

Unitarian Church of Edmonton

Annual General Meeting - May 2, 2021

Call to Order: 11:46 a.m. by President Karen Bilida

Reading of Congregational Call by secretary, Gloria Krenbrenk

Invocation by Rev. Lee Anne Washington

Adoption of Rules of Procedure: As this meeting is being conducted online via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown, the Rules of Procedure are somewhat different. **Moved** by Dorothy Keeler, **seconded** by Maria Jenkins, that the Rules of Procedure (attached) be adopted. **CARRIED**

Approval of Agenda: **Moved** by Brandie Moller-Reid, **seconded** by Gordon Ritchie, that the May 2, 2021 UCE AGM Agenda be adopted. **CARRIED.**

Approval of 2020 AGM Minutes: **Moved** by Lynn Wolff, **seconded** by Sheila Parr, that the minutes of the May 3, 2020 Annual General Meeting be approved. **CARRIED**

BYLAW AMENDMENT

Moved by Louise Charach, **seconded** by Beth Jenkins, that Section 15 of the Unitarian Church of Edmonton Bylaws be amended to read: "Compensation may be paid to church members as approved by the board of trustees".

Moved by Beth Jenkins, **seconded** by Gloria Krenbrenk, that the motion for the amendment (above) be tabled pending further research by committee, and that a special meeting of the congregation be called when appropriate to consider the issue fully.

VOTE: 3 opposed; 10 abstained; 20 in favour. **CARRIED**

After a brief discussion it was noted that the motion to table brings discussion to a close. Beth Jenkins volunteered to work with others on bylaw amendments.

Lynne Turvey advised that the Interim Transition Team had been working on a proposal and presented the following for information:

1. That an employment policy be developed to establish guiding principles and procedures for employment and remuneration of church members and officials, including use of salaries, contract payments and honorariums.
2. That the Finance Best Practices Task Team and the Human Resources Committee work together to draft a UCE employment policy, and that the bylaw be amended, when and as, appropriate.

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PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS

Reports were and are posted to the uce.ca website under the tab "Church Business". Committee chairs provided additional comments as follows:

Communications – Karen Bilida highlighted the list of Zoom volunteers and encouraged others to volunteer. In addition, we plan to livestream services in the future and Karen encouraged all of us to learn livestreaming tasks so that we have a solid group of volunteers in place when the time comes.

Committee on Ministry – Andrew Mills recommends that the Ministerial Relations Committee be replaced by the Committee on Ministry which has a wider scope and which has become the general practice in UU congregations.

Landscaping – Donna Hamar outlined the need for garden workers for the upcoming summer. She described a plan for honoring deceased church members with a flat slanted platform where small plaques can be mounted. She has done some research and found one which holds 20 plaques. The cost would be around \$3,000 which could be funded from the landscaping budget and a special fundraising project. Anyone interested in working in the garden or on the plaque project, please contact Donna Hamar.

Interim Transition Team – verbal reports were provided on work to date as follows:

Lynn Turvey - Financial Best Practices

Yvonne Mireau - Volunteerism

Louise Charach - Good Governance

Moved by Beth Jenkins, **seconded** by Scott Harrison, that the annual committee reports be accepted as presented for information purposes. **CARRIED**

FINANCES

Auditor's Report was presented by Larry Charach. Larry indicated he has been doing the audit for a number of years and is hoping to entice someone with an accounting background to join the Audit Committee.

Canvass Report was presented by Andrew Mills. Andrew recommended that we no longer use ATB Cares to accept donations as their fees have increased. Andrew is willing to do the canvass again next year.

Financial Report was presented by Doug Eastwell. He was pleased to report that overall the church is in a relatively good financial position.

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Setting of Operating Budget for 2021-2022 - The proposed operating budget was screen shared by the President and reviewed with explanations provided by the Treasurer. A copy of the proposed operating budget was and is available on the uce.ca website under "Church Business".

Moved by Susan Ruttan, **seconded** by Yvonne Mireau, that the operating budget as presented be approved. **CARRIED**

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT AND ELECTIONS – Beth Jenkins

Beth Jenkins clarified that with an online meeting, there is no mechanism for a secret ballot as required by UCE bylaws should there be more than one nomination for a particular position.

Moved by Beth Jenkins, **seconded** by Sylvia Krogh, that nominations from the floor will not be called for due to the limitations of an online Zoom meeting. **CARRIED**.

Board of Trustees

Past President: Karen Bilida will move into the Past President position.

President: **Mike Keast** is declared elected by acclamation.

Vice President: **Brandie Moller-Reid** is declared elected by acclamation.

Treasurer: **Andrew Mills** is declared elected by acclamation

Secretary: Gloria Krenbrenk continues in the role of Secretary with her term to end in May 2022.

Trustees: **Marilyn Gaa** and **Susan Ruttan** are declared elected by acclamation to serve a two year term each.

Dave Hagel is declared elected by acclamation to serve the remaining year of a vacant Trustee position.

Jennifer Askey continues in the role of Trustee with her term to end in May 2022.

Leadership Committee: **Erin Thackeray** and **Wendy Smith** are declared elected by acclamation to serve a two year term each.

Beth Jenkins and Donna Hamar continue in their role on the Leadership committee for 2021-22.

Ministerial Relations Committee - **Moved** by Beth Jenkins, **seconded** by Alex Polkovsky, that Vic Romanyshyn and Lynn Wolff be released from their 2020 elected roles on the Ministerial Relations Committee. **CARRIED** The Ministerial Relations Committee is now replaced by the Committee on Ministry as required by the Interim Minister's contract.

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CONFIRMATION OF CUC ANNUAL MEETING DELEGATES

Karen Bilida advised that at the April 14, 2021 UCE Board meeting, **Susan Ruttan, Audrey Brooks** and **Louise Charach** were approved as delegates to the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC).

APPOINTMENT OF UCE AUDITORS

Moved by Susan Ruttan, **seconded** by Rosemary Falconer, that **Doug Eastwell** is appointed auditor for the upcoming year. **CARRIED.** Larry Charach agreed to continue on the audit committee for one more year.

Adjourned at 1:22 p.m.


Gloria Krenbrenk, Secretary