

The Annual General Meeting of Wawota United Church was called to order following a welcome by minister Roy Bortolotto and a reading of 1 Corinthians 14:40,33.

Election of meeting officers: Joan Hamilton nominated Betty Wyatt to act as chairperson. Seconded by Nicki Ford. Bob Birnie moved nominations cease. Carried. Nicki Ford nominated Myrna Olson to act as secretary. Joan Hamilton seconded the motion. Bob Birnie moved nominations cease. Carried.

Voting privileges: Linda Birnie moved that all members and adherents be allowed to vote. Nicki Ford seconded the motion. Carried.

Adoption of agenda: Joan Hamilton moved that we accept the agenda. Shirley Corkish seconded the motion. Carried.

Minutes: Myrna Olson read the minutes from the February 5th, 2023 annual meeting. A correction was made that the format of the Living Skies AGM will be changed to online for 2 years, 2025 and 2026. The minutes were adopted as corrected by Bob Birnie. seconded by Nicki Ford. Carried.

There was no old business.

Receiving and adopting Reports: Items that arose from our discussion: rent from the Manse goes to Crossroads. The Pastoral Care committee is no longer necessary. The kitchen floor covering needs to be picked up from Carlyle Floor Store. Linda will pay for it and then money from the Memorial Fund will be transferred to the general funds. Kids' Club is no longer being held. We may look into other ideas to accommodate the children and youth in our community. Shirley Corkish adopted all of these reports and Nicki Ford seconded the motion. Carried.

Financial Report: Linda Birnie discussed some issues such as the increase in our insurance, power and energy. The Thrift Store payment came late. The church receives ½ of our GST that we paid. Some expenses can be cancelled such as the kids' club. Sandra Murray moved that the financial report be adopted, Bob Birnie seconded the motion. Carried.

Budget for 2024: There was a huge salary increase, power, energy up. There were no honorariums. We are pleased with our caretaker, Lori Baldock who does a good job and is reasonable in her rates. The 2024 proposed budget of \$75,948.00 was adopted by Shirley Corkish, seconded by Nicki Ford. Carried. Joan Hamilton moved that we leave our M & S allocation at \$1500. Nicki Ford seconded the motion. Carried.

Nomination Committee: Meredith Swanson will continue on the Board of Trustees, but not on the M+P Committee. Nicki Ford nominated Joan Hamilton to replace Meredith Swanson. Linda Birnie seconded the nomination. Carried. Bob Birnie will replace Meredith Swanson on the Manse Committee.

There were no nominations from the floor.

There were no honorariums given.

New business: The Annual Time and Talent was discussed. It was decided to have it on April 7th. Linda has contacted the auctioneer, Dellan Mohrbutter, and has booked the Town Hall for that date.

A general thank you was expressed for all who continue to work and volunteer for our church activities.

Nicki Ford adjourned the meeting.