

Annual Congregational Meeting of Quispamsis United Church Feb 12, 2023
This meeting was held in the sanctuary and online, using ZOOM video conferencing software.

In attendance: Re, Richard Bowley, John Hill, Marilyn and Don Robertson, Bill and Marlene Whittaker, Ray & Diane Tonge, Sandy Stanley, Adele McDonald, Heather McDonald, Doug McDonald, Hally & Carolyn Kimball, Hughena & Stu Baker, Barb McBean, Rowena Anderson, Bruce & Linda Amey, Kim Brown, Mary Crowley, Connie Downey, Ruth Buckley, Jeff Watson, Wendy Cornfield, Sherry Kiervin, Bob Crowley, Brenda Forret, Dan Forret, Bob and Faye Sherrard, Brenda Badger, Wendy Crossman, Natalie Bowley, Mary Flower, Ron Badger, Cindy Millican, Gloria and Ron Moore, Leslie Reid, Brenda Blair, Merle Blair, Rose and Nancy Jardine, Patty & Malcolm Brett, Russell Finnamore, Bertha Finnamore.

Bob Crowley opened the meeting at 11:12

Stu Baker made a motion to extend voting privileges to adherents. Diane Tonge 2nd. Carried.
Barb McBean made a motion to approve the agenda. Marilyn Robertson 2nd. Carried
Diane Tonge made a motion to approve the minutes of February 13, 2022. Marilyn Robertson 2nd. Carried

Treasurer's Report: Brion reviewed 2022. There were no surprise expenses, The predicted deficit was avoided by the increased givings of the members. Closed to \$151,000 was given, compared to the budgeted \$118,000. We ended the year with a surplus of about \$6,000. Brion reviewed and explained the 2023 budgeted expenses. A "line item" for Outreach was added with a budgeted amount of \$5,000. This will provide the Outreach committee with a baseline amount to spend in addition to any special event fundraisers. There were no questions from the congregation. **Brion moved acceptance of the treasurer's report with the 2023 budget of \$191,350. Stu Baker 2nd. Motion carried.**

Bob Crowley thanked Brion for his continued hard work as treasurer and thanked the congregation for "stepping up" their financial support.

Annual Committee and Group Reports: As all in attendance had an opportunity to review the reports prior to the meeting, individual reports were not read. Instead, comments and questions about any report were entertained. There were none. **Bill Whittaker moved to approve all reports in the Annual Report. Diane Tonge 2nd. Motion carried.**

Business arising from the minutes: None

Correspondence: None

New Business: Bob Crowley, on behalf of himself and Chris Young, thanked the committee chairs and committee members for all the hard work and dedication. Bob announced that he is stepping down from the position of Co-chair of council, expressing the pleasure he felt in serving our church community for 10+ years. Chris Young will continue in the position. This presents an opportunity for a volunteer to be Co-chair. Barb McBean thanked Bob for his leadership on Council.

Ray Tonge moved adjournment at 11:31 PM. Rev Richard closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hill