

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Of The Renewal Fellowship
Within the Presbyterian Church in Canada**

Saturday, March 3, 2018

The Annual General Meeting of the Renewal Fellowship was held at Cornerstone Church, Kleinburg, Ontario, on March 3, 2018.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened by Ian McWhinnie, acting chairperson of the board, who also welcomed those in attendance.

Appointment of a Secretary

Ian Shaw moved, seconded by Timothy Ferrier, that Duncan Cameron be the secretary for the meeting. Carried

Regrets

Regrets were received from James T. Hurd, Calvin and Phyllis Brown, Germaine Lovelace, and Nan St. Louis.

Adoption of the Agenda

It was moved by Timothy Ferrier, seconded by Karin Cowan, that the proposed agenda be adopted. Carried.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of April 22, 2017

Ian Shaw moved, seconded by Timothy Ferrier, that the minutes of the last AGM be adopted. Carried.

Ian McWhinnie thanked Bill Harrison on behalf of the Fellowship for his work in producing the annual report.

Report of the Chairperson

Ian McWhinnie informed the meeting that while Nan St. Louis was not able to be present, she was praying for us as we met. He drew our attention to Nan's report, as well as to his own as acting chairperson over the last few months.

The reports were received for information.

Report of the Executive Director

Andy Cornell spoke about the challenges of balancing congregational ministry with his role with the Fellowship. With limited resources there is always lots to do. He drew our attention to the business model of the Steam Whistle Brewery – that they do one thing and strive to do it really well. This could be an important model for us as the Board decides how to allocate resources going forward. A few areas likely to receive significant attention would be Andy's blogs and their wider distribution, our prayer focus (centred around the 7:14 campaign and prayer groups), and our presence at General Assembly as deliberate and strategic pray-ers.

The question was asked whether the blogs represented the official position of the Fellowship. It was noted that Andy's blogs are not vetted by the Board, but that the Board has been comfortable with the direction they have been taking.

Our role within the denomination at this time continues to be a question for prayerful discernment and the Board will be seeking the input of the AGM on this matter.

Ian McWhinne pointed out Andy's role as a pastor to pastors, continuing the emphasis of Fred Stewart's ministry as Executive Director. Many pastors are struggling in the conflicted and polarized environment we currently find ourselves in as a denomination.

Other Reports

Ian McWhinne drew our attention to the Website Report and the Prayer Calendar Report, and thanks were offered to Robin Ross and Leslie Ruo for their work on the website and to Linda Shaw for her efforts in producing the prayer calendar and calling us to pray. Other reports detailed the efforts of our prayer groups.

Report of the Treasurer

Karin Cowan presented the financial statements of the Fellowship and offered thanks to individual and congregations supporters. She noted that the budget being presented contained a deficit – there is little wiggle room in our expenses, and therefore increased support will be crucial.

Karin Cowan moved, seconded by Patrick Taylor, that the financial statements and budget be adopted. Carried.

Report of the Examiner of our Financial Records

The report of Christine Gilbert as the examiner of our financial records was received for information.

Appointment of the Examiner for 2018

Karin Cowan moved, seconded by Timothy Ferrier, that the Board be given power to issue in the naming of an Examiner for 2018. Carried.

Nominating Committee Report

Duncan Cameron presented the report of the Nominating Committee and moved, seconded by Bill Harrison, that the listed nominees be elected to the Board for the terms specified. Carried.

Duncan Cameron moved, seconded by Ian Shaw, that Karin Cowan, whose term on the Board was ending, be appointed a director ex officio for as long as she serves the Fellowship as treasurer. Carried

Ian McWhinnie indicated that we really need three additional Board members and that suggestions could be given to himself or the Board chairperson. Ideally these people would provide more eastern and western representation.

Thanks were extended to Karin Cowan, Janie Robertson, Ian McWhinnie and Duncan Cameron for their years of service on the Board.

In Memoriam

Duncan Cameron led the meeting in acknowledgement or and a prayer of thanks for the friends of the Fellowship who found their rest in the Lord in 2017/18.

Constitution Committee

Timothy Ferrier reported that a review of the constitution would be undertaken by a committee appointed for that task, with a report to come to the next AGM.

Open Discussion

Small group discussions were held around the question of the Fellowship's role at this time within the PCC. The results were passed along to the Board for consideration.

Adjournment

Ian Shaw moved, seconded by Duncan Cameron, that we adjourn. Carried.

Andy Cornell closed the meeting with prayer.