



## St. Andrew's Williams Lake Congregational Minutes

Cong 2017-1

Sunday, Mar 12, 2017

MacKinnon Hall

**Present:** A sign-in sheet was circulated. See attached.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:57 AM by Terry Ashley A quorum was present.

**Opening prayer** was led by Rev. Linda McLaren.

**Additions to the Agenda:** under Other Business, a report from Ross McCoubrey about the legacy fund.

### **Voting Procedure:**

**M/S Tom Scott/Linda Hicks:** That those adherents present who regularly contribute to the support of the church receive voting privileges on temporal matters. **Passed.**

### **Minutes of June 12, 2016:**

**M/S Andy Sullivan/Janet Whalley:** That the minutes be approved as circulated. **Passed.**

**Amendments to the Annual Report:** There was nothing in the Outreach report about **Days for Girls.**

**Committee Reports:** Ken Awmack informed the assembly, further to the Website report, that the congregation's website has been changed. It is now <http://www.wlunitedchurch.ca>.

**M/S Janet Whalley/Lynn Blatchford:** that the committee reports be accepted as distributed. **Passed.**

**St. Andrew's: A Life in Pictures:** Rev. Linda McLaren introduced the presentation. The photos were ones that had been taken by Maureen Margettes.

**Financial Reports:** Andy Sullivan reviewed the highlights of pages 20 - 23 of the annual report, then continued with the historic budget pages.

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Question by Sherry Stephen: Who decides the M&S goal? Ross McCoubrey answered that we, the congregation, set the amount. He gave some history, with the shrinking numbers of in attendance at worship services.

There was also a question about the increase in the amount for insurance and taxes. Andy Sullivan responded that we hadn't budgeted enough last year, and have raised it to cover possible increases in this year's taxes.

A question about 'Offering Exp. Offset (lines 5010 - 5070)': – They were monies that were donated to M&S or special appeals, which were paid out for the purposes for which they were given. There was also an amount received in 2015 that was not paid out until after the calendar year.

**M/S Heather Awmack/Ross McCoubrey:** to increase the offering budget by \$13,645. There was discussion about whether to show an unexpected income in offerings, or keep the fact that the budget is a deficit visible to the congregation. Last year the wall thermometer showed the planned deficit, and that can be done again, without changing the figure in the budget. **Defeated**

**M/S Barry Sale/Andy Sullivan:** that the financial statements be approved as circulated. **Passed.**

#### **Mission and Service Commitment for 2017 (goal)**

**M/S Brenda Smith/Lynn Blatchford:** that the M7S goal be set at \$11,000. **Passed.**

#### **2017 Budget (estimation of income and expense)**

**M/S Tom Scott/Andy Sullivan:** that the budget be approved as circulated. **Passed.**

#### **Other Business**

**Ross McCoubrey: report on the Legacy Fund proposal.** Ross referred to page 3 of the Annual Report. The Board asked Ross to spearhead an investigation into a legacy fund. A proposal will be presented to the next Board meeting. Ross' presentation to this meeting was for general information, and his report will be filed with the minutes of the Board meeting.

Chair Terry Ashley thanked the leaders and members of committees who are working to keep the activities of the congregation a successful.

**M/S Ken Awmack/Linda Hicks:** that the thermometer chart reflects the deficit. **Passed.**

**Rocco led the assembly in thanks to the Board.**

**Closing Prayer:** Rev. Linda McLaren led us.

**Adjourned at 1:03 p.m.**

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Board Secretary

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Board Chair