

**Pinawa Christian Fellowship Annual General Meeting
October 2, 2016**

MINUTES

47 people in attendance

1. **Call to Order** – Bob McCamis
2. **Opening Prayer** – Rob Murray
3. **Adoption of the Agenda** – G. Simmons / K. Ross, carried.
4. **Review of minutes** of September 27, 2015 Annual General Meeting
MOTION to adopt September 27, 2015 minutes as circulated. M.Stokes / J.Fagan, carried.
5. **Old Business** – none
6. **Convenor's Remarks** – Bob McCamis
 - The former Convenor position has evolved into a Convenor Committee of up to 5 people. Leny Ohta, Chuck Vandergraaf and Bob McCamis are the current members. Leny has finished her term after 10 years as vice-chair, past-chair, etc. and new members are urgently required to share the load. He urged people to consider this.
 - The PCF office moved to the mall in July. This requires input from members of the congregation to keep the lights on and the coffee pot going when Rob is away from the office; Bob encouraged folks to drop in.
 - Dinner & Conversation evenings have been happening almost monthly in the FW Gilbert kitchen and will begin again this fall. If you have any ideas for topics of discussion, please talk to one of the Convenors.
 - Discussions with United Church congregations East of Highway 12 – ongoing meetings are being held to talk about dwindling resources and how the six or seven congregations can support each other.
7. **Election of General Committee members for 2016/2017**

Convenor Committee	Chuck Vandergraaf, Bob McCamis (incumbents), vacancies (up to three)
Treasurer	Karen Ross (incumbent)
Secretary	Marg Stokes (incumbent)
Christian Education	Arlene Boivin (incumbent), Lorna Hiebert, Chuck Vandergraaf
Missions	Dennis Cann (incumbent)
Social	Shirley Pellow (incumbent)
Stewardship	Lori Evenden (incumbent)
Congregational care	Carol Walton (incumbent)

Assisting the Treasurer will be assistant treasurers Leslie Strandlund and Myrna Mol.

MOTION to accept the slate of General Committee candidates. K.Reddig / I.Acres , carried.

Affirmation of Other Positions

Special Gifts team – Holly Parcey, Gary Simmons, Cindy Litke

By-law Warden – Gary Simmons

Congregational Representatives on the Pastoral Relations Committee – Willa Reddig, Leny Ohta

Pinawa Community Hamper Committee Representative – Bernice Hawton

MOTION to affirm the above positions. R.Dutton /G. Buchanan, carried.

Denominational representatives on General Committee:

Anglican Roger Dutton

Mennonite Lorna Hiebert

Presbyterian Judy Platford

United Brenda Morash

D. Walker extended a vote of thanks to all volunteers who do many jobs and are often taken for granted.

8. Treasurer's Remarks – Karen Ross

- Karen thanked Marg Stokes, Leslie Strandlund, Myrna Mol & Betty McCamis for their help. Finances are always a bit of a concern at this time of year and we currently have a deficit (\$5,027) that normally corrects itself by Christmas time. There is about \$2000 income less than expected but Karen is confident that the difference will be made up by our very generous congregation.
- Karen reviewed our financial position to 2016 August 31.
- Karen requested that donations to the Pinawa Hamper donations be made through the Pinawa Foundation.

MOTION to accept the Treasurer's Report. K. Ross / Betty McCamis, carried.

9. Minister's Remarks – Rob Murray

In addition to his written report, Rob expressed how good it is to be in service with PCF congregation; it keeps him more humble and seems to be working since he's been in Pinawa for 20 years. He thanked the congregation for taking such good care of him. The move to the mall and the change in public ministry of the PCF feels so new and refreshing, Rob is thankful for that too.

K. Reddig expressed the feeling that our office has "de-stigmatized" church and a whole new set of people is making contact at the office.

10. Subcommittee Reports –

The following reports were received for information and included in Annual Reports package posted on the PCF website and attached to secretary's minutes:

Convenor's Remarks

Minister's Report

Missions

Winnipeg River Refugee Initiative

Worship

Stewardship

Social

Congregational Care

Oak Tree Housing Inc.
 Special Gifts Fund Team
 Treasurer's Report

MOTION to accept the subcommittee reports. K.Reddig / D. Walker, carried.

Bob commented that half of the funds gathered for the Winnipeg River Refugee Initiative have come from PCF. Further updates from the Refugee Initiative will be forthcoming as developments arise. Once the refugees are physically here, the effort will switch from fundraising to hands on support.

11. Oak Tree Housing Inc.

- Bob summarized of Oak Tree Housing activities over the years.
- Rob emphasized the challenges that the Oak Tree group faced: During that process, the health region was amalgamated, a major flood used all available housing money for several years and the first architect died suddenly. We also lost our own Doug Hall to cancer and several other members of the ministry had various serious health crises. If the project has not progressed it was not for lack of resolve or persistence.
- K. Reddig said that we have been seen as a shining example of people who were trying to help the cause of mental health.

12. New Business

Future of the Church Lot

- PCF owns the lot between the apartments and Catholic Church across from the mall. We have had various discussions on how to use the land over the years and decided not to build a house of worship.
- It's time to start a general discussion of what PCF should do with the lot, not the time or place to make a specific motion or decision at this meeting.
- The law is that if a religious organization puts a house of worship on a lot it is tax free, but with no building we have to pay taxes on our lot. If we are not going to build a building, we should start thinking about what we might do with it.
- K Reddig – should we call for people to send in ideas
- Ideas such as giving the land to Pinawa Foundation or using it for supportive housing and a chapel were put forward.
- Bob will take these ideas to General Committee and solicit other input from the congregation in the coming months

New Keyboard

Rob on behalf of worship committee told about 30 year old organ and keyboard over 20 years old. Organ is now problematic and in need of repair and digital keyboards have come a long way in recent years. WC would like to replace both of these with one new keyboard.

MOTION that the General Committee be given permission to spend up to \$7,000 for the purchase of an electronic keyboard – S.Harding / D. Walker, carried.

13. Adjournment – MOTION to adjourn – G. Simmons 12:04 p.m.

14. Closing prayer – Rob Murray