

The Three Churches Foundation

Annual General Meeting

Friday, 9 October 2020

2 pm

Via Zoom videoconferencing

In attendance: Rev Lee Simpson
Mary Lou Croft
Dave Devenne
Evangeline Johnston
Valerie Hearder
Lynn Hennigar
Gord Hippern
Maureen Hughes
Jan Hull
Pastor Brooklyn Lane
Suzanne Lohnes-Croft
Hamilton Maguire
RayMe Rowat
Sean Sears

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: It was MOVED by JayMe Rowat, SECONDED by Gord Hippern, that the agenda be adopted as presented. **CARRIED.**

3. Minutes of June 14, 2019 AGM

MOTION: It was MOVED by JayMe Rowat, SECONDED by Lynn Hennigar, that the minutes of the June 14, 2019 Annual General Meeting be approved. **CARRIED.**

4. Report of the Chair – Rev Lee Simpson

Chair's Report-October 2020: As Chair of 3CF, I wear many hats: today, my task is not to overtask you who have been generous enough with your time to donate it to us. Your gift of time is substantial, and we appreciate you are taking time this glorious afternoon, to stare at yet another Zoom screen: bless you for this! My gift back is to keep this AGM short. We will skip the horn-blowing. You wouldn't be hunched at your laptop if you didn't find us worthy. The 3CF year we currently mark started April 2019 and finished at the end of March 2020, the beginning of COVID, which changes some of how we proceed. As our AGM is later this year, I will forecast a little of next year's story momentarily.

Reviewing the year just past, our Capital Campaign was a large part of fundraising and assisted with awareness building. We continue to find our coffers enriched by the generosity of many of you, and others; friends at Saltbox Brewery, Petite Riviere Vineyards and private donors. We traded in outmoded donations boxes for Kindness Meters in 2019, very profitably. Also, we received promotional support from the initiative of JayMe Rowat and her Trash for Cash project. Canada Day's Strawberry Social was again successful. Encouraged we ventured into a more ambitious sit-down event with our first Lobster Dinner. Never fear: these stellar events, beloved of volunteers, treasurers, and attendees will return when rules allow. Mary Lou Croft will shortly share details. They will make clear why we are gearing up for a presence as a source of nourishment after Church services this winter using tried and true Soup Luncheon Recipes. Again 3CF will play a role at the MB Christmas Tree lighting. Covid inspired swerves will be our hallmark!

Nothing happens without a Board! Our Clergy membership has changed: Father Chad McCharles (St. James Anglican) answered a vocational call to Winnipeg. We await permanent Clergy appointment in 2021. We note also the resignation of Stuart Hirtle. However, with Gord Hippert keeping the St. James' light burning, we are confident that their Parish Council will soon see to more proportionate representation. From St. John's Lutheran, I welcome today our newest Board Member, Pastor Brooklyn Lane. The team from St. John's are very active: we worked happily with Pastor Adam Snook for 4 years. I will not name all our wonderful Board volunteers: they represent the larger interests of the town and help maintain our sense of perspective. They are hardworking and creative on behalf of the cause of ensuring the future of this iconic streetscape. You can see their modest smiles represented on your screen: we are so grateful for their care and support. Our Treasurer Mary Lou Croft keeps a close eye on the numbers as Board Executive member and Treasurer. Lynn Hennigar stepped into the position of Board Secretary and is enormously competent in her function on the Executive as well. It is easy being part of this team...it's also a privilege.

I want to close with a reference to the ringing of the bells of the Three Churches during the lockdown days, the Portapique time and beyond. I have never in my life been thanked so warmly or so often for any Service (small or large S) that I have been part of.. And it wasn't just church-people. Townsfolk and visitors who drove down from Halifax came to share in the comfort that ringing endorsement of better days to come offered. The response from the media and notes that arrived with donations meant a lot...but I was witness to tears in the eyes of those who sat in their cars on those chill Spring mornings...the Three Churches mean a lot to our town...and our entire South Shore: the symbolism of those bells and their ability to keep tolling is due to your care of these buildings today and tomorrow...I thank you.

5. Report of the Treasurer

Another successful year! The Foundation was pleased to be in a position to allocate \$7,500 to each of the churches during the fiscal year, a total of nearly \$50,000 since Foundation inception. Amounts were granted to St. James' Anglican Church (work to east facade of the chancel exterior) and St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church (painting of the north side).

The June, 2019 Capital Campaign generated the majority of donations during this fiscal year. Other donations came from the Father Christmas tree lighting, JayMe Rowat's Trash to Cash project, Rural Riches Treasure Trove Association, a memorial donation and funds from

anonymous donors. The Foundation was honored to be selected by the folks from Music at Three Churches as recipient of their excess funds (\$2,407) after winding up their organization. The partnership with Petite Riviere Vineyard is ongoing however an amount representing wine sales for the past year was unknown at year-end.

Fundraising revenue for the year included the annual strawberry social, a successful lobster dinner (expected to be an annual Mother's Day weekend event), the popular "Kindness Meters" along Edgewater Street and the painted buoy project.

Expenses include printing/postage/service fees for the capital campaign in December, 2018 as well as a donor thank you advertisement and website maintenance.

Fundraising efforts for the upcoming year other than the Kindness Meters have been curtailed, for the most part, due to restrictions associated with Covid-19 pandemic. A capital campaign is expected to be the main source of donations during the 2020/21 year.

MOTION: It was MOVED by JayMe Rowat, SECONDED by Maureen Hughes, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**.

6. **Report of the Nominating Committee** – no change except the resignation of Stuart Hirtle
7. **Communications Report** – Rev Lee Simpson took the opportunity to ask for support for the Foundation's website upkeep and management. Brooklyn Lane volunteered to help.
8. **Other Business** – there was no other business
9. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Dave Devenne at 2:21 pm .

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Hennigar
Secretary