

JAMES BAY UNITED CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

The meeting was incorporated into our Sunday morning worship service.

Present: 64 members, adherents and guests.

Chair: Karen Pollett, except Nola Adams where noted.

Minister: Rev. Karen Dickey

Recorder: Kathie Putt

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Welcome, announcements and establishing procedures for the meeting:

MOTIONS voted on by members only:

1. M/S Judy Krzesowski, Aleksa Harkness that adherents be granted voting privileges for accepting the agenda, adopting the Minutes and accepting the annual reports. Carried.
2. M/S Cheryl Caldwell, Sue Ross that Karen Pollett be elected to chair this AGM. Carried.
3. M/S Linda Clegg, Joan Ryan that Kathie Putt be elected Recorder for this AGM. Carried.

MOTION voted on by adherents as well as members:

4. M/S Karla Willems, Joan Ryan that the agenda be accepted. Carried.

[Nola Adams was in the chair for motions 1, 2; Karen Pollett in the chair for motions 3, 4.]

Rev. Karen Dickey lead us through our covenant together.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS: Looking back over 2017

“Always be prepared to give an account of the hope that is in you.” 2 Peter 3:15.
Heartfelt reflections on the significance of JBUC in their lives in past year were offered by Sylvia Scott, Louise n’ha Ruby, Marg Lunam, and Elizabeth Smythe in England who’s experience of JBUC is by way of our website (read on her behalf by Karen).

MOTIONS voted on by members and adherents:

1. M/S Joan Ryan, Clare Cameron that the minutes of the January 8 congregational meeting be adopted. Carried.
2. M/S Nola Adams, Cheryl Caldwell that the minutes of the February 26, 2017 AGM be adopted. Carried.
3. M/S Gary Brandstadt, Marg Lunam that the minutes of the March 19, 2017

congregational meeting be adopted. Carried.

4. M/S Kim Tadei, Jeremy Williams that the minutes of the July 23, 2017 congregational meeting be adopted.

Questions were invited about the Annual Reports, after which this motion was passed:

5. M/S Doug Lunam, Karla Willems that the 2017 Annual Reports be adopted. Carried.

RESPONDING WITH OUT WHOLE HEARTS: Looking forward to 2018

Communication and Neighbourhood Engagement, our key priority for 2018:

Gordon Miller spoke about the Communication and Neighbourhood Engagement Initiative. He noted the importance of looking outward to listen to our neighbours in the community. We have found a welcome, engagement and an interest in who we are. Our windows for Window Wanderland received many written responses to our question, "What is love?". Gordon's work is also well described in the printed Annual Report.

An invitation to comment on what has been appreciated about this Initiative, and where it might take us was met with many expressions of appreciation for the ways JBUC has moved into and engaged the community during the past months.

Our budget for 2018

Cheryl Caldwell presented the proposed budget for 2018, noting particularly, Regarding income:

We are projecting a small surplus, as we did last year.

Our main sources of income are offerings, the Thrift Shop, rentals and interest from funds in the Victoria Foundation. We are fortunate not to be dependent on one source.

Thanks go to Bev Tracey for overhauling the rental agreements making our income from rentals better and more stable.

The Community engagement Initiative is funded from separate funds – bequests, grants and, in future, events.

Regarding expenditures:

The Community Engagement Initiative is our main priority.

The Thrift Shop is also a priority and renovations are largely complete.

The landscaping is almost done and is being assisted by a grant from the City.

We have increased the hospitality budget for more events with the congregation and with our neighbours. For some of these we will ask for donations.

Expenses to cover the Minister's sabbatical from June to August will run to about \$7000.

We will be having discussions with the congregation about possibilities for worship in that time.

Cheryl expressed special appreciation to Office Administrator, Vanya Smith, for all her hard work on the finances, her good humour and her patience.

MOTION M/S Duncan McLean, Ralph Huston, that we adopt the 2018 budget as proposed. Carried.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Giving thanks: Cheryl Macpherson gave special thanks to those stepping off the Board: Jeremy Williams and Marg Lunam. Further acknowledgement was made of the contributions of so many others, both obvious and hidden.

Elections for 2018

MOTIONS voted on by members, Nola Adams in the Chair for #1:

1. M/S Cheryl Caldwell, Marg Lunam that Karen Pollett be elected as Chair of the Ministry and Personnel Committee. Carried.
2. M/S Nola Adams, Bev McLean that Martin Stewart be elected as a member of the Ministry and Personnel committee. Carried.
3. M/S Doug Lunam, Duncan McLean that Louise n'ha Ruby be elected to the Board as a Member at Large.

As there was no nomination to bring forward for the position of Board Chair, the Board recommended rotating the role among Board members. It was requested that any suggestions for Board Chair be brought to any Board member as soon as possible, so a fulsome conversation can be had with the people suggested.

The Board members for 2018 were introduced:

Cheryl Caldwell, Duncan McLean, Doug Lunam, Karen Pollett, Louise n'ha Ruby, Cheryl Macpherson, Kathie Putt, and Karen Dickey (ex officio), along with corresponding members: Gordon Miller (Communication and Neighbourhood Engagement), Marg Lunam, (Thrift Shop), Bev Tracey (Property) and Sylvia Scott (Tuesday Morning Drop in).

GOING OUT TO SERVE

The meeting was declared closed at 11:54, followed by commissioning and blessing and passing the peace.