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St. Paul's United Church Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday March 1, 2020

- ❖ During the Worship Service “In Memoriam” was delivered by Deborah with lighting a candle for each member who has passed in 2019. Names as follows: Mary Pauline Arnold, Margaret Hockin, Patricia Anne MacKinlay, Edna McCutcheon, Melinda Joy Wight, David Paul Yawney.
- ❖ Judy DeMone recognized the members of St. Paul’s giving Leadership in 2019. Council Team Chairs, Team members and everyone who had volunteered in any capacity to keep our church running smoothly and efficiently.
- ❖ Deborah spoke to celebrate happening and events in the church during the 2019 year. Here is her sharing reflection.
“Every year, we put together an annual report. Thanks to Jeff Kargus this year for gathering all the reports and putting it together. As I looked through the report this week in preparation for our meeting after church, it felt like stepping back through time. It reminded me of the excitement of the year: two covenanting services, becoming an Oakville Ready Hub, the progressive work with the Affirming committee and the Mental Health Team, new staff; and the more distressing times during the year, grieving church members who have died or left, stress around finances, and the frustrations around the City of Oakville bureaucracy and the time it’s taking to sever the manse, and other property issues.

It’s all part of being a church community. There are ups and downs. There are struggles and there are celebrations. Mostly what I read in this report though is a community of faith that is taking bold and brave steps into the future, a congregation that is being open to the Spirit and where God is taking us, a family that has supported one another and is being intentional about how we widen our circle and share that love with everyone. We have a lot for which to be grateful here at St. Paul’s, and I personally look forward to seeing what 2020 brings.”

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Time: 12:05 pm

1. **Welcome and Opening Prayer** Carolyn Smith
“God feels almighty, but also dances, dreams with, and inspires us. May God show us our possibilities and our cracks and our path forward.”
2. **Call for nomination of Chairperson:** Nomination: Judy DeMone Deborah Laforet
Motion: Jeff Laforet Seconded: Harold DeVenne Carried
3. **Call for nomination of Secretary: Nomination:** Candace Allen Judy DeMone
Motion: Michele Mousley Seconded: Jeff Kargus Carried
4. **Omnibus Motion:** Judy DeMone
 - Motion to approve agenda
 - Motion to extend voting privileges to adherents
 - Motion to waive the reading of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Feb 24, 2019.
 - Motion to approve Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Feb 24, 2019
 - Motion to waive the reading of the Minutes of the Congregational Meeting held on June 23, 2019 to approve hiring of part-time Pastoral Care Minister and to approve a motion regarding part time lay positions.
 - Motion to approve the 2019 Annual Report excluding Financial StatementsOmnibus Motion: Bert Fonseca Seconded: Harold DeVenne Carried
5. **Motion to approve St. Paul’s Affirm Vision Statement:** Tea Sheridan-Jonah
“We are seeking to be a safe and inclusive faith community for people of all gender identities, sexual orientations, marital status, family configuration, abilities, ages, races, ethnicities, faiths, and socio-economic circumstances, who will be encouraged to participate fully in all aspects of the life and work of our community, thereby enriching all.”
Seconded: Kent Palmer Carried
6. **Ministry and Personnel Motion** - all ministers and family of ministers to leave the room for this motion. John Perry
Motion: “After discussion and agreement in Ministry and Personnel meetings as well as at Chairs and Council meetings, I would move that Deborah Laforet's salary be increased by \$5,000.00 per annum, retroactive to January 1, 2020.”
Seconded: Al Simpson Carried

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7. Approval of Council Membership – 2020:

Judy DeMone

a) Motion to approve Council Membership

Motion: Darren Pinette Seconded: Chris Lee Carried

b) Motion to authorize Council to continue its work to fill vacancies

Motion: Harold DeVenne Seconded: Tom Allen Carried

8. 2019 Financial Statement Presentation:

Darren Pinette

- Financial Overview was presented by Darren. A 2019 review was discussed and looking ahead to 2020 was reviewed.
- An Audit will be done in March, auditing both 2018 and 2019.

a) Motion to accept the 2019 Financial Statements as presented.

Motion: Darren Pinette Seconded: Ron Shermet Carried

b) Motion to continue contributing 10% of envelope, PAR and loose offerings plus the Lenten offering to the United Church Mission & Service Fund

Motion: Darren Pinette Seconded: Pat Mason Carried

9. 2020 Budget:

Darren Pinette

a) 2020 Budget Presentation

b) Motion to approve 2020 budget by Darren Pinette

Seconded: Bert Fonseca Carried

10. Motion to allocate Anniversary offering for 2019:

Jeff Kargus

- “I move that this year’s anniversary offering be split, with 50% going to the Positive Space Network and 50% being allocated for the repair needed in Room 8”.

Seconded: Thea Sheridan-Jonah Carried

11. New Business:

Judy DeMone

- Jeff Laforet wished to thank the UCW for their donation to the Rendezvous event in Calgary this August.
- Kent Palmer thanked John Perry for his service as Chair of Ministry and Personnel.

12. Courtesies:

John Perry

John expressed appreciation on behalf of the St. Paul’s church community, to all the staff at St. Paul’s for all their hard work and dedication this past year. Thank you cards were given to Deborah Laforet, Carolyn Smith, Ross Stretton. Gifts to Jeanne Kho, Tracy Mitchell and Linden Sheridan-Jonah will be presented at a later time.

13. Close Meeting:

TIME: 12:55 pm

Judy DeMone

14. Benediction:

Carolyn Smith

“We've created a mosaic of our life and work together, connecting, engaging and transforming in God's radiant way.”