

Richmond Hill United Church
Annual General Meeting – March 4, 2018
Richmond Hill United Church Lower Gymnasium

1. **Welcome and Devotion** – Rev. James Ravenscroft welcomed everyone and lead a devotion on Exodus 3.

The meeting began at 11:55 pm.

M/S Rev. James Ravenscroft / Joan Jensen that adherents be recognized as eligible voters on all business properly brought before the meeting. **Carried**

2. **OFFICERS OF THE MEETING**

M/S Rev. James Ravenscroft / D.J. McCready that *Brandon Moore* be appointed Chair, Donna DeVita be appointed Secretary and David Leyton-Brown be appointed as Parliamentarian of the meeting. **Carried**

Brandon Moore assumed the chair of the meeting.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

M/S David Leyton-Brown / Carol Moore that the agenda be approved.

Carried

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of February 26, 2017**

M/S Donna DeVita / Dianne McLeod that the minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting of February 26, 2017, be taken as read and approved.

Carried

5. **Approval of the Annual Report for 2017**

M/S Brian Moore / Terry Davies that the Annual Report be accepted as circulated.

Carried

6. **Minister's Report**

Rev. James Ravenscroft described 2017 as a year of looking forward and deep listening. We have a strong sense of values and mission. Our community is the heart of

the village. We have lost members through death but we also have many new members coming to us. "The Spirit of God is with us."

7. **Discernment Circles Update**

Jane Wedlock made an interim presentation on the progress of the Listening Circles. Seventeen circles met initially and 70 surveys were completed. The steering committee also considered historical surveys, our EDGE experience and the Town's Secondary Plan. They most recently met with the Mayor and Town staff on February 2, 2018. The completed report will be presented at the Consensus Circle on April 29.

8. **Property Report for 2017**

Bill Warrick gave an overview of the work of the Property Committee in 2017. On all projects the committee endeavours to find the best solutions to reduce ongoing operating costs and to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

9. **Financial Report for 2017**

D.J. McCready presented the Financial Statements for 2017. He noted that our deficit has been eliminated and we have an ending balance of \$37,594 mainly due to generous bequests received during the last year.

M/S D.J. McCready / Nancy Hart that the Financial Statements (Unaudited) for the year ended December 31, 2017 be accepted as presented. **Carried**

10. **Presentation of the 2018 Budget**

The 2018 Budget was presented by Jane Ridout.

M/S Jane Ridout / Nancy Hart that the Budget for the year ended December 31, 2018 be accepted as presented. **Carried**

There was a desire for a note to be added to the Financial Statements to reflect our commitment to Outreach.

M/S Donna Smith / D.J. McCready that we establish a 2018 goal for Mission & Service of \$ 43,000, with \$ 38,000 from the congregation and \$5,000 from the UCW. **Carried**

11 Moving from Discernment Circles to Consensus Circles

Jane Wedlock advised us that the final circle will take place on April 29, 2018. This will outline the specifics of what we need to do going forward and will include our priorities, quick starts, long term priorities and identification of things we need to let go. This will be a very important meeting.

12. Nominating Committee Report

Brandon Moore reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee.

M/S Nancy Hart / Paula Windsor that the report of the Nominating Committee be approved as presented. **Carried**

M/S David Leyton-Brown / Peter DeVita that Council be authorized to fill Council vacancies. **Carried**

13. Acknowledgements

Brandon Moore expressed thanks to all committees and staff for their work and particularly to Nancy Hart, Donna Smith, Sue Baker and Donna DeVita who are retiring from Council or moving to new positions.

14. Adjournment

M/S Brandon Moore / Carolyn Balant that the meeting be adjourned at 1:35 pm.

Attached: Listening Circles Interim Report
Property Report
Financial Statements and Budget

Brandon Moore (Chair)

Donna DeVita (Secretary)