

**Present:**

Ruth Anne Johnson	Fred Bradley	Pierre Sauv�
Rev. Lynne Gardiner	Joanne Hollywood	Liz Hughes
Linda Hamon	Lorne Hollywood	Bill Hughes
Kathleen Williamson	Jack Johnson	Anne Dowie
Paul Coutts	Heather Thompson	Janis Capes
Sandra Walker	Lynne Evans	Chris McColl
Karen Hunt	Barb Joynt	Vicki McClatchie
Murray Hunt	Joyce Firlotte	Lois Klatt
Gail Bradley	Sheryn Sauv�	Bob Klatt

**Regrets:**

Jan Gardiner, Lorne Gardiner, Brenda Gray, John Gray, Diane Frias.

**Welcome:**

With quorum present Ruth Anne Johnson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. Rev. Lynne Gardiner offered an opening prayer.

**Caring/Sharing:**

We keep in our prayers the following: Sandy Lackey with ongoing health issues; Margaret Martin recovering from a serious fall.

**Appointment of Chair and Secretary:**

Paul Coutts moved, seconded by Kathleen Williamson, that Ruth Anne Johnson chair the Annual Congregational Meeting.

*All in favour; motion carried.*

Joyce Firlotte moved, seconded by Sheryn Sauv  that Linda Hamon record the proceedings of the Annual Congregational Meeting.

*All in favour; motion carried.*

**Aboriginal Acknowledgement:**

Since time immemorial, First People's lives and spirituality have been deeply connected to the land. We acknowledge the Anishnaawbe and haudenosaunee peoples whose territories we are on. May we live on this land with respect and gratitude.

**Vote for adherents:**

Jack Johnson moved, seconded by Sandra Walker, that adherents present at this meeting be allowed to vote.

*All in favour; motion carried.*

**Agenda:**

Karen Hunt moved, seconded by Sheryn Sauv , that the agenda as circulated be accepted.

*All in favour; motion carried.*

**Minutes:**

Bob Klatt moved, seconded by Joanne Hollywood, that the minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting of March 6 2022 be accepted.

*All in favour; motion carried*

**Review of Bethel United Church 2022 Annual Report:**

Ministry & Personnel

No additional comments

Stewardship

Karen Hunt offered thanks to the committee for all its work and also to the congregation for its support of Stewardship events. Pancake breakfasts will be held on April 1<sup>st</sup> and April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Faithful Footprints/Property

Still waiting for heaters to arrive; fire extinguishers need to be inspected; a few shingles need to be replaced after recent heavy winds; soffit and fascia repainting will be done during warmer weather.

Trustees

No additional comments

Session

No additional comments

UCW

Linda Hamon offered thanks to the congregation for its continued support of UCW activities and events.

Choir

The sanctuary piano can no longer be tuned. Hugh Gardiner has offered to play the saxophone, anytime.

Summer Golf

Joanne Hollywood would like to be replaced as the co-ordinator.

Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council (EOORC)

Karen Hunt has resigned as one of the congregational reps to EOORC. She explained the duties and suggested that this could be a rotating position. Heather Thompson has offered to attend the May meeting.

Heather Thompson moved, seconded by Gail Bradley, that the committee reports be accepted, as presented.

*All in favour; motion carried*

**Financial Report 2022:**

Sandra Walker moved, seconded by Barb Joynt, to accept the Financial Report as presented.

*All in favour; motion carried*

**Budget 2023:**

Sandra Walker advised that our insurance costs might be increasing.

Janis Capes asked about a salary increase for the secretary and Linda Hamon replied that because of CRA guidelines she can't declare more income without losing a portion of the Guaranteed Income Supplement she receives.

Jack Johnson moved, seconded by Joanne Hollywood, to accept the Budget as presented.

*All in favour; motion carried*

**Appointment of Financial Reviewers:**

Bob Klatt moved, seconded by Vicki McClatchie, to appoint Brenda Gray and Gert Cullen as reviewers.

*All in favour; motion carried*

**Election of Officers:**

After three (3) times of asking and none received, nominations closed.

The following remain in their positions for 2023

Chair – Ruth Anne Johnson

Vice-chair – Joyce Firlotte

Secretary – Linda Hamon

Treasurer – Sandra Walker

EOOR Council rep – Sandra Walker

Ministry & Personnel – Brenda Gray (Chair), Bob Klatt, Kathleen Williamson, Jennifer Miller

Stewardship – Karen Hunt, Diane Frias (Co-chairs), Calvin Miller, Sue Miller, Ashley Walker, Sandra Walker, Ruth Anne Johnson, Paul Coutts, Carol Husband

Property – Paul Coutts, Bob Klatt (Co-chairs), Barb Joynt, Tom Thompson

Trustees – Jack Johnson (Chair), Liz Hughes, Bill Hughes, John Gray, Christine McColl

UCW – Linda Hamon (Chair), Gail Bradley (Kitchen Co-ordinator), Kathleen Williamson (Treasurer)

Elders – Paul Coutts, Linda Hamon, Karen Hunt, Christine McColl, Heather Thompson, Sandra Walker

**New Business:**

**1. Storage room**

A majority of the congregation would like to have the storage room converted to a second bathroom. Paul Coutts estimates a cost of \$5000 plus the GST and a building permit cost of \$150.

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Jack Johnson moved, seconded by Karen Hunt that we take the necessary steps to convert the storage room to a bathroom.

*All in favour; motion carried*

**Acknowledgements and Vote of Thanks:**

We acknowledge and give thanks to all who contribute to the life and work of Bethel United Church. At this time we highlight:

Ruth Anne Johnson who keeps all things running smoothly for the Official Board.

Sandra Walker who keeps a close eye on all financial matters.

Linda Hamon for secretarial support to the congregation.

Rev. Lynne Gardiner for her spiritual support and guidance.

David Coutts for his continued upkeep of our outdoor space.

Bob Klatt moved, seconded by Vickie McClatchie that we give David a \$100 Canadian Tire gift card.

*All in favour; motion carried*

**Announcements:**

Received a heartfelt thank you from the Bakker family for our financial support after the devastating fire.

**Closing and adjournment:**

Paul Coutts adjourned the meeting at 2:15pm and Rev. Lynne closed with prayer.

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Ruth Anne Johnson  
Chair, Official Board

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Linda Hamon  
Secretary, Official Board

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