

FIRST UNITED CHURCH
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

*We, at first United Church, guided by the Spirit
are striving to be an open and diverse community of faith.
through word and action, we pursue the values of
Spiritual growth, compassionate outreach, social justice and care of the earth.*

1. Call to order and welcome. Karen Messer called the meeting to order at 12:22 p.m. A quorum was present. Ollie Waker, Church Elder, lit the Christ Candle to remind us that Christ is here with us.
2. Opening Prayer: Reverend Annette Taylor
3. No additional items were added to the agenda
4. Adoption of agenda
Motion: Charles Lotochinski/Donna Barber
“That the agenda be adopted as presented.” Carried
5. Extending full voting privileges to adherents for the purpose of this meeting
Motion: Brenda Gruetzner/Janet Keene
“That we grant full voting privileges to adherents for the purpose of this meeting as allowed in the 2024 Manual (B.3.7.2).” Carried
6. Approval of minutes of the March 5, 2023 Annual General Meeting
Motion: Sharon Veer/Jean Pearson
“That we approve the minutes from the 2023 Annual General Meeting as presented.” Carried
7. No new business arising from the minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting
8. Report from the Minister: Reverend Annette Taylor
9. Report from the Chair of the Leadership Team: written by Peggy Worrell
10. Mission Statement:

- a) Exploring our Mission Statement – meeting attendants were divided into groups to discuss how the five values in our revised Mission Statement are being lived out in our congregation.
- b) The chair asked that those present at the meeting affirm the revised Mission Statement with a show of hands. The Mission Statement was affirmed.

11. Reports from the staff, committee and working group chairs, excluding the Nominations Report

Motion: Charles Lotochinski/Fran Jackson

“That we approve all staff, committee and working group reports as presented.”

Carried

12. Goodbye and Hello. A celebration of the UCW. The local UCW, which succeeded the Women’s Missionary Society (1925-1962), was active from 1962 to 2023. Thank you to the UCW members who served, and thank you to all the volunteers who have stepped up to take on the jobs once filled by the UCW.

13. Election of 2024 Leadership, Committee and Interest Group members

- a) Nominations Report: Eileen Elkington
- b) There were no nominations from the floor

Motion: Eileen Elkington/Alma Engel

“That we accept the Nominations Report as presented.” Carried

- c) Celebration of elections in song
- d) Goodbye and Hello – Thank you to all who are leaving a position, and to all who have volunteered for a new position.

14. Approval of 2023 Financial Statements

Motion: Brenda Gruetzner/Charles Lotochinski

“That we approve the 2023 Financial Statements as presented.” Carried

15. Approval of 2024 Financial Budget

Motion: Brenda Gruetzner/Charles Lotochinski

“That we approve the 2024 Financial budget as presented.” Carried

16. Appointment of reviewers for 2024 finances

Motion: Charles Lotochinski/Jean Pearson

“That the Stewardship Committee appoint reviewers for the 2024 Finances.” Carried

17. Donations from the Planned Giving fund as recommended by the Outreach Committee

- a) **Motion: Jean Pearson/Rhonda Lotochinski**

“The Outreach Committee’s goal for fundraising for Mission and Service for 2024 will be \$20,000 with no more than \$5,000 coming from Planned Giving fund to reach to goal.” Carried

In 2023, \$4,413 was provided from the Planned Giving fund to meet our objective.

b) Motion: Charles Lotochinski/Dixie Green

“The Outreach Committee would raise money for St. Andrew’s College by inviting a speaker to come to a special service to explain their needs and then collecting donations from the congregation. The Planned Giving Account would supplement the amount for a total of \$3,000 in 2024.” Carried

In 2023, no money was required from the Planned Giving fund to meet our objective.

c) Motion: Sharon Veer/Donna Barber

“The Outreach Committee would raise money for Camp Shagabec by collecting donations at Camping Sunday service and then the Planned Giving Account would supplement the amount for a total of \$5,000 in 2023. Carried

In 2023 \$2,895 was provided from the Planned Giving fund to meet our objective.

18. Closing Prayer – Reverend Annette Taylor

19. Meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Karen Messer, Acting Congregational Chair

Pat Dyck Bunkosky, Secretary

Appendix 1

42 Members/Adherents in attendance

1. Annette Taylor
2. James McLauchlan
3. Deb Fletcher
4. Rhonda Lotochinski
5. Brenda Gruetzner
6. Elma Engel
7. Dwayne Barger
8. Donna Barber
9. Brenda Cooke
10. Sharon Veer
11. Marilyn Szakacs
12. Wally Bateman
13. Betty Bateman
14. Dave Zacharias
15. Verdella Zacharias
16. Rose Lis
17. Norma Hain
18. Dixie Green
19. Olive Waker
20. Sharyn Erne
21. Fran Jackson
22. Pat Dyck Bunkosky
23. Betty Pribyl
24. Shirley Terlson
25. Darlene Stewart
26. Nettie Scherger
27. Donna Schwartz
28. Mary Anderson
29. Judy Corbett
30. Janet Keene
31. Jean Pearson
32. Wally Pearson
33. Dianne Hymers
34. Linda Thompson
35. Gayleen Turner
36. Eileen Elkington
37. Harold Lapuz
38. Loretta Korven
39. Michael Korven
40. Melanie Davis
41. Charles Lotochinski
42. Karen Messer