

**Lennoxville United Church
Annual Congregational Meeting
February 23, 2020
Following Worship Service
Lower Scott Hall**

Present: Nancy Baldwin, Esther Barnett, Gordon Barnett, Doug Blair, Barbara Boire, Rev. Linda Buchanan, Eugene Clark, Karen Clark, Helen Cox, Ardyth Davidson, Bob Davidson, Sandy Davidson, Tracy Doherty, David Drew, Lynn Drew, Bruce Durrant, Didi Gorman, Robert Evans, Maxim Fahey, Bruce Gilbert, Carolyn Gilchrist, Richard Goodhue, Debbie Harrison, Elisabeth Levac, Norma MacKinnon, Dave McCormack, Carol McCormack, Deanna McNab Jack Noble, Frankie Noble. Eric Nutbrown, Jean Porter, Ken Porter, Bev Ross, Gloria Stronach, Nancy Suitor, Pam Wilson
35 signatures collected, 2 members did not sign in.

1. **Lunch and Table discussion** (Living Ministry Profile Questions)
2. **Opening Prayer:** Reverend Linda Buchanan opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. **Welcome by the Chair of Council:** Doug Blair
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
It was moved by Dave McCormack, seconded by Frankie Noble and carried unanimously that the agenda be approved.
5. **Adoption of Minutes for Annual Congregation Meeting 2019.**
It was moved by Bev Ross, seconded by Gloria Stronach and carried unanimously that the minutes of the Annual Congregation Meeting 2018 be adopted as circulated with the spelling correction of Pam Wilson's name.
6. **Business Arising.**
It was moved by Dave McCormack, seconded by Bruce Gilbert and carried unanimously that all adherents can vote.
7. **“Receive and Approve” Reports from Teams and Committees**
 - 7.1 **Ministry and Personnel Committee**
There were no questions about the report.
 - 7.2 **Trustees – The Endowment Fund**
There were no questions about the report.
 - 7.3 **Presbytery**
Regional Council model has been adopted to replace Presbytery.
 - 7.4 **Council** – There were no questions about the report.
 - 7.4.1 **Worship Team** - There were no questions about the report.
 - 7.4.2 **OutReach Team** – There were no questions about the report.
 - 7.4.3 **Building and Finance Team**; reviewed Mission and Service Fund, The Memorial Fund, The Benevolent Fund – There were no questions about the report.
 - 7.4.4 **Family Ministry Team** – There were no questions about the report.
 - 7.4.5 **United Church Women** – There were not questions about the report.

7.5 Approval of Council, Teams, and Committees Reports.

It was moved by Sandy Davidson, seconded by Nancy Rowell and carried unanimously that all reports be approved.

7.6 Approval of Congregational Leadership for 2020.

Doug Blair – chair, Esther Barnett – secretary, Jack Noble- treasurer, Debbie Harrison – recording secretary.

It was moved by Nancy Rowell, seconded by Pam Wilson and carried unanimously that the Congregational Leadership for 2020 be approved with no changes to the Congregational Leadership.

7.7 Approval of Congregational Budget for 2020.

The congregation was made aware of the trends of money needed to sustain the church.

It was moved by Bruce Gilbert, seconded by Bruce Durrant and carried unanimously that the Congregational Budget for 2020 be approved.

It was moved by Jack Noble, seconded by Ann Maher and carried unanimously that the M & S Fund stay the same as last year.

8. Election of representative to Conseil regional Nakonha:ka Regional Council.

It was moved by Bruce Durrant, seconded by Frankie Noble and carried unanimously that the four representatives to the regional Council from Lennoxville United Church be Dave McCormack, Esther Barnett, David Drew and Lynn Drew.

9. New Business

9.1 Baptism Policy

9.2 Funeral Policy

9.3 Commission Amalgamation Committee Members

It was moved by Bruce Durrant, second by Bev Ross and carried unanimously that a team be struck to start a conversation with Hatley United Church about amalgamation. The team would be comprised of Jack Noble, Bruce Gilbert, Dave McCormack and Rev. Linda Buchanan.

9.4 Opportunity for Partnering in Ministry with IOOF.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) has requested a potential long-term partnership with Lennoxville United Church. The IOOF would like to use the church facilities to host fundraising community brunches and suppers to support their mandate of providing worthwhile causes in the community.

There are many logistical questions to be assessed before this could happen.

It was moved by Bruce Gilbert, seconded by Dave McCormack, 3 opposed, 3 abstentions, motion passed that the option of setting up a partnership with the IOOF be explored in good faith.

Council will build a subcommittee to address this partnership.

9.5 Hosting Regional Council Meeting

Lennoxville United Church has been given the opportunity to host the Regional Council Meeting on May 30, 2020.

It was moved by Bruce Gilbert, seconded by Sandy Davidson, 1 apposed, motion approved that Lennoxville United Church send their regrets to host the Regional Council Meeting on May 30, 2020.

10. Thank you.

Time was taken to thank the preparers and organizers of the food we shared today,

Debbie Harrison - Administrator was thanked for all her work.

Eric Nutbrown – Custodian was thanked for the set-up today.

Jack Noble – Treasurer was thanked for all his work and expertise.

Bruce Durrant was thanked for the upkeep of Lennoxville United Church webpage.

Maryse Simard – Choir Director and choir were thanked for their contributions.

Bruce Gilbert was thanked for the worship services he has taken.

Jamie Crooks for his service with the choir, and the worship services that he has led.

Nancy Rowell and Barb Boire for another successful Chase the Winter Blues.

Claudia and Pierre Demers for the Adult Spiritual discussions that they have provided.

Rev. Linda Buchanan for her leadership.

11. Adjournment

12. Benediction

Doug Blair (Chair of Council)

Esther Barnett (Chair of The Official Board)_

Debbie Harrison (recording secretary)