

Siloam United Church
Annual General Meeting
Sunday, February 23, 2025 at 11:45

To begin, Rev. Ann Corbet welcomed everyone, offered a prayer and then read the names of the twenty-two Siloam congregants who passed away during 2024. A moment of silence followed in remembrance of those gone but held close in memory.

Mary Dillon provided a prayer to begin the meeting.

Motion: Moved by Rev. Corbet and seconded by Steven Britton that Tracey Brown be appointed as Chair of the meeting. CARRIED

Motion: Moved by Rev. Corbet and seconded by Al Newton that Peggy Rivard be appointed as Secretary of the meeting. CARRIED

Motion: Moved by Tracey Brown and seconded by David Dillon to extend voting privileges for the meeting to all adherents in attendance. CARRIED

Motion: Moved by Chassidy Hall and seconded by Dave Dunham to accept the minutes of the February 18, 2024 AGM and the April 7, May 12 and December 8 Congregational meetings. CARRIED

New Business:

Acknowledgement and Thanks to Staff and Clergy

Chair Brown expressed sincere thanks to: Rev. Ann and Mary Dillon for their ministerial leadership; those have served in the role of pulpit supply minister throughout the year; Erin Salter who is invaluable in the day-to-day work of Siloam; Allison O'Connor for her tireless work with our Young At Heart group; Blythe George for the beautiful music she provides and for her assistance to recruit soloists, instrumentalists and choir members for our services; Claire Graham who retired late in the year from her custodial duties and to Mark Odiwuor who has replaced Claire. Siloam is very lucky to have all of these talented and dedicated people working together as a team.

Update on New Minister Hire

Chair Brown, who is also the Lead of the Search Committee, announced that the Committee conducted first and second interviews with different applicants throughout the winter. At this point, references are being checked for one applicant and it is hoped that a new minister will be selected shortly.

Business Arising:

Motion: Moved by Al Newton and seconded by Enid Wilson to accept Statistical, Staff, Committee and Affiliated Group Reports for information (except the 2024 Revenue & Expenses Report and 2025 Budget Plan). CARRIED

Treasurer's Report

Lynn McClary began by thanking Siloam's bookkeeper, Anne Wheatley, for the incredible job she does with managing Siloam's monetary records. Lynn also thanked the women who serve on the Envelope Team for the hours they devote to counting money, preparing statistics and looking after PAR and envelope givings.

Lynn noted that our projected 2024 deficit was lowered due to the generosity of those donating to Siloam, monetary gifts from the Rose Birrell Group and by our fundraisers. Thanks was extended to all the aforementioned and those volunteers involved with the fundraisers.

Lynn pointed out that the projected deficit for 2025 will not be the amount shown as the budget was created using figures as if we had a full-time minister for the entire year of 2025. This was done to clearly show what costs we will be facing for the next 5+ years.

Like last year, earnings on investments being managed by the Trustees will be used to clear the deficit of \$21 433.00 for 2024.

Motion: Moved by Lynn McClary and seconded by Margaret Smith to approve the 2024 Revenue & Expenses Report. CARRIED

Motion: Moved by Lynn McClary and seconded by Dave Dunham to approve a Mission & Service goal of \$15 000.00 for 2025. CARRIED

Motion: Moved by Lynn McClary and seconded by Maria Prohaszka to approve the 2025 financial plan. CARRIED

Motion: Moved by Tracey Brown and seconded by Steve Britton to use Famme & Co for the 2024 audit. CARRIED

Trustees' Report

Allyn Todd asked those present to examine the Trustees financial report for 2024 and to note that investments are doing very well. The bulk of investment funds come from the amalgamation of Arva and Birr churches.

Allyn also thanked David Peeling for stepping into the position of Chair of Trustees starting this year.

Allyn announced the current Board of Trustees membership.

Motion: Moved by Dave Dunham and seconded by Pauline Newton to approve the Trustees' Report. CARRIED

Motion: Moved by Allyn Todd and seconded by Mike Bukata to approve the slate of trustees. CARRIED

Thanks and Acknowledgement to Volunteers

Chair Brown pointed out that many volunteers are behind the success of Siloam and a lot of work would not be accomplished without these people. Special thanks was extended to Margaret Smith and the Spiritual Life & Worship group who have arranged for pulpit supply when needed. Chair Brown encouraged everyone to try and get engaged in some of the many activities that require volunteers: coffee & cookie Sundays, luncheons, funeral receptions, yard sales, committees, chicken BBQ, and others. She stressed that small bits of your time will help. If you have not volunteered in the past, please speak to a Council member or committee member to see where your time could be used.

Chair of Council Remarks

Chair Brown spoke of her twenty-some years at Siloam. Since joining Council as the Chair of Communications, Tracey spoke of the work she now understands that Council does on behalf of Siloam. As she mentioned, there are many decisions which have to be made in order to maintain the church for future generations. She expressed her thanks to the Council members for their willingness to serve.

Nominations Committee Report:

Motion: Moved by Pauline Newton and seconded by Allyn Todd to appoint the following persons to Church Council: Tracey Brown, Chair of Council; Mary Dillon, Regional Representative. CARRIED

Closing Remarks and Prayer:

In answer to questions re: hiring of a new minister, Chair Brown pointed out that Siloam initially posted for a half-time ministry position because at that point in time it was fiscally impossible for us to afford a full-time minister. After Rev. Corbet announced her retirement, the posting was changed to request a full-time minister and several applicants were interviewed. At this time, one candidate is highly

favoured and references are being checked before entering into any sort of negotiations.

Rev. Ann Corbet expressed thanks on behalf of the congregation to Tracey Brown and the members of the Search Committee. As Rev. Corbet pointed out, this is a very time-consuming undertaking.

Rev. Ann closed the meeting with meaningful and thankful prayer.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Tracey Brown, Chair

Peggy Rivard, Secretary