

**TRANSCONA MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
68<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
MARCH 7, 2021**

1. Call to Order

The 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Congregational Meeting of Transcona Memorial United Church was held by ZOOM video-conference on Sunday, March 7, 2021. Notice of the meeting was given via e-mail to all members for whom we have e-mail addresses, which is 88% of the congregation's membership. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Audrey Lumsden at 10:30 am.

There were 53 members and adherents in attendance: Audrey Lumsden, Doug Copeland, Nancy Drewniak, Stephen McKendry-Smith, Ken Wilkie, Sylvia Jansen, Karen Ilchena, Joyce Nykoluk, Pat Ross, Vicky Low, Michelle Lamoureux, Laura Fraser-Schau, Darrell Fierheller, Margaret Fierheller, Anne Hrudá, Judy Hare, Gail Purcell, Adrian Measner, Lynn Measner, Sandra Scrymgeour, Lyle Scrymgeour, Cathie Morgan-Matula, Linda Boyd, Alan Gershuny, Bonnie Scott, Laurie Chudley, Carol Kirkhope, Bob Kirkhope, Brenda LeBeau, Crystal Schau, Shelley Schau, Carol Favoni, Donna Hadaller, Sheila Reid, Annette Hay, Don Heinrichs, Virginia Heinrichs, Cindy Ostapyk, Tina Van Eerd, Marcel Van Eerd, Mave Dickson, Dan Trochim, Elaine Trochim, Alma Jennings, Edna Walker, Joy Chand, Linda Sidorow, Leona Mayer, Noreen Hochkievich, Harvey Hochkievich, Andrew Fletcher-Cook, Susan Sebastian, Susan Copeland. Also in attendance were Rev. Carol Fletcher and Rev. Jeff Cook.

2. Appointment of Secretary for the Meeting

**MOTION:** Moved by Bonnie Scott/Laura Fraser-Schau, "That Susan Copeland be appointed the secretary for this annual meeting." **CARRIED.**

3. Speaking and Voting Privileges

**MOTION:** Moved by Alan Gershuny/Carol Favoni, "That all members and adherents in attendance shall have speaking and voting privileges at this 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting." **CARRIED.**

4. Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:** Moved by Shelley Schau/Cindy Ostapyk, "That the minutes of the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Congregational Meeting dated Sunday, November 29, 2020 be accepted as printed." **CARRIED.**

5. Celebration of 2020

Audrey Lumsden sent a big thank you to Lynn Measner for preparing the annual report and to Karen Ilchena for posting on the web site. She indicated it was a very difficult year with the church building closed due to the pandemic. But we still managed to carry on the work of the church by doing things differently. She reviewed the reports and highlighted the Food Bank report and the list of donors to the Food Bank. She also noted that the nursery school is coming up to 40 years of operation. She thanked the ministers, staff and congregation for their support during the year.

**MOTION:** Moved by Karen Ilchena/Don Heinrichs, **“That we receive all reports as printed in the Annual Report, pages 1-4, 7-37.”** **CARRIED.**

6. Financial Results for 2020

Cindy Ostapyk thanked everyone for the support during the year. We had a surplus of \$85,000 for the year. On the income side we had the plant sale, dinner theatre donations, bequests, wage subsidies and grants from the governments because of the pandemic and support for the Food Bank. On the expense side the salaries were down as we did not have an office administrator and youth point person for most of the year. The Exchange Group has reviewed the financial statements and the results are as reported in the annual report. She is hoping for the same support this year.

**MOTION:** Moved by Cindy Ostapyk/Don Heinrichs, **“That the Financial Statements for 2020 be approved as printed in the Annual Report.”** **CARRIED.**

Cindy Ostapyk thanked Don Heinrichs and Adrian Measner for the extra work involved in obtaining the government grants and wage subsidies, and for preparing the monthly reports.

7. Appointment of Auditor

**MOTION:** Moved by Cindy Ostapyk/Donna Hadaller, **“That the Exchange Group be retained as auditors for the 2021 fiscal year.”** **CARRIED.**

8. Looking to the Future

COVID-19 Pandemic Update: Carol Fletcher provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic and the implications for the coming year. She noted that a re-opening plan has been prepared by Sylvia Jansen and Karen Ilchena but will depend on the

public health orders. In our sanctuary, with a 2-meter spacing requirement, our capacity is very low. We can accommodate only 20 individuals with a slight increase in the number with family groups that can sit together. In response to a question about cleaning supplies that may be needed, she noted that we do not know at this time if the requirements will be for air exchangers or sanitizing of surfaces. It was agreed that we would not be in a hurry to open. She also noted that some of our members with mobility issues have found the on-line services beneficial and it has connected us with other congregations around the world. Providing the on-line service in the future will need to be studied.

Summer Gathering: Carol Fletcher advised that we will continue doing what we are doing and perhaps have a street party outside the church during the summer. Cathie Morgan-Matula, Michelle Lamoureux, Vicky Low and Brenda LeBeau volunteered to serve on a planning team.

Darrell Fierheller thanked the ministers, Esther and Emmett, the music team and all the people who worked hard over the year on the on-line service. A round of applause was given.

9. Approval of Proposed 2021 Budget

Adrian Measner advised that in preparing the budget the assumption was made that we would still be in the pandemic for the whole year. For the General Fund they projected that the givings would stay the same, the wage subsidy would be less and the bridge grants would stay the same. Fund raising would be low and cleaning would be half of the normal amount. An increase in salary was provided for ministers and staff and hydro and insurance amounts were increased. Food Bank amount would be less. The deficit would be \$14,522. For the Building Fund they have provided an expenditure of \$8,200 for the interest on the loan. The Ministry Fund includes a small amount of givings and an expenditure of \$7,000 for audio-visual equipment for the lower levels. If we were to come out of the pandemic our cleaning expense would double and we would need an office administrator. This would result in a \$3,000 per month increase in expenses. He also noted that we have a couple of big projects that will be required in the near future: the replacement of the roof on the sanctuary and replacement of aging furnaces. The Building and Property Team are also looking at putting more insulation in the sanctuary roof.

**MOTION:** Moved by Adrian Measner/Bob Kirkhope, “**That the Proposed Budget for 2021 be approved.**” **CARRIED.**

Adrian Measner, Cindy Ostapyk and all the other individuals involved in the financial work were thanked for all their hard work.

10) Nominations

Audrey Lumsden provided a Nominations Report. The Chair and Vice-Chair positions remain vacant. The following nominations have been made: Youth – Darren Fife; Outreach – Vicky Low and Amy Wood; Worship – Kathy Rempel and Susan Bywater; Learning – Barb Heinrichs and Chris Richard.

**MOTION:** Moved by Susan Sebastian/Shelley Schau, “**That the nominations as presented be accepted.**” **CARRIED.**

10. Motion to Adjourn: by Karen Ilchena/Anne Hruda, at 11:10 am.

11. Closing Benediction: Rev. Jeff Cook

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Chairperson (Audrey Lumsden)

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Secretary (Susan Copeland)