

HIGHLAND HILLS PASTORAL CHARGE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at HHUC – February 24, 2019

Attendance (37)

Minister – Rev. Max Ward

Maple Lake UC – Deloris Bailey

Highland Hills UC – Brian Austen, Shelley Austen, Don Ballantyne, Nancy Ballantyne, Joan Barnes, Michael Barnes, Barbara Braker, Walter Braker, Eric Casper, Jaklin Casper, Fred Chapple, Joan Chapple, Donna Darby, Neil Darby, Lois Deacon, Bruce Down, Joan Down, Jude Fisher, Joan Grant, Jane Harrison, Catherine Kellett, Ross McMullen, Barbara Parish, Tom Parish, Paul Rutledge, Elizabeth Sheppard, Milton Sheppard, Debbie Sherwin, Edna Taylor, Winn Taylor, Norman Thomas, Pat Thornett, Mary Trepanier, Irma Walker, Mark Walker

Rev. Max Ward welcomed everyone and called for nominations for Chair and Secretary for this meeting.

Motion: Barbara Braker/Joan Chapple that Ross McMullen act as Chair, in Erskine Flook's absence.

Motion: Elizabeth Sheppard/Fred Chapple that Debbie Sherwin be the Secretary for this meeting. Both motions were Carried.

Rev. Max shared the Prayer for an Annual Meeting from the current Gathering worship resource.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: Neil Darby/Deloris Bailey that the Agenda be approved as circulated. Carried.

3. Motion: Don Ballantyne/Nancy Ballantyne that **adherents be allowed to vote** on all matters. Carried.

4. Approval of Charge AGM Minutes – March 11, 2018 (Annual Report, pages 7 –9)

Motion: Eric Casper/Jude Fisher that the Charge AGM Minutes of March 11, 2018 be approved as printed. Carried.

5. Correspondence - none

6. Discussion of Charge Year-End Financial Statement: (Annual Report, pages 10 -12)

Rev. Max highlighted the fundraising efforts and acknowledged the Interest Group revenue for the past year. There were no questions from the floor. **Motion:** Brian Austen/Don Ballantyne that the Year-End Financial Statement be accepted. Carried.

7. Approval of Pastoral Charge Budget: (Annual Report, pages 10 – 11)

Motion: Barbara Braker/Neil Darby that the Pastoral Charge Budget be approved. Carried.

8. Approval of Charge Reports: (Annual Report, pages 15 –19, 21 – 23)

Motion: Lois Deacon/Jude Fisher that the Charge Reports be approved. Carried.

9. Approval of Mission & Service Fund Objective: (Reference, page 19)

Given the increased funding allocations from the National Church, it was proposed that the HHPC's 2019 M & S Objective be \$ 18,100.00. This total will include: HHUC Congregation \$ 14,000.00; Maple Lake \$ 2100.00; and the HHUC UCW \$ 2000.00. **Motion:** Pat Thornett/Joan Grant that the HHPC 2019 M & S objective be \$ 18,100.00 Carried.

10. Election of HHPC & HHUC Officers: (Annual Report, page 20)

It was noted that the recent death of Dave Wilson leaves vacancies on both the Property and Stewardship Committees; no nominations came from the floor. **Motion:** Don Ballantyne/Barbara Braker accepted the 2019 Slate of Officers with the above two corrections. Carried. It was also suggested that the Unified Board be given the authority to appoint a Member-at-Large. **Motion:** Don Ballantyne/Fred Chapple. Carried. **Motion:** Lois Deacon/Don Ballantyne nominated Eric and Jaklin Casper to join Shawn Chevalier on the Visioning Committee, with thanks to Donna Darby, who is already busy serving on the Stewardship and Worship Committees. Carried

11. Appointment of HHUC and Charge Signing Officers:

There are five eligible signing officers: Erskine Flook (Past Chair); Lois Deacon (Chair); Janet Heffer (Chair Elect); Jude Fisher (Treasurer); and Bruce McClennan (Trustee). Two signatures are required on cheques: one being the Treasurer, or a designated alternative, and any one of the other four. **Motion:** Neil Darby/Joan Chapple. Carried

12. Approval of Minden United Church AGM Minutes of February 18, 2018 (AR, page 100)

Motion: Pat Thornett/Donna Darby. Carried

13. Approval of Zion United Church AGM Minutes of February 25, 2018 (AR, page 102)

Motion: Joan Chapple/Barbara Braker. Carried

14. Approval of HHUC Special Congregational Meeting of June 24, 2018 (AR, page 104)

Motion: Jude Fisher/Joan Grant. Carried

15. Approval of HHUC Special Congregational Meeting of September 16, 2018 (AR, page 105)

Motion: Neil Darby/Donna Darby. Carried

16. Discussion of HHUC Year-End (2018) Financial Statement (AR, pages 108 – 111)

Jude Fisher noted that the 2019 M & S objective on page 108, line 26 is \$ 14,000.00, not \$ 18,000.00 as printed. The same correction was noted for page 109, line 52. An explanation was provided for the decrease in our M & S Objective: Monies given to M & S all go to Mission now. Presbytery dues have increased, and with the changes at the National Church, our assessments have also increased. We are paying elsewhere in the Budget to the Service side of M & S. **Motion:** Brian Austen/Tom Parish that the 2018 Year-End Financial Statement be approved. Carried

17. Approval of HHUC 2019 Budget: (AR, pages 108 110)

Jude Fisher drew our attention to the 2019 Budget listed in the third column. The M & S amounts were corrected on page 108, line 26 and page 109, line 52 to read \$ 14,000.00. There is no change in the bottom line, as the M & S amount goes in and comes out. Rev. Max noted that the Income listed on page 108, line 25 (\$ 11,443.00) is not actually income, but is a transfer from reserves to balance the budget. The amounts listed on lines 91 -94 (page 110) have been counted as interest, earned over several years, and should no longer exist in this incoming year. The amounts have been divided between the Building Fund and the General Fund. A portion of the deficit has been listed in operating expenses (-\$ 1,327.00) because we are using reserves. It was noted that under the Building Fund, building projects have yet to be clarified. Trustees are currently focused on getting the Zion building ready for sale, and they anticipate recouping the costs. **Motion:** Brian Austen/Don Ballantyne. Carried

18. Approval of HHUC (Minden & Zion) reports: (AR, pages 112 – 114, 117 – 132)

Motion: Joan Chapple/Jude Fisher. Carried

19. Discussion of Trustees' Report: (AR, pages 115 – 116)

Motion: Joan Chapple/Jude Fisher that the Trustees' Report be accepted. Carried

20. Integration Committee Update: (AR, pages 3 – 6)

Lois Deacon thanked the Integration Committee members for a job well done. The committee has been disbanded as its mandate has been fulfilled. **Motion:** Brian Austen/Nancy Ballantyne to accept the Integration Committee report. Carried

21. Visioning Update: (AR, pages 121 – 124)

Donna Darby gave a brief summary of the themes and potential opportunities that arose out of the last congregational visioning session. Don Ballantyne stated that with “enthusiastic people involved, this summary provides a gentle but wonderful picture of what we can be as a church.” **Motion:** Michael Barnes/Joan Grant to accept this Visioning report. Carried

22. Chair's Remarks: Ross McMullen thanked everyone for their patience, as he had been given very short notice to chair the meeting. He made reference to the success of the transition of the past year and the management of great change. He applauded those who had led the way and thanked the congregation for following the way.

23. Appreciations: Rev. Max expressed his thanks to Volunteer Associate Minister, Rev. Peter Walford-Davis, for covering for him while on vacation and study leave.

Incoming Chair of the Unified Board, Lois Deacon, thanked Rev. Max, Diane Welborn, Jude Fisher, Musicians (Melissa Stephens, Catherine Kellett, Eric Casper, Meg Leonard), Volunteers, and Committee Members for their concerted effort to work together, as we managed the changes in progress. Special mention was made to Erskine Flook for remaining as the Chair of the Unified Board during this transition year. Maple Lake was also thanked for its presence at this Annual General Meeting, and for its willingness to make adjustments to accommodate the new HHUC. Lois made reference to Erskine Flook's message on page 2 of the Annual Report: “We have crossed the Red Sea, and it has closed behind us.” She encouraged all of us to continue to move onward and upward, and to embrace change. We were reminded to be kind to one another, considering that the Zion congregation has had “its world turned upside down”. She also challenged the Minden people who ask why the pews are being replaced with chairs, reminding them that the congregation decided in visioning sessions that it desired a multi-functional space to better serve our communities.

Rev. Max closed the meeting with prayer. Ross McMullen adjourned the meeting.

Ross McMullen, Chair

Debbie Sherwin, Recording Secretary

Attachments – Agenda, Attendance List, HHPC 2019 M & S Fund Objectives