

**Emmanuel United Church  
Annual General Meeting April 16, 2023  
Minutes**

# in Attendance: 33

**1. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER:** Mario Finoro at 12:25 pm

**OPENING PRAYER:** Mario Finoro

**IN MEMORIAM:** Mario Finoro

Betty Osborne (March 26)

Warren Simpson (April 3)

Esther Hunter (May 17)

Alvin Fisher (September 2)

William Paul (November 7, 2020) \*

Joan Bell (September 2)

Elizabeth Gordon (November 6)

**2. OPENING MOTIONS** Mario Finoro

2.1 *Motion:* Mario Finoro will chair this meeting and Jean Ford will act as recorder at this meeting (full members only).

Moved – Nancy Huntley

Seconded – Jenn Millington

Motion Carried

2.2 *Motion:* To allow members and non-members to vote.

Moved – Karen Carruthers

Seconded – Don Ford

Motion Carried

2.3 *Motion:* To approve the Minutes of Congregational Budget meeting Jan. 15, 2023

Moved – Don Ford

Seconded – Shirley Campbell

Motion Carried

2.4 *Motion:* To approve the Minutes of Congregational meeting April 24, 2022

Moved – John Layzell

Seconded – Marjorie Ostrander

Motion Carried

2.5 *Motion:* Approval of the Agenda as circulated

Moved – Don Ford

Seconded – Tony Smith

Motion Carried

**NOMINATIONS FOR 2022 OFFICIAL BOARD** Mario Finoro

2.6 *Motion:* Approval of Slate of Officers for Official Board 2023-24 as published on pages 7 & 8 in the Annual Report.

Moved – Helen Malcolm

Seconded – Diane Aikman

Motion Carried.

**3. FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

Janette (Jenn) Millington

3.1 *Motion:* To receive the 2022 Year-End Financial Statements as circulated

Moved – Don Ford

Seconded – Helen Malcolm

Motion Carried.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**Finances:** Don Ford

We have a deficit of about 10% (approx. \$20 000)

Rentals are higher than ever. But more to be done.

Board is looking at Bonds of Faith to help rebuild cash reserves. More info to come.

**Future of Emmanuel United Church:** Rev. Tom MacNeil

If we had to close down, what would you miss the most?

Music

Faith community

People

Openness and spirit of church

Fellowship

Different groups

UCW

Service

What excites you about this community of faith?

Music –

There are new faces

Openness to all

Church is concerned about those outside building

Strong leadership

Small group meetings

What would you be willing to tell people about Emmanuel?

Quality sermons and service

Great music

Good food

Invite them to come

Come for an opportunity for fellowship

Social media posts

How we are addressing issues such as environment, that are important to young people

What are you willing to let go of in order to grow?

Focus less on finances

Worry

The way we communicate, need to rethink who we do this. Need to focus more on external.

Things that do not have a strong spiritual focus.

**5. RECOGNITION & THANKS**

Jenn Millington for her many years of EUC Treasurer

**6. CLOSING PRAYER**                      Rev. Tom MacNeil

**7. BENEDICTION**                      Rev. Tom MacNeil

We know the church is not a building.

**We know that the church is your people gathered in community.**

We know that your work-the work of the church-requires our hands, our talents, our gifts and our energy.

**Give us the will to be the church in this place, and in the larger world community.**

Keep us faithful, keep us strong, keep us loving.

**Amen**

**8. ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Diane Aikman at 1:37 pm

Thank you for taking the time today to participate in the important work of your church. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mario Finoro.

Signed:

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Mario Finoro, Chair

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Jean Ford, Secretary