

**Windsor Park United Church**  
**Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes**

**February 28, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Dorothy Allen, Howard Ashdown, Margaret Baldwin, Margo Baldwin, Wayne Baldwin, Bill Belsham, Jan Carmichael, Edna Chechvala, Sarah Closen, Eleanor Danchuk, Trudy Davies, Madeleine Dean, Rosemary Delf, Joyce Deveson, Morris Deveson, Pat Dumont, Edna Erickson, Leo Grandy, Margaret Grandy, Robert Harrison, Alice Hastings, Don Hunnie, Wilma, Hunnie, Lorraine Johnson, June Kaan, Heather Karavas, Lois Keddie, Ruth Klein, Kal Kneeshaw, Virginia Lindberg, Pat Lumsden, Eleanor Lwiwski, Thelma Mallard, Dorothy Martin, Bill McOuat, Angela Moodie, Dale Napper, Betty Ann Noakes, Mel Ramsoomair, Yvonne Ramsoomair, Derek Read, Dorothy Read, Bunny Reid, Laurie Ringaert, Diena Rodd, Major Rodd, Gloria Saindon, Darlene Scott, Chris Smith, Llyod Smith, Laura Steidl, Dana Stockwell, Patricia Todd, Sue Turley, Doug Waldron, Gloria Waldron, Anne Whyte, Gordon Whyte, Mavis Willson, Sharon Wilson, Patrick Woodbeck, Jo-Anne Znidarsic

**Call to Order:**

Howard Ashdown called the meeting to order at 11:42 a.m.

**Opening Prayer:**

Sharon Wilson opened with prayer.

**Motion to Confer Voting Privileges**

**MOTION:** That voting privileges be conferred to corresponding members.

Moved by: Doug Waldron

Seconded by: Pat Todd

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Approval of the Minutes of the 2014 Annual Congregational Meeting**

Under Advertising Suggestions on Page 9, should read "A computerized sign on the corner of the property – cost four years ago approximately \$25,000.

**MOTION:** That the minutes of the 2015 Annual Congregational Meeting be approved as amended.

Moved by: Pat Todd

Seconded by: Laurie Ringaert

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

There was no business arising from the minutes

**Approval of 2015 Annual Report**

Under we welcomed the following by baptism on Page 12 – The baptism of Willow Kelly Krajewski (Dec 22/14) daughter of Lyndsey did not occur.

**MOTION:** That the 2015 Annual Report be approved as amended.  
Moved by: Laurie Ringaert  
Seconded by: Eleanor Lwiwski

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Approval of the 2016 Budget**

Doug Waldron presented the 2016 Budget. The line items of insurance and photocopier were moved from Property to Finance. The building insurance was reassessed from \$1.6 million to \$1.8 million.

Workers Compensation is paid for the office and custodial staff. CPP, EI, and Group Insurance are paid for all employees. Pension is paid for all clergy and the administrative assistant.

A discussion ensued about the budget. The question of how to we deal with people who do not carry cash. It was noted the there were less givings on Christmas Eve. People are not carrying cash.

More people are using PAR (110), It was noted that 50% of givers are making up only 13% of the budget. We are losing our long time givers. Approximately 30 givers have been lost this year.

Legacy gifts are not a part of our culture.

Reasons for the deficit include insurance and presbytery assessment. Presbytery back dates by three years and the losses we receive do not take effect until three years down the road. Savings from the new boiler will not be realized until July.

**MOTION:** That the 2016 Budget be approved as circulated.  
Moved by: Doug Waldron  
Seconded by: Eleanor Lwiwski

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **New Business**

### **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee report was presented. Wilma Hunnie noted that the Audit Committee required one more member. In addition to what was circulated, Heather Karavas, Pat Dumont, Claude Grenier, and Gordon Sargent agreed to serve on Congregational Involvement and Communication Council. Sarah Closen and Edna Erickson agreed to serve on Worship Council.

**MOTION:** That the 2015 Nominating Committee report be approved as amended.

Moved by: Edna Erickson  
Seconded by: Angela Moodie

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Passing of the Gavel**

Howard Ashdown noted that the United Church of Canada needs to make changes in doing business and that the only constant that we have is change.

Laurie Ringaert thanked Howard Ashdown for his service as Chair of the Board and Gloria Waldron for her service as Past Chair of the Board.

Patrick Woodbeck and Laura Steidl recognized that this was Sharon Wilson's last Annual Congregational meeting and recognized her wonderful pastoral presence for the past 19 years.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Annual Congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 26, 2017.

### **Closing Prayer**

Sharon Wilson led the meeting in closing prayer.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Sue Turley  
Secretary, Official Board

Laurie Ringaert  
Chair, Official Board