

Mill Woods United Church
Annual Financial Meeting

Date: November 19, 2017

Location: Mill Woods United Church Lower Hall

Chair: Rob McPhee

Recording Steward: Elfrieda Penner

Welcome: At 12:20 p.m. Rob McPhee welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming. Rob took a few minutes to recount his family's journey with MWUC, which spans the whole 41-year history of our church.

Opening prayer: Rev. Ian Kellogg.

Preliminary motions:

Motion C17/18-01: Moved by Mary-Anne Janewski, seconded by Carol Hickmann that the agenda be accepted as presented. **Carried**

Motion C17/18-02: Moved by Karl Kropf, seconded by David Borynec that voting privileges be extended to friends and adherents of Mill Woods United Church.

Carried

2017 Financial Update:

Randy Round presented the finances of 2017.

Randy estimated that we will finish the year with a deficit of about \$23,300.

Motion C17/18-03: Moved by Randy Round, seconded by Darlene Hayward that the 2017 Financial Update be accepted for information. **Carried**

Facing the Future Committee report:

- Laine presented three future scenarios:
 1. Stay the Course: make no changes
 2. Comfort Zone: adjust our expenses to fit our finances
 3. Legacy: plan for closure

Message from the Council Chairs: Lindy Mair, Kathy Poechman and Carla Janzen shared ideas in support of the Comfort Zone option.

Motion C17/18-04: Moved by Dave Elliot, seconded by Celia Conway that MWUC pursue Future Scenario #2 Comfort Zone.

After a full and productive discussion on these presented scenarios, the vote was **Carried**.

The questions and comments raised at this meeting were noted and will be discussed by Council (see below).

2018 Budget: Randy Round presented a 2018 budget based on the Comfort Zone scenario, which included a significant 20% reduction in MWUC salaries and benefits.

Motion C17/18-05: Moved by Randy Round, seconded by Kathy Poechman that the proposed 2018 Budget be accepted as presented. **Carried**

Next steps: A new staffing plan is needed to meet the restrictions of our 2018 Budget, which the Ministry & Personnel Committee will be asked by Council to prepare. This will be presented at the 2018 Annual General Meeting. The impact of these changes will need to be monitored.

Nominating Committee report:

Lindy Mair, Kathy Poechman, Carla Janzen and Ian Kellogg reported on the positions that have been recently filled and on the positions that still need to be filled by the 2018 Annual General Meeting of the congregation.

Thank you to the people who have taken on the following positions:

- Darlene Hayward and Nancy Siever – Stewardship leaders
- Bill McGregor – Member-at-Large
- Kathy Poechman and Lindy Mair – Past Co-Chairs
- Carla Janzen and Rob McPhee – Co-chairs for 2018/19

Needed:

- A person to make grant applications
- One more PowerPoint person
- A leader for Fundraising, possibly to plan a Halloween Craft Market in October

The Co-Chairs proposed Sunday, March 11 as the probable date for the 2018 Annual General Meeting.

Motion C17/18-06: Moved by John Mair, seconded by Robin Lane that the Nominating Committee Report be accepted as presented. **Carried**

Thanks were extended to:

- Randy Round for his work in preparing for this meeting and his many years of work as our Finance person.
- Laine Pickle for taking on the leadership of Facing the Future and spending many hours making sure that its important work continues;
- Also thanks to Andrew Langstone, Randy Round, Ian Kellogg, Carla Janzen, Nancy Siever, and Brian Sampson for their work on Facing the Future.
- MWUC staff for the fine work they are doing: Rev.Ian Kellogg, Janice Martin (Church Administrator), Laura Webster (Custodian), Bryan LeGrow (Music Leader).
- Church Council for their hard work.
- Heavenly Hospitality for providing the lunch before this meeting.

Adjournment:

Motion C17/18-07: Moved by Tim Janewski that the Annual Financial Meeting be adjourned.

The meeting ended at 1:35 p.m.

Rob McPhee (Chair)

Elfrieda Penner (Recording Steward)

Attendance list:

Lindy Mair	Darlene Hayward	Laura Webster
John Mair	Barbara Kitagawa	Roger Webster
Rev. Ian Kellogg	Mary-Anne Janewski	Meridel Hamaluik
Karl Kropf	Nancy Siever	Cathy Bayly
Rhonda Kropf	Andrew Langstone	Robin Lane
Carla Janzen	Linsay Langstone	Tin Janewski
Jan Hodge	Ethel Ray	Melissa Pickle
Gordon Hodge	Maurice Oldham	Lyndon Ahlskog
Wendy Edey	Enid Oldham	Nancy Ehrman
Jennifer McPhee	Audrey Round	Celia Conway
Rob McPhee	Randy Round	Brian Sampson
Audry Ruff	Lynda Colgan	Francisco Rico
Janice Martin	Dave Elliot	Don Grabinsky
Laura Goss	David Borynec	Dennis Gahr
Carol Hickmann	Len Penner	Ann Gahr
Linda Baker	Elfrieda Penner	Diane Nash
Kathy Poechman	Laine Pickle	

Comfort Zone discussion ideas:

- Share summer services with another church
- Food Bank: Might they support us with say \$500 / week if that helped to keep our depot open?
- Cell phone tower: could we be getting more for the tower, especially if we were in danger of closing?
- Ian is fine with 80% working time; he has been involved in these discussions of FTF from the beginning, so this is not a surprise for him.
- Raising the rental fees for our tenants, especially to help cover our increased costs in power, heat, etc.
- Could the church be kept cooler to save on heating costs?
- How many members does our church have?
 - o A small amount of increased giving by each family would make a big difference
- Youth and children are necessary to grow
- Could we ask the Zimbabwean Congregation to help contribute more towards the upkeep of the church? Randy said they are already paying some and have increased this since they started here.