Hammington, that the Financial Report be accepted. **CARRIED**

Setting of Operating Budget: 2019/20 operating budget presented by Treasurer Doug Eastwell.

Doug noted that a Building Reserve Fund has been established in the amount of \$25,000.

Moved by Robert Begg, **seconded** by Lynn Wolff, that the 2019/2020 UCE Operating Budget be approved. **CARRIED**

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE AND ELECTIONS

Chair Beth Jenkins provided a verbal report on the Committee activities, including introduction of the slate of candidates for 2019/20. She then conducted the election of board and committee members.

President – Karen Mills, elected by acclamation

Vice President – Karen Bilida, elected by acclamation

Treasurer – Doug Eastwell, elected by acclamation

Secretary – Gloria Krenbrenk, elected by acclamation

Trustees – Kathy Stanley and Brandie Moller-Reid, elected by acclamation. (Ongoing members: Robert Begg and Yvonne Mireau)

Leadership Committee – Rosemary Falconer, Sara Kelly, and Erin Thackeray, elected by acclamation. (Ongoing member: Beth Jenkins)

Ministerial Relations Committee – Lillias Cowper and Sylvia Krogh, elected by acclamation. (Ongoing members: Graham McFarlane, Ruth Patrick)

APPOINTMENT OF LAY CHAPLAIN

Moved by Lynn Wolff, **seconded** by Ali Hammington, that Marilyn Gaa be appointed as lay chaplain for the Unitarian Church of Edmonton. **CARRIED**

CONFIRMATION OF DELEGATES TO CANADIAN UNITARIAN COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

Delegates had to make attendance arrangements prior to the UCE AGM. Therefore, rather than being appointed, Brian Kiely, Karen Mills and Susan Ruttan were confirmed as UCE delegates to the CUC Annual General Meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF UCE AUDITORS

Moved by Audrey Brooks, **seconded** by Jan McMillan, that auditors appointed for the upcoming year be Larry Charach, Karen Bilida, Gerard Hayduk and Stephen Greenhalgh. **CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT – 1:05 p.m.