

**KINCARDINE UNITED CHURCH**  
**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019**

The congregation of Kincardine United Church was called to meet in the sanctuary on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, following the morning worship service for the Annual Congregational Meeting and to review the 2018 Annual Report, as well as elect nominated positions. Approximately 59 persons were in attendance.

**1. Call to Order and Constitution of the Meeting** (Rod Coates)

Having been given due notice of this congregational meeting, Rod Coates declared it duly constituted for the stated purpose of conduction of the business set before it and as outlined in the agenda.

**2. Opening Prayer** (Gord Dunbar)

Gord Dunbar led us in prayer.

**3. Behavioural Covenant** (All)

Those present read the Kincardine United Church's Behavioural Covenant together.

**4. Enabling Motions**

**Moved by:** Liz Dillman

**Seconded by:** Donna Mowry

- a) That all adherents have full participation and voting privileges.
- b) That Rod Coates chair the 2019 Annual meeting.
- c) That Angela Hazlewood act as recording secretary for the 2019 Annual Meeting.
- d) That the meeting Agenda be accepted as printed.
- e) That the Congregational Meeting minutes of April 22, 2018 and December 9, 2018 be approved as printed.

**CARRIED**

Wally Jirgens asked the definition of "adherents". Rod Coates replied that they are people who support the life and work of Kincardine United Church.

**5. Business Arising from the Minutes** (Rod Coates)

Rod Coates reviewed the minutes of the two meetings for 2018 and did not see anything which was not already to be covered in this one. Rod Coates asked if anyone had a different viewpoint. The meeting moved on as no one added anything in this section.

**6. In Memoriam** (Gord Dunbar)

Gord Dunbar read all of the names as printed in the 2018 Annual Report and led us in prayer.

**7. 2018 Financial Report** (Donna Mowry)

Donna Mowry reviewed the 2018 Financial Report. Donna Mowry noted that there is a typing error on page 29, the Bank Statement as of December 2017 should be **2018**. In December 2018, the 2019 Budget was approved at the Budget Congregational Meeting. Donna Mowry reported how the 2018 Budget worked out: \$264, 200 and the money actually spent was \$249, 385. She continued stating that the committees had worked hard to bring forth a realistic budget. However, there are items that our beyond our control like the organist supply and the minister supply costs. As well, the hydro for a mild winter was \$19, 832 instead of the budgeted amount of \$30,000. Donna Mowry went on say that the Property Ministry Team spent many hours completing various projects requiring repair or upgrade and if these hours had not been donated, Kincardine United Church's expenses would have been significantly over budget. She thanked all those involved for the tremendous job that was done. Donna Mowry continued saying that our church has a very generation congregation. The General Fund Donations for 2018 were higher every month but one compared to the donations in 2017. There was a surplus at the end of the year, however, the church did borrow \$25,000 in October. More people signed up for Pre-authorized Remittance (PAR) in 2018 so more funds are coming in on a regular basis. There have been good donations made to the Mission and Service Fund (M&S) and various donations have been made to families and organizations as stated in the Membership and Mission Committee Report. The church books have been reviewed by Pat Porter, Bev McLelland, and Leanne Guppy. The books appear to correctly reflect the financial transactions of Kincardine United Church for 2018.

John Gillespie asked what the "other revenue" is. Donna Mowry directed John Gillespie from page 21 to page 25 of the Annual Report to answer his question. The answer is: The Kincardine Food Bank, Our Daily Bread, Cape Croker, and the Canadian Food Grains Bank.

Ron Harris said that on page 19 of the Annual Report the \$8, 101 needs to be in brackets.

**Moved by:** Donna Mowry

**Seconded by:** Jack Nancekevill

That the 2018 Financial Report be accepted with above changes.

**CARRIED**

**8. 2018 Written Annual Reports**

Rod Coates mentioned that Sarah MacKenzie does a wonderful job putting the Annual Report together each year.

**Moved by:** Marion Boyd

**Seconded by:** Shirley Marie Harris

That the balance of the written Annual Report be adopted as printed. **CARRIED**

**9. Nominations (Presentation & Elections)**

Rod Coates had asked Gord Dunbar to step the congregation through the nominations process. Rod Coates went on to say that it is simpler to have someone not being nominated to go through the process rather than a nominee and Gord Dunbar had agreed to do this.

Rod Coates continued giving an explanation regarding terms of nominees. Consistent with the courts of the church and past practice, the terms of office for committee members and appointments were always stated to the end of the calendar year, with the understanding that the term expired with the annual meeting in the year following. So if a person's term expired in 2018, the person would still be in office until the annual meeting which followed that-in this case, April 2019. This made more sense when the annual meeting was held in February, but now it is held in April which is more confusing. Rod Coates has restated the terms as expiring at the annual meeting consistent with a 3-year appointment. He hopes this change makes sense to everyone. Rod Coates is enormously grateful for the work of all of the people.

Gord Dunbar went through the nominees with the congregation as follows:

**a) These Committee members' terms have expired:**

Ralph Knowles, Gregg McLelland, Dotty McClelland, Jack Nancekivell, Gerry Stephens, Liz Dillman, Bernd Portz, David Mullenix, Mary Phillips, Ron Elliott

**b) These Committee members have decided to retire:**

Ron Harris

**c) These yearly appointments have expired:**

Regional Council Reps – Marion Boyd, Rod Coates, Liz Dillman, Emily Perry

Reviewers - Leanne Guppy, Bev McClelland, Pat Porter

Council President – Rod Coates

Council Secretary – Angela Hazlewood

**d) These adherents and members are continuing or have agreed to stand for election to the following Committees:**

**Administration:**

Resource Persons: Liz Dillman, Gord Dunbar, John Phillips

| Members:         | Term Ends at<br>Annual Mtg In | Electoral Status           |
|------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Ralph Knowles    | 2019                          | <u>Seeking re-election</u> |
| Gregg McClelland | 2019                          | <u>Seeking re-election</u> |
| Julia Metzger    | 2022                          | <u>Seeking election</u>    |
| Donna Mowry      | 2021                          | Continuing                 |
| Jack Nancekivell | 2019                          | <u>Seeking re-election</u> |
| Ron Smith        | 2021                          | Continuing                 |
| Gerry Stephens   | 2019                          | <u>Seeking re-election</u> |
| John Phillips    | 2022                          | <u>Seeking re-election</u> |

**Membership and Mission:**

Resource Person: Gord Dunbar

| Members:       | Term Ends at<br>Annual Mtg In | Electoral Status           |
|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Liz Dillman    | 2019                          | <u>Seeking re-election</u> |
| Charles Ludlow | 2020                          | Continuing                 |
| Bernd Portz    | 2019                          | <u>Seeking re-election</u> |
| Ursula Portz   | 2020                          | Continuing                 |
| Krista Ritchie | 2020                          | Continuing                 |
| Melinda Smegal | 2021                          | Continuing                 |
| Vacancy (1)    |                               | <u>Seeking nominations</u> |

**Programme:**

Resource Persons: Gord Dunbar, David Hamilton

| Members:          | Term Ends at<br>Annual Mtg In | Electoral Status        |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sheila Bauer      | 2021                          | Continuing              |
| Charles Clarke    | 2022                          | <u>Seeking election</u> |
| Joan Gillespie    | 2021                          | Continuing              |
| Randy Norris      | 2022                          | Continuing              |
| Teresa Perfrement | 2021                          | Continuing              |
| Emily Perry       | 2022                          | <u>Seeking election</u> |
| Jim Zarubick      | 2020                          | Continuing              |
| Judy Zarubick     | 2022                          | <u>Seeking election</u> |

Charles Clarke, Emily Perry & Judy Zarubick are seeking election as they have been appointed by Council.

**Ministry and Personnel:**

| Members:        | Term Ends at<br>Annual Mtg In | Electoral Status           |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Marilyn Meldrum | 2022                          | Continuing                 |
| Rad Michielson  | 2020                          | Continuing                 |
| David Mullenix  | 2019                          | <u>Seeking re-election</u> |
| Mary Phillips   | 2019                          | <u>Seeking re-election</u> |
| Pam Plagos      | 2022                          | Continuing                 |

**Trustees:**

Gord Dunbar, ex officio

| Members:  | Term Ends at<br>Annual Mtg In | Electoral Status           |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Art Danahy  | 2024                          | <u>Seeking election</u>    |
| Ron Elliott   | 2019                          | <u>Seeking re-election</u> |
| Stu Mowry   | 2023                          | Continuing                 |
| Jack Nancekivell  | 2021                          | Continuing                 |
| Art Danahy is seeking election as he has been appointed by Council. |                               |                            |
| Gregg McClelland  | 2024                          | Continuing                 |
| Vacancy (1)   |                               | <u>Seeking nominations</u> |

Gregg McClelland needs to be added to page 19 of the Annual Report as a Trustee.

**e) Nominations from the Floor**

Nominations may be made for any Committee position from the floor. Nominations will be requested three times.

A nomination came from the floor by Randy Norris nominating Joan Norris as a trustee- Term ends at annual meeting in 2024.

Gord Dunbar made this request three times.

**f) Motion to Close Nominations from the Floor**

**Moved by:** Shirley-Marie Harris

**Seconded by:** Donna Mowry

That the nominations from the floor be closed.

**CARRIED**

**g) Election of nominees presented in the report and from the floor**

**Moved by:** Stu Mowry

**Seconded by:** Elaine Holmes

That the nominations presented in the Annual Report and from the floor be approved.

**CARRIED**

**h) Members putting their names forward for yearly appointments:**

Regional Council Reps: Marion Boyd, Rod Coates, Liz Dillman, Emily Perry. Seeking re-election

Reviewers: Leanne Guppy, Bev McClelland, Pat Porter Seeking re-election

Council President – Rod Coates Seeking re-election

Council Secretary – Angela Hazlewood Seeking re-election

**i) Motion to empower Council to fill any vacancies on Council or Committees that arise between congregational meetings.**

Moved by: Pam Plagos

Seconded by: Joan Gillespie

That Council be empowered to fill any vacancies on Council or Committees that arise between congregational meetings.

**CARRIED**

Rod Coates thanked the volunteers-both elected and behind the scenes-for their participation to support the life and work of this congregation and noted how much he, on behalf of Kincardine United Church, appreciates their hard work.

**10. Other Business**

**a) Report from WOW Regional Council (Rod Coates)**

Rod Coates shared that Remit #4 was approved by GC43 in Oshawa in July 2018. He went on to say that Marion Boyd attended so she is the person to ask for more details.

Rod Coates continued to say that with the implementation of Remit #4, Presbyteries and Conferences ceased to exist as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. As of the first of January, 2019, work done by Presbyteries and Conferences is now done by a regional council.

Kincardine United Church is part of the Western Ontario Waterways (WOW), a

region which includes four former presbyteries and approximately 138 Communities of Faith.

### **Connecting**

Rod Coates went on to explain Western Ontario Waterway's (WOW) values as Connecting, Supporting, and Transforming.

Kincardine United Church is "well connected" since we have 6 people associated with this congregation who will be part of the Regional Council (RC)-4 lay and 2 ministry personnel.

### **Supporting**

Rod Coates continued and asked, "What's changed in our relationship?" Previously, Kincardine United Church (KUC) was required to ask presbytery for permission to do a number of things. Going forward, KUC can make decisions in partnership with the Regional Council (RC). At the last Regional Council Meeting, the chair reminded us that we are talking with, not talking about.

### **Transforming**

Rod Coates finished off saying that WOW and RC across the country are still in transition, since we have yet to hold an annual meeting to elect an executive. The structure is such that a good deal of decision-making authority will be delegated to commissions like pastoral relations and property matters. The commissions, in turn will be supported by resource personnel-both volunteers and staff.

Currently preparations for the first annual meeting are underway for May. Kincardine United Church needs to make sure we have representation for all of our Communities of Faith (C of Fs) as we establish commissions and resource staff (volunteers) to build and do the work of our region.

John Gillespie commented that the congregation and the volunteers are getting older quickly. Since our budget is being subsidized by investments, they could run out sooner than we think and how is Kincardine United Church going to compensate for this to keep the doors open? John Gillespie suggested that Council put this on an agenda to discuss the church's future.

## **11. Recommendation for the Date, Place & Format for 2020 Budget Presentation &**

### **Annual Meeting**

Options: December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (budget). April 5<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> (annual meeting)

**Moved by:** Glen Holmes

**Seconded by:** Esther Marshal

That the 2020 Budget Presentation and Annual Meeting be December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (Budget) and April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (Annual Meeting)

**CARRIED**

## **12. Adjournment and Prayers**

There being no further business to discuss, Rod Coates declared the meeting closed at 12:34 p.m.

Gord Dunbar ended the meeting with a prayer.

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