

Fairlawn AGM 2020

Nov 15, 2020 12:15 am via Zoom call

Nov. 19 Final

Attendance:	Jennifer Redwood	Maureen Davey
Amanda Hancox	Jill Klaehn	Morrey Ewing
Barb Springgay	Jim Pollock	Noelle Boughton (staff)
Barb Steep	John Cowan	Paul Mills
Beverly Musten	John Ryerson	Peter Heinz
Bill Dines	John Wettlaufer & Paula Blaser	Peter Yampolsky
Bill Hay	Judy & Al Fleming	Rob & Sue Metcalf
Carissa & Don Urquhart	Judy & Bruce Langstaff	Robin Harkness & Patti Smith
Carolyn Hay	Karen Teasdale	Rosalie Cowan
Derek Wishart	Kathleen Magladry	Rosemary Pryde
Doug Knights	Kathryn Ryans Cullen	Sandy Giles Byrne
Douglas duCharme	Kathy Salisbury	Sharon & Ron Nickle
Gary Schlee	Kevin Doe	Sharon Barrett Ewing
Gord Pitts	Laura Schlee	Sheila Corkill
Heather McPherson	Laurie & John Kimmel	Shirley Jansen
Heather Turner	Laurie Prockter	Steve Dunk
Iliff & Jane Peck	Lorraine Molloy	Sylvia & Bill Dixon
Jan Schlee	Marion Boyce	Tom Cullen
Janet Reid	Mark Richardson	Vicki & Ambury Stuart
Jannie Mills	Mary Ellen Richardson	Unknown phone number
Jennifer Duchesne		

Mary Ellen Richardson, Chair of Governing Council welcomed attendees.

Opening Prayer: Douglas duCharme

Mary Ellen Richardson, opening remarks and opening motions.

The 2019 Minutes are accessible online as is the 2019 Annual Report. The Annual Report contains the financial statement summary and 2020 budget. This was distributed to the Congregation by email in March 2020.

Mary Ellen Richardson provided an overview of the agenda and expressed thanks for your trust this year. A 2021 AGM

1. Opening Motion

- To appoint John Kimmel as Chair of the meeting
- To appoint John Ryerson as Recording Secretary for the AGM
- To adopt the Agenda for the 2020 Fairlawn Avenue United Church AGM
- To approve the Minutes of the 2019 AGM20

Motion to approve the opening motion.

Moved by Rosemary Pryde

Seconded by Gary Schlee

Carried unanimous

2. In Memoriam – Peter Heinz to acknowledge the individuals

Mabel Kotyk Dec 10, 1917 - Jan 24, 2019

Jean Whitworth April 8, 1916 - Feb 20, 2019

Rev. David Lander June 2, 1945 - Apr 25, 2019

Ruth Russell Feb 20, 1925 - Apr 30, 2019

Cecelia Upton Nov 7, 1948 - July 23, 2019

Nancy Brookes Mar 1, 1959 - Nov 19, 2019

Murray Bedford b. 1938 - Dec 8, 2019

Marg Deeth June 2, 1924 - Jan 30, 2020

Alec Shipman Sept 9, 1939 Feb 7, 2020

Barb Doran Nov 14, 1928 - Apr 6, 2020

Bob Reid Oct 8, 1928 - Apr 19, 2020

Jean Richardson	Oct 20, 1926 - Apr 19, 2020
Kathleen (Kay) Ball	b. July 1927 - May 18, 2020
Denise Graham	June 27, 1955 - July 9, 2020
Bill Briggs	Jan 29, 1944 - Sept 14, 2020

Memoriam Prayer: Rob Metcalf

3. Report from Governing Council Chair

Governing Councils expressions of gratitude

Thank you to Jill Klaehn by Rosemary Pryde

In 2019 Jill Klaehn, in partnership with Reverend Douglas duCharme, had comprehensive conversations with some 24 individuals who were especially affected by the upheavals two years ago. The project resulted in deep and restorative conversations which provided lessons for all of us, especially the importance of listening deeply to one another.

The report, Listening and Learning – Healing and Hope – Fairlawn Avenue Conversations 2019, was circulated to members of Governing Council late last year and the plan was to introduce it to the whole congregation along with the Guiding Principles. Unfortunately, the pandemic put a wrench in our plans. I am pleased to let you know that this report has just been posted on the Fairlawn website and urge you to read the important lessons from the contributors, all of whom care deeply about the future of our church. You can find the report by clicking the Fairlawn Next Steps icon on the website's home page.

The success of this project, as noted by the individuals themselves, is due in no small part to the calm and caring nature of both Jill and Douglas. Fairlawn has been Jill's home church all her life. She cares deeply about it and wants the best for all of us. And it shows.

Jill is highly respected in our Fairlawn community and known for her ability to gain the confidence of others who might be struggling. She was a wonderful partner for this Healing project.

Jill devoted many hours carefully listening to the thoughts of the project participants, transcribing the notes from the conversations and, with Douglas, putting these thoughts into a series of ideas for all of us to consider. We want to celebrate her and her gifts today.

On behalf of the congregation, thank you Jill for the body of work you helped create. And just like your own presence, this paper will have a long lasting and positive impact on our church.

The Transition Team – John Kimmel

The transition team was formed in March 2018 to support the Interim Transition Minister in his work in areas as varied as enhancing our internal communications and developing alternate ways to provide leadership.

The team also developed the Listening series to help us all become more connected with one another. The series was the impetus for Fairlawn's Guiding Principles. We are grateful for their dedication to a task that at times seemed daunting and thank them for their work.

Members: Morrey Ewing, Paul Mills, Rosemary Pryde, Mark Richardson, Don Smith, Patti Vipond, Interim Transition Minister Douglas duCharme and Consultant Abigail Johnson

Former M&P Committee by John Kimmel

We are grateful to all the members of the former M&P Committee for their dedication to and diligence for the important work of this committee, especially through a difficult time for the church. We thank the members of the last committee (2019): Jennifer Arp (Chair), Maureen Davey, Shawn Davey, Sandy Giles, Carissa Urquhart, Don Urquhart and Robin Harkness. Jill Klaehn left the committee early in 2019 and Margaret Harper left in 2018.

Jane Rounthwaite by John Kimmel

Jane Rounthwaite served on the Board of Trustees for 16 years! Chair Bill Dines tells us that it was a standing joke during meetings that they lost track of Jane's length of service. Her guidance was essential and her input always insightful and she never lost her sense of humour through all those years.

Jane stepped down at the end of March 2020.

We are thankful for her talents and years of dedicated service.

Jim Pollock by Vicki Stuart

The thank you of Jim Pollock given by Vicki Stuart highlighted his service as vice chair and chair of GC, and particularly stressed his skills as a communicator and his assistance in improving communication between GC and the congregation.

Peter Heinz by Vicki Stuart

A thank you to Peter Heinz was given by Vicki Stuart as Chair of Property Council who will be "hanging up his shears" after 24 years of maintaining the FAUC gardens.

4. **2019 Annual Report**

<https://www.fairlawchurch.ca/annual-general-meetings-agm/>

Motion To receive the 2019 Annual Report

Moved by Derek Wishart

Seconded Rosemary Pryde

Carried unanimous

5. **Financial**

Motion: to approve the 2019 financial statement and the proposed 2020 budget
Annual report 2019

Moved by Steve Dunk

Seconded by Doug Knights

Carried unanimous

- Financial update on 2020 Steve Dunk Treasurer (October 31st year to date) and Bill Dines Chair of Trustees (Sept 30 year to date)

6. **Governing Council**

a. Change in the size of Governing Council

Set at 9 persons, Council wanted to broaden the congregational input into the leadership team. Council increased the number of members by three, two have been filled, subject to approval at this AGM. This is a change to Fairlawn's 2015 constitutional document.

In response to a question, the increase in size was explained as seen as important at this time of transition, pandemic, and change, when workload is quite high to provide:

- The ability to reach out to congregation more fulsomely;
- To take on new project work

Motion: to approve the expansion of Governing Council by three members at large

Moved by Derek Wishart

Seconded Rosemary Pryde

b. Governing Council slate and positions for 2020

- Mary Ellen Richardson Chair (for the majority of 2020, MER acted in the capacity of Co-Chair)
- John Ryerson Secretary and Shining Waters Regional Representative
- Steve Dunk Treasurer
- Robin Harkness Chair Human Resources and Relationships (formerly M and P)
- Amanda Hancox Chair Explore Spirituality
- Kathleen Magladry Chair Embrace Action
- Kathy Salisbury Chair Experience Belonging
- Vicki Stuart Chair Property
- Bill Dines, Chair Trustees
- Members at large Allan Hux and Rosemary Pryde (Note: for the majority of 2020, Rosemary Pryde acted in the capacity of Co-Chair)
- Douglas DuCharme (Ex officio)

Motion: to approve the slate and positions of Governing Council

Moved by Jan Schlee

Seconded by Doug Knights

Carried

7. **Board of Trustees – Bill Dines**

The 2020 trustees are (Bill to acknowledge his team)

- o Bill Dines, Jennifer Duchesne, George Swift, Derek Wishart, Katherine Dalziel

8. **Questions?**

When is Marlene coming back? Robin Harkness replied that the current date is Nov 22nd.

Mary Ellen Richardson responded to a question about the research project, that it was on the rails” , the study plus congregational feedback will inform planning discussions in the new year that will be brought back to the congregation. The timing of the delivery of the research project was impacted by her absence, and by the pandemic, but taking it forward is being undertaken under the leadership of the Governing Council.

Future ministry call timing was answered by Mary Ellen Richardson. The transition minister contract is until the end of June 2022. The pandemic has slowed the process.

Bill Dines responded to a question about investment return on trustee funds.

Two motions from the floor

a. An expression of gratitude to Governing Council

Moved by Doug Knights

Seconded by Peter Heinz

Carried

b. Expression of gratitude for Eleanor Daley and her music team

Moved by Sylvia Dixon

Seconded by Amanda Hancox

Carried

9. **Motion to terminate the meeting**

Moved by John Ryerson

10. **Closing Prayer by Ambury Stuart**