

Attendance: Quorum of 1/3 of members is 13

Actual attendance: 20 members present and 5 proxies, 3 given to Doreen Peever and one each to Desmond Sequeira and Roy Blake.

Welcome: Anita Miecznikowski

Opening Words: Anita Miecznikowski

Chalice Lighting: Penny Blake

Joys and Concerns

Offering: Anita Miecznikowski

1. Call to Order Anita Miecznikowski

2. Adoption of the Agenda m/s/c Doreen Peever / Roy Blake

3. Approval of the 2018 Minutes m/s/c Doreen Peever / Karen Stovell

Matters arising from the minutes: Anita Miecznikowski noted that two task forces were approved in last year's minutes. There were no volunteers for the electronic sign task force. Karen Stovell and Penny Blake volunteered for the task force about a minister but nothing was done due to lack of funds for a minister. Anita also expressed thanks for the work of the board and committee chairs. Both Anita and Hilde Wheeler expressed satisfaction that we are able to donate the use of the building to various worthy causes.

5. Committee Reports: Doreen Peever reported that as of today, UCN membership is 39 members, down one from the 40 mentioned in the membership report. Karen Stovell added her appreciation for our ability to donate space to social-action groups, as described in the rental report. M/s/c Roy Blake / Karen Stovell to accept the reports.

6. Nominating Committee Report: Karen Stovell. There is a vacancy in denominational affairs. LesLee Turmel volunteered to fill this position. M/s/c David Jordan / Doreen Peever to accept the report and also accept LesLee Turmel as denominational affairs chair.

Questions were asked about term lengths and term limits for board members. These can be found in section 4 of the Bylaws: the relevant material is reproduced below.

4.16: The term of office of a member of the Board of Directors shall be for two years or until a successor is elected or appointed.

4.21: The President must have served on the Board of Directors for at least one year of the five years immediately preceding election to the Presidency, or have served as Chair of a committee and attended over 50% of Board meetings for a year prior to election to the Presidency.

4.22: The President may not hold that office for more than four consecutive years.

4.23: No person who has served on the Board of Directors for four consecutive years may

be elected to any position on the Board, except those of President and Treasurer, until that person has been off the Board for at least one year.

7. Approval of Nominees m/s/c Karen Stovelol/David Low to approve the nominating committee report and to appoint LesLee Turmel as denominational affairs chair.

8. Election of Trustees: m/s/c Karen Stovell / Hilde Wheeler to reappoint the current trustees.

9. Trustees' Report: m/s/c / Karen Stovell / Adolf Miecznikowski to accept the report.

10/11. Treasurer's Report for 2018 and 2019 budget. M/s/c Erdwin Hueniken / Hilde Wheeler to accept the report and budget.

Notes in response to questions:

- Expenses in 2018 included a new computer, and blinds for the sanctuary.
- The advantage savings account 0 mentioned on p. 18 is an extinct building account.
- Toonie suppers for Brock students have been discontinued but this will not change the budget as there were no UCN expenses involved with these – food was brought and donated by UCN volunteers. The item for Brock Ecumenical Payment under dues refers to money given for expenses of the ecumenical chaplaincy committee at Brock.
- The lower bookkeeping costs shown for 2018 are likely just due to the date at which an invoice arrived.

12. New Business

Matt Virro would like to revisit the electronic sign idea. It is hard to see the current sign from the road, especially at night. It is also too static. A programmable sign would show people that we are here, active and alive. Rental people would also like to be involved in getting their messages on the sign.

In answer to a question about costs, Matt mentioned that a large one near him cost about \$18000. A smaller one would do for us. Roy mentioned that he did a little research a couple of years ago and found that an electronic sign on the front of the building would cost about \$10000. So the cost would likely be somewhere between those two numbers. David Low looked on the web and found a sign in the United States for \$1800 with free shipping, but this would not include installation, permits, etc.

Adolf Miecznikowski mentioned that vandalism could be a problem. Doreen Peever noted that our insurance deductible is very high. Anita Miecznikowski suggested that this could be looked into as part of the sign investigation. Penny Blake suggested that money could be diverted from the advertising budget to help with the cost. Susan Velkers suggested that a used sign might be a possible solution. M/s/c Matt Virro / Hilde Wheeler to set up a task force to look into this matter. Members will include Matt Virro, David Low, and Roy Blake to start – others are welcome to join.

13. Closing Words from President: Thanks to everyone for attending.

14. Adjournment of AGM: M/c Peter Skelton to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Announcements

Extinguishing the chalice: Penny Blake

Closing Words: Anita Miecznikowski.