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Was held immediately after the 10:00 a.m. service with approximately 40 attending making a quorum.

Call to Order & Opening Prayer - Rev. Nancy Knowles opened the meeting at 10:55 a.m. and followed with a prayer that included the blessing for our meal after the meeting.

ACM Opening Motions – Rev. Nancy opened the meeting with the following motion.

- **MOTION that Deb Gill be elected Chair of the Annual Congregational Meeting. Moved by Steve Northey and seconded by Lois Gill. Carried.**
- **Deb Gill assumed** the role as chair with the following motions:
 - **MOTION that Mary McFadden be elected Recording Secretary of the Annual Congregational Meeting. Moved by Doug Kyle and seconded by Debbie Procter. Carried.**
 - **MOTION that voting privileges be extended to adherents who are present. Moved by Carey Eddy and seconded by Karen Etherington. Carried.**
 - **MOTION that the agenda be approved. Moved by Lois Gill and seconded by Doug Kyle. Carried.**

Act of Remembrance – Karen Etherington: read each name as shown on the screens.

Approval of Minutes

- Annual Congregational Meeting (Part 2), June 11, 2023
 - Review of Minutes
 - Business arising
 - **MOTION to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2023 Annual Congregational Meeting (Part 2). Moved by Steve Northey and seconded by Debbie Procter. Carried.**

Annual Report, 2023

- Invitation to ask questions of any report.
- (Reports will be lifted from blanket motion and discussed in Individual Reports section.)
 - **MOTION to accept reports as distributed, excluding the Financial Report and Nominating Reports. Moved by Marilyn Beattie and seconded by Lois Gill. Carried.**

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- **Review of Individual Reports**

- **Financial Report – Lori Hyatt:**

- **Balance Sheet of assets and obligations:** Lori explained Council's decision to present a deficit budget rather than a balanced one and asked for questions from the floor. She noted the error on the Balance Sheet for the "Workout for Your Life" grant money. The figure of \$1,205 should be \$1,216. The balance of \$384 is correct.
- **Summary Income & Expense**
- **Detail Income & Expense**
- **Proposed Budget:**
 - Christian Education has been corrected and broken down to camp: \$400, to picnic: \$200 and to miscellaneous: \$200. Total \$800 (corrected from \$7500).
 - Allocation from the Special Envelope appeal (Anniversary) went to pay down debt – not to operations. Have been making a genuine effort to pay down debentures and the mortgage. The current outstanding amount for debentures is \$105,000 and the mortgage is \$176,667.42.
- **Appointment of Reviewer for 2024**
 - **MOTION to accept Financial Reports. Moved by Lois Gill and seconded by Steve Northey. Carried.**
 - **MOTION to appoint a review of the books for 2024. Moved by Lori Hyatt and seconded by Debbie Procter. Carried.**
- **Rev. Nancy took the floor** and expressed a sincere thanks to Lori for all her work in presenting the financial reports to the COF.

- **Mission & Outreach Team's** recommendation to the congregation of the Mission & Service Fund target of \$12,500.

- **MOTION to accept the proposed target of \$12,500 for the Mission and Service Funds givings in 2024. Moved by Lori Hyatt and seconded by Karen Etherington. Carried.**
- **Lori provided** an explanation as to the lower figure (from \$15,000 in 2023). The \$12,500 figure matches the 2023 figure and it is felt that our COF are also contributing to our local outreach programs.

Nominations Committee

- Emphasized the importance of joining the different committees.
- Spoke about Roger Hyatt coming on board as Vice-Chair on Council (on a trial basis)
- Explained some of the changes the governance and named all the Teams.
 - **MOTION to accept Nominations Committee Report. Moved by Doug and seconded by Lori Hyatt. Carried.**

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Nomination of Trustees:

- Clarified that Larry Taylor is not on the Board of Trustees.
- The Trustees are: Glen Miller(Chair), Carey Eddy, Doug Kyle, Norm Harris, John Scott,
 - **MOTION to approve Trustees as named. Moved by Steve Northey and seconded by Dan Gill. Carried.**

Nomination of Western Ontario Waterways Representatives:

- Peter Challen
 - **MOTION to approve WOW Representative. Moved by Roger Hyatt and seconded by Bryan Beattie. Carried.**

Other Items

- **Activity and Communication Governance Flow 2024** – this document was a recommendation from the mediation process. Deb explained that Rev. Nancy with others spent many hours on the project. Asked for any concerns. Hard copies are available and it will be posted on our website.
- **Other Items** – There were no “Other Items”. Deb took a few moments to express a sincere thanks to all.

MOTION to adjourn by Karen Etherington at 11:20 a.m.

Before gracing us with prayer, Rev. Nancy ended the ACM with the comment that the meeting was completed pretty quickly. She asked that folks take a moment to ponder and not be afraid to ask any questions.

Deb Gill,
Council Chair

Mary McFadden
Council Secretary