

*Grand Bend United Church
Minutes of Annual Meeting at Grand Bend*

Sunday, January 30, 2011

p. 1

Luncheon Prayer – Reverend Harry: Offered a prayer of blessing for those attending the luncheon and Annual Meeting. The potluck lunch was enjoyed by approximately 45 with the same attending the meeting.

Bryan Beattie welcomed everyone and expressed appreciation of all for participating in the Annual meeting. The meeting was officially opened at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Election of Chairperson and Recording Secretary: *A Motion was made to elect as Chair Bryan Beattie. Moved by Paul Seagrave and seconded by Bruce McFadden. A Motion was made to elect Mary McFadden as Recording Secretary. Moved by Sherwood Eddy and seconded by Marilyn Beattie.* *Carried.*

Granting of Voting Privileges to Adherents: *A Motion was made to grant voting privileges to adherents. Moved by Sherwood Eddy and seconded by Virginia Scott.* *Carried.*

Minutes of January 31, 2010 Annual Meeting: *A Motion was made to accept the 2010 minutes with one correction. Moved by Doug Riddle and seconded by Marian Ogilvie.* *Carried.*
Correction: Under the motion for approving the Mission and Service Funds, the date should have been for 2010.

Correspondence: *N/A*

Review of 2010 Annual Report: *A Motion was made to accept submitted reports. Moved by Lee McCutcheon and seconded by Doug Procter.* *Carried.*

Bryan Beattie invited comments from the floor as he reviewed the Annual Report.

Comments - Submitted Reports

Clara Martin – commented favourably on the *additional reports* from our youth minister and the summer camps, (Bimini and Menesetung) that we support.

Bryan Beattie – commented that there is a need to fill the role of *Presbytery representative* and briefly explained what is involved. Presbytery conducts seven meetings a year and the representative keeps the congregation informed of issues. Sherwood Eddy will be happy to assist in helping the new representative.

Bryan Beattie – emphasized Peter Challen’s comment in the *Official Board report* of our churches being involved in 63 activities.

Mary McFadden – thanked Lee McCutcheon for coming to her aid in fixing a techie problem with page numbering in the Annual Report.

Lynda Holmes – clarified her membership numbers under the *Pastoral Care report*. – in addition to the approximately 126 families, there are 50 non-resident members, making the total approximately 176 families in total.

Carey Eddy – provided the information under the *Envelope Secretary’s report* that in addition to the “regular givers”, she writes 48 receipts to occasional or one time givers.

Grand Bend United Church
Minutes of Annual Meeting at Grand Bend

Sunday, January 30, 2011

p. 2

Bryan Beattie – provided additional information under the New Church Steering Team report. The following are highlighted questions/suggestions resulting in the “Every Member Visitation” conducted a few months ago which the team will review and consider. The congregation will be kept informed on a regular basis. **Questions/suggestions:**

- **Can the new building** be done in stages?
- **Sell our existing** church, conduct worship in a temporary location while the new church is being built. **What is going to happen** in our current church when the new government rules for public access are enforced?
- **Other area churches are experiencing** the same or similar issues – would there be an interest in partnering with us to build a new church?
- **Further questions** – **What about the hold on** any new building projects due to the sewer issue? **What is the status of the sale** of the severed section of our new property? Also as a result of the “All Members Visitation”, 11 new pledges were confirmed and 5 existing pledges were increased.

Doug Riddell - questioned the difference in his reported numbers and the numbers in Carey Eddy’s report in regard to givings for the New Building Fund. Explanation: The report total from Doug reflects all of the money donated to the New Building Fund from all sources, ie. Memorial donations, gifts to the new property, and others. The report total from Carey reflects only the money donated to the New Building Fund by members and adherents of Grand Bend United Church. Receipts issued to persons not associated with Grand Bend United Church were not included in the total presented in Carey Eddy's report. Therefore Doug Riddell's total is greater.

Norm Harris: Stewardship and Finance – Provided an overview and comparison of figures from 2009 to 2010 and the budgeted figures for 2011. Thanked Doug and Deb Procter for their efforts on the on-going grocery card fundraiser. Thanked all volunteers for their work which results in considerable savings to the church and to the congregation for their generous support. Noted that some of the expenditures shown in the budget may not be used. Reverend Harry Disher explained that the categories of the Mission and Service Fund and the Caring Through Sharing Financial are on a “in and out” basis. There has been recent activity to draw from the Caring Through Sharing Financial Fund and a request was made to “top it up”. An explanation was also given in regard to the \$1,000 budgeted for under Christian Development for “Vacation Bible School”. This is an eight week travelling vacation bible school run by youths. We have applied to be included and perhaps partner with St. Andrews U.C. in Bayfield and North Street U.C. Goderich – may happen/may not. Bryan mentioned that a large percentage of funds go to covering the salaries of staff.

After Review of Financial Report for 2010: A Motion was made to accept the financial statements as presented. Moved by Norm Harris and seconded by Sherwood Eddy. Carried.

Discussion in regard to Presbytery Fees – Reverend Harry Disher provided an explanation to the increase. It is at the Conference level to cover an on-going legal issue with an employee while having to pay a replacement. And the retirement of another employee – the position was split into two and the two part time salaries equal more than one full salary. There was more discussion as to decrease in envelope holders, the increase to givers on PAR, and decrease of members in general.

After Review of Budget for 2011: A Motion was made to approve, as presented, the proposed 2011 Budget. Moved by Norm Harris and seconded by Mary Marg Prowse. Carried.

Grand Bend United Church
Minutes of Annual Meeting at Grand Bend

Sunday, January 30, 2011

p. 3

Balance Sheet/Shared Budget – **Bryan Beattie** reviewed the various assets. A question was raised in regard to how memorial funds are used. There is a stipulation that the funds can only be used for improvement in the sanctuary. Doug Riddell stated that in 2011, \$4,000 has been paid out of the balance of \$12,863 as shown in the report, to cover the remaining costs for the Power Point equipment.

Bryan Beattie explained the Shared Budget

Mission & Service 2011 Target Approval: **A Motion was made to approve the target amount of \$17,000 for the Mission & Service Fund. Moved by Lynda Holmes and seconded by Edna Frampton. Carried.**

Comments leading up to the “Ratification of Committee Members”: **From Bryan Beattie** - Could use new member(s) on the Ministry and Personnel Team. **From Lynda Holmes** – looking for a Co-chair on the Pastoral Care Team. Organization 2010 – the names Lynda Holmes and Don Tedford should have been added. Organization 2011 – add Don Tedford’s name to Council.

Ratification of Committee Members: **A Motion was made to ratify with changes. Moved by Paul Seagrave and seconded by Bruce McFadden. Carried.**

Financial Review process for 2010: **A Motion was made to have an internal financial operation review for 2011 headed by Bryan Beattie with power to add. Moved by Carey Eddy and seconded by Clara Martin. Carried.**

New Business – N/A

Expressions of Gratitude – a Thank You and Applause was Expressed:

Bryan Beattie - We have an amazing number of volunteers that help to keep our church functioning the way it does! The scripture readers, transportation volunteers, choir members for their dedication and sharing of their talents, Dennis McIntyre and others who tend to our audio and visual features and to the many volunteers who greet, take and count collection and operate the elevator. And to the women who are always on hand to help in the kitchen! Without all their efforts, it would not be what it is for the enjoyment of us all.

Sherwood Eddy to Lee McCutcheon for his expertise in technology and to Paul Seagrave for sharing his many musical talents.

Bruce McFadden to Dan Gill for his many repair projects outside and inside of our building.

Carey Eddy to all who helped with the set up for the pot luck lunch: Joyce Seagrave, Jan McCutcheon, Deb Procter, Muriel Maier and Donna Southcott and Bruce McFadden for the set up.

Norm Harris to Bryan Beattie for all his help with the finances and his leadership in the running of Council and Official Board in Peter Challen’s absence.

Carey Eddy to Doug and Deb Procter, Bruce McFadden and Helen Desjardine for the outside beautification. Helen was also mentioned for the beautification of the church hall.

Grand Bend United Church
Minutes of Annual Meeting at Grand Bend

Sunday, January 30, 2011

p. 4

Expressions of Gratitude – cont'd

Jim Love was given accolades for ringing the Bell each Sunday.

Edna Frampton to “The Staff” for their enthusiasm and dedication; Mary McFadden, Elva McIntyre, Carey Eddy, Sherri Smith and Reverend Harry Disher.

Motion to Adjourn by Paul Seagrave at 2:20 p.m.

Closing Prayer – Reverend Harry Disher: Along with the closing prayer, each name listed in the “Memoriam” was announced with time for reflection.

Chairperson

Secretary