



Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 30, 2022

1:00 pm

1.0 Invocation – Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

Pastor Joshua opened the meeting with prayer.

Acknowledgement of the traditional territory on which we are meeting – Linda Badke

2.0 Election of Chair and Secretary of the Congregational Meeting

MOTION: That Steve Elson be appointed Chair and Katherine Wonfor be appointed Secretary of the 2022 Annual Meeting. (Part One).

Moved By: John Eberhard

Seconded By: Paul Cooper

MOTION CARRIED.

2.1 Declaration of Voting Rights of Those Present

MOTION: To extend the right to vote to adherents and youth at the 2022 Annual Congregational Meeting, according to the provisions of the United Church of Canada Manual and the Statement of Policies and Procedures of First-St. Andrew's United Church.

Moved By: George Jolink

Seconded By: Linda Badke

MOTION CARRIED.

3.0 Welcome: Remarks from the Chair

Steve Elson, Chair of Council, addressed the meeting. Steve referred the congregation to the Council report in the Annual Report. Gratitude was expressed to all who have continued the work of FSA during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Steve thanked his wife, Carol Riddell-Elson, for her patience and support while he served as Chair of Council.

4.0 Approval of Agenda

MOTION: To approve the agenda of the 2022 Annual Congregational Meeting.

Moved By: Barb Dalrymple

Seconded By: Bruce Moor

MOTION CARRIED.



5.0 Approval of Minutes of the 2021 Congregational Meetings

MOTION: That the minutes of the 2021 Annual Congregational Meetings (Parts One and Two) be approved.

Moved By: Pat Pettit
MOTION CARRIED.

Seconded By: Mike Bancroft

6.0 Minister's Remarks – The Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

Pastor Joshua referred the congregation to the staff reports in the Annual Report. The staff is eager and excited for 2022 and what the year holds for FSA.

7.0 Committee Reports requiring a decision by the Congregation

7.1 Finance – presentation of 2022 Budget – Kerry Hill

Kerry Hill presented the 2021 Financial Statements to the congregation. The Statements can be found on the FSA website as part of the Annual Report.

- The Statements show a 2021 deficit of \$65,936 before trust fund support.
- Government COVID-19 support grants provided 10% of the revenue in 2021.
- Ministry and Personnel was below budget due to staff vacancies.

MOTION: That the First-St. Andrew's United Church Financial Statements at December 31, 2021 prepared internally by the Finance Committee be accepted as circulated.

Moved By: Pat Pettit
MOTION CARRIED.

Seconded By: Mike Bancroft

Laura Wood presented the 2022 budget to the congregation.

There are many uncertainties in budgeting for 2022 as the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

- A deficit of \$198,000 is forecast before trust fund support.
- FSA's annual United Church of Canada assessment has increased by \$10,000 in 2022. The assessment is based on annual revenue.
- Funds have been reserved to pay a \$40,000 loan from the government COVID-19 support program.

MOTION: That the 2022 budget as approved by Council be adopted by the congregation.

Moved By: Kerry Hill
DISCUSSION:

Seconded By: Paul Cooper

- Council is urged to look at sources for sustained revenue generation.
- The Finance Committee has taken inflation into consideration when drafting the budget.

MOTION CARRIED.



MOTION: That the congregation approves the appointment of RLM Professional Corporation as the Firm of Record for the Review Engagement Report of First-St. Andrew's United Church for 2022.

Moved By: George Jolink
MOTION CARRIED.

Seconded By: Merran Neville

Kerry Hill thanked the Finance Committee and the staff for their support over the past year.

On behalf of the congregation, Steve Elson thanked Kerry Hill and Laura Wood.

7.2 Board of Trustees – Paul Cooper, Jackie Williams

MOTION #1

That the Congregation of First-St. Andrew's United Church, Antler River Watershed Region, the United Church of Canada:

- 1) hereby directs that for the year 2022, it will carry only the insurances in Ecclesiastical Insurance Co. Policy #0102687F and acknowledges that the limits in such insurance policy or policies may be less than the full replacement cost of the buildings insured under the attached policy or policies;
- 2) Releases the Trustees of First-St. Andrew's United Church from:
 - a) any obligation to maintain insurance coverage with higher limits than that provided in the aforementioned policy or policies,
 - b) actions taken on behalf of the congregation in respect of property held by the Board in the name of the congregation, and agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Trustees of First-St. Andrew's from all claims with respect to such decisions taken during the year 2022.

Particulars of the Insurance Coverage maintained by the Church Office Manager may be found and reviewed in the Church Office.

Moved By: Paul Cooper
MOTION CARRIED.

Seconded By: Allyson Watson

MOTION #2

The congregation accepts the resignation of the following Trustees: Douglas Jones and Kay Hillier.

The congregation accepts the names of two proposed new Trustees: David Wake and Katherine Wonfor.

Moved By: Paul Cooper
MOTION CARRIED.

Seconded By: Barb Dalrymple

Doug Jones and Kay Hillier were thanked for their contributions to the Board of Trustees.

MOTION #3

The congregation approves the appointment of Rebecca Briley, Chartered Accountant of RLM Professional Corporation as the Firm of Record for the Review Engagement Report of First-St. Andrew's United Church for 2022.

Moved By: Paul Cooper
MOTION CARRIED.

Seconded By: Merran Neville



8.0 Nominating Report - Steve Elson

Steve Elson highlighted changes to committee membership in 2022. Thanks were extended to all who serve on boards and committees.

MOTION: That the proposed 2022 membership for the Leadership Council, Board of Trustees, Officers and Committee members be accepted as presented.

Moved By: Allyson Watson

Seconded By: Carol Riddell-Elson

MOTION CARRIED.

9.0 Adoption of Committee Reports as published in the 2021 Annual Report

Jim Silcox was thanked for producing the Annual Report.

MOTION: That the Committee Reports as published in the 2021 Annual Report be adopted.

Moved By: Paul Cooper

Seconded By: Jackie Williams

MOTION CARRIED.

10.0 Recognition of Volunteers

Bruce Moor was recognized for chairing the Ministry and Personnel Committee with sensitivity and diplomacy.

Appreciation was expressed to Steve Elson for serving as Chair of Council for the past two years.

11.0 Other Business

First-St. Andrew's, Metropolitan and Siloam United Churches have entered into a Shared Ministry Agreement where the three congregations will share a full-time position for the purpose of ministering to youth and young adults. The joint search committee has selected a candidate and a meeting to approve the new pastoral relationship will be held on Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 1 pm.

12.0 Benediction

MOTION: That the 2022 Annual Congregational Meeting (Part One) be adjourned.

Moved By: Paul Cooper

MOTION CARRIED.

The January 30, 2022 Annual Congregational Meeting was adjourned at 2:32 pm.