

WESTON KING NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
June 23, 2020, 7 pm

Quorum: 20 members joined the meeting, some by Zoom and some at 2017 Weston Road (with appropriate social distancing).

1. Welcome from Barbara Stone, President:

Barbara welcomed everyone to the meeting. She explained the format of the meeting and some helpful suggestions in these unusual circumstances. Barbara shared a territorial acknowledgement. She also shared a statement regarding anti-Black racism. She thanked our representatives, (MP, MPP, Councillor) and thanked them for sending greetings, as well as their recent support during the pandemic. Barbara thanked the staff, and made special note of Ken Theobald's retirement. She thanked volunteers, including frontline volunteers and those engaged in administration. She thanked partners and funders. Finally, she thanked everyone involved in keeping WKNC open over the last three months. Program offerings are changing, and we look forward to thoughts from stakeholders.

2. Appointment of a Secretary:

MOVED by Jean-Marie Boutot and SECONDED by Cathy Leask to appoint Michael Kooiman as secretary for this meeting. CARRIED

3. Approval of the Agenda:

MOVED by Wendy Whiteley and SECONDED by Barbara Bisgrove to approve the agenda for this meeting, with a single addition: a time for questions at the end. CARRIED

4. AGM minutes:

MOVED by Michael Kooiman and SECONDED by Timo Barlow to approve 2019 AGM meeting minutes (with minor changes), dated June 25, 2019 and September 10, 2019. CARRIED

5. Bylaw changes:

Michael Kooiman gave a summary of the bylaw changes. Some reflect changes in technology, while others recognize the changes within The United Church of Canada, primarily the shift from conferences to regional councils.

MOVED by Lang Moffat and SECONDED by Jean-Marie Boutot to approve the revised bylaw changes. CARRIED

6. Audited Financial Reports:

David Burkes reported that we received a “clean opinion” on the financial statements presented. He noted that the statements were well-kept and clear. David shared some highlights, with particular emphasis on the deficit reduction effort. He reviewed the notes in the Independent Auditor’s Report. With an eye to 2020, David suggested that the COVID-19 crisis will not have a negative impact on the finances of the organization. He noted “donations-in-kind” and the importance to WKNC.

Barbara thanked Sheweta, Dionne and Mayur for working on the audit.

MOVED by Mayur Mistry and SECONDED by Kenny Steir to approve the audited reports as presented. CARRIED

7. Appointing the auditor:

MOVED by Bob Putnam and SECONDED by Sylvia Keyes to appoint David Burkes as auditor for 2020-2021. CARRIED

8. Defer election of directors:

MOVED by Jagada Vankepeshwaran and SECONDED by Cathy Leask to defer the election of Board of Directors to a later date. CARRIED

9. Confirm acts of the directors:

MOVED by Bob Putnam and SECONDED by Tristan Eyles that all acts, payments, and proceedings of Directors and Officers of the Corporation since its last Annual General Meeting as set out in the minutes of the meetings of the Directors be approved and confirmed. CARRIED

10. Opportunity for Questions/Comments:

A member asked when volunteers can return. The increase to 10 people (as per the Emergency Order) means we can welcome more volunteers. We remain vigilant about protecting vulnerable volunteers. De' Janna noted that there are other limitations to be observed, but we can work to find an opportunity for someone willing to serve.

It was noted that the greetings from politicians were thoughtful and filled with kind words.

Special thanks were extended to staff and volunteers during this time. Sylvia Keyes was given an extra thanks for cooking in recent weeks.

Barbara shared the news that Timo is taking a one-year sabbatical from the board, and deserves our thanks.

Barbara also thanked Wendy Whiteley and Michael Kooiman for their work preparing the annual meeting.