

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
LAKEVIEW UNITED CHURCH, June 28, 2020  
MINUTES**

The Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday, June 28 at 11:00 am via Zoom.

**Call to order**

Don Linton called the meeting to order at 11:06 am on Sunday, June 28, 2020

**Zoom Meeting Management**

Don Linton explained how the meeting will be managed considering that the meeting is taking place online using Zoom as a platform. All participants logged into the meeting and were first held in a 'waiting room' where they were identified and accepted to attend the meeting as legitimate participants by himself or Silas Kovats. Don shared the agenda to the screen and asked attendees to keep their microphones muted if not speaking. Don explained that it might be more effective to measure 'no' votes and objections rather than try to count 'yes' votes.

**Opening Prayer & Memoriam**

Reverend Jope Langejans opened the meeting with a prayer. He welcomed God's presence and looked back at the past year with deep gratitude and with thanks to those who have and will serve this community of faith. We shared in a moment of silence to remember those members who passed away in the last year.

This Meeting has been called in accordance with Sec. B.5.2, The Manual 2019, The United Church of Canada

**Motion for appointment of Chair and Secretary**

Don Linton **moved** that Bob Gibennus be appointed as Chair and Carolyn Bosch as Secretary. Seconded by Hank Klassen. CARRIED.

Bob Gibennus welcomed participants for attending the meeting and acknowledged that we meet on traditional lands of Treaty 7 Territory. It is our responsibility to live in harmony with the land and all people.

**Quorum**

Don Linton and Silas Kovats confirmed that over 20 members are in attendance. Bob Gibennus, in accordance with Sec. B.5.5 of The Manual 2019, declared this an official meeting of Lakeview United Church.

**Voting Priviledges and Manner Of Vote**

Bob Gibennus explained that, due to the nature of having to host the meeting online and by phone, votes will be called by asking members to show hands or speak up if they are OPPOSED or choose to abstain on a motion. Motions will be passed if a majority are not opposed.

Sue Spratt **moved** That members of the congregation grant voting privileges to adherents at this meeting in accordance with Sec. B.3.7.2, The Manual 2019. Seconded by Daryl Sedor. CARRIED.

#### **Approval of the Agenda**

Carolyn Bosch noted that item 11 should read " Motion to accept the July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 reports as submitted. Bob asked if any New Business should be discussed at this meeting. None was offered. The amended agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

#### **Approval of the Annual General Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2019.**

Bob Gibennus asked if there any changes to the minutes of the June 23, 2019 AGM. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

#### **Approval of the Annual Financial Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2020.**

Bob Gibennus asked for any changes to the minutes of the March 1, 2020 Annual Financial meeting. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

#### **Accept Annual Report as Submitted**

Sue Spratt **moved** that the July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 reports be accepted as submitted. Seconded by Ron Gillean. CARRIED.

#### **Election of Members**

Bob Gibennus explained that 7 seats on LUC Council are officially vacant, but volunteers have offered to fill 4 of the vacant positions.

Bob Gibennus **moved** that the following members be elected to Lakeview United Church Council for a 2 year term starting July 1, 2020:

- Bob Gibennus, Council Chair
- Jude Sampson, Secretary
- Robbie Temple, Treasurer
- Raj Retnanandan, Reaching Out Chair

Seconded by Paige Martin. CARRIED.

The 3 seats that remain vacant are: Chair of Finance & Facilities, Chair for Faith Formation & Worship and Co-representative to Chinook Winds Region. Bob described the expectations of these roles and asked that anyone interested please reach out to himself or anyone on Council for further information. In each case the Chair would act as liaison between the committee and LUC Council.

Bob explained that a term on LUC Council is a 2 year commitment starting July 1 and will involve attending 6 meetings over the next year. Bob asked if anyone would be willing to put their names forward at this time. No volunteers stepped forward.

The following people will remain on LUC Council for a second year or second term:

Lorna Flack - as a member of the Fellowship & Caring Committee, but not acting as Chair  
Ministry & Personnel - Beckie Scroggins, Chair  
Affirming Ministry – Daryl Sedor, Chair  
Chinook Winds Region Representative – Daryl Sedor

Don Linton **moved** to allow LUC Council to appoint additional members as needed. Seconded by Peggy Gibennus. CARRIED

### **Recognition of members on completion of service**

On behalf of LUC Council and the congregation Bob Gibennus gave thanks as follows:

- 1) We thank **Paige Martin** for her service and hard work as our **Treasurer** over the past four years and wish her all the best as she takes a well-earned break from this most important role.

*Thank you to **Robbie Temple** for stepping up to accept the position of Treasurer for the upcoming term. Robbie has been a member at LUC since 2007 and is certified as a CMA...and has a whole career in personal and corporate taxes and accounting experience to lean on. We look forward to her faithful participation on Council.*

- 2) We thank **Carolyn Bosch** for her hard work and faithful dedication as the **Council Secretary** this past two years and her many years as Treasurer before that. We wish her well as she transitions to her new life in Canmore.

*We welcome **Jude Sampson** as Secretary for the upcoming term. Jude has a long history of participation in our faith community and will be a welcome participant in council activities.*

- 3) Thank you to **Lesley Sedor**. Having completed 3 years on Council as the chair of the **Reaching Out Committee**, Lesley is ready to step aside to make room for someone else to offer their gifts to this important ministry. Thank you, Lesley, for your love and dedication to our community of faith.

*We thank **Raj Retnanandan** for stepping into the role of Reaching Out Committee liaison to council. Raj has been on this committee for a number of years and we look forward to his continued leadership.*

- 4) **Kurt Perkins** has made the decision to step aside from the role of Chair of Finance & Facilities. We thank Kurt for his participation on council this year.

*We look forward to one of you reaching out to a current member of council to learn more about how you can participate on the finance & facilities committee.*

### Appreciation for Staff, Council and Committee members

Bob Gibennus asked those in attendance to help by acknowledging all of the staff, council and committee members as well as countless volunteers who generously and lovingly give of their time and talents to make this church such a loving community of faith.

Bob spoke of the kind and caring volunteers that stepped forward to keep people connected by making regular phone calls when Covid-19 protocols required that church services be suspended. He thanked Jope for preparing Sunday service for distribution over YouTube and for keeping connections over a daily blog. Webmaster Shelly Logan-Gordanier and Office Administrator, Arda Kristanto helped to keep everyone informed on the LUC Website and via weekly email bulletins. LUC Church Council continued its regular meetings by Zoom, and most of the adult study groups continued to meet online. The finance and facilities folk kept in contact with renters to ensure they were kept apprised of protocols as they evolved due to the COVID-19 situation. Even though worship services were suspended there is lots going on behind the scenes. Bob asked that we remember to include thoughts of gratitude in our prayers for the kind and loving actions of all of the members of our beloved faith family at Lakeview United Church.

### New Business

None

### Blessing


Rev. Jope Langejans offered a prayer to close the meeting and asked that we all remain vigilant to stay healthy during the Covid-19 pandemic.

### Adjournment

Bob Gibennus thanked Don Linton and Silas Kovats for their help and technical expertise with all aspects of hosting this Annual General Meeting online.

Paige Martin moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Beckie Scroggins. CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 11:35am

 June 30/20  
Chair, Bob Gibennus Date

 July 8/20  
Secretary, Carolyn Bosch Date