

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH
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BRAMPTON, ON. L6T 1V9

SUNDAY, MAY 04, 2025

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was in-person at Emmanuel United Church and was held after the regular Sunday Service on Sunday, May 04, 2025, at 12:25 AM

CALL TO ORDER

DIANE AIKMAN

Diane Aikman opened the meeting by welcoming all and confirming that there was quorum.

Quorum: Was confirmed

OPENING PRAYER

REVEREND TOM MACNEIL

IN MEMORIAM –

DIANE AIKMAN

In Memoriam for the following members that passed away in 2024.

- Sam Sinanan
- Jack Hewlett

OPENING MOTIONS

DIANE AIKMAN

1.0 FULL MEMBERS

1.1 Motion: **Move that Diane Aikman will Chair this meeting, and Michael Davis will act as Recording Secretary at this meeting**

Moved by: Karen Carruthers

Seconded: Don Ford

Discussion: All

Action: Carried

1.2 Motion: **Move to allow members and non-members to vote**

Moved by: Vilia Fera

Seconded: Don Ford

Discussion: All

Action: Carried

2.0 ELIGIBLE VOTERS

2.1 Motion: **Move to Approve the Minutes of the Congregational Budget Meeting of December 08, 2024**

Moved by: Shirley Campbell
Seconded: Don Ford
Discussion: All
Action: Carried

2.2 Motion: **Move to Approve the Agenda as circulated**

Moved by: Vilia Fera
Seconded: Helena Majernik
Discussion: All
Action: Carried

3.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Diane Aikman

None currently

4.0 NOMINATIONS 2025 OFFICIAL BOARD

Diane Aikman

4.1 Motion: **Move to Approve the slate of Officers for Official Board 2025 as published in the 2025 Annual Report on pages 6-10**

Moved by: Don Ford
Seconded: Helen Malcom
Discussion: All
Action: Carried

5.0 FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Don Ford

Don Ford presented the Financial review and invited questions.

5.1 Motion: **Move to receive the 2024 year-end financial statements as published in the 2025 Annual report on pages 30**

Moved by: John Layzell
Seconded: Lorna McGugan
Discussion: All
Action: Carried

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FINANCIAL REPORT

- Q.1 Were the costs of the repair to the roof included in the financial report?
A.1 No, those costs will be captured in the 2025 report
- Q.2 Request for more information on the Church Investments
A.2 Don Ford to provide greater information on the EUC investments
- Q.3 What is the status of the snow removal and grass cutting contracts
A.3 Lawn Care has been settled and snow removal in the next week or so
- Q.4 Pass the plate has been successful; will it be returned to EUC
A.4 The return of passing the plate will be returned to Worship for its review

6.0 MINISTER'S UPDATE

Reverend Tom Macneil

6.1 THANKYOU

Reverend Macneil spoke to the challenges of his ADHD diagnosis and thanked the congregation for its understanding, accommodation, and full support.

6.2 SABBATICAL UPDATE

Reverend Macneil's contract allows that after five years of service he is entitled to a 3-month paid sabbatical. He began his service at Emmanuel United Church on August 17, 2020, and is entitled to the paid sabbatical after August 18, 2025. It is his intent to combine some vacation time to the beginning and end of the sabbatical – actual dates to be confirmed (August – November)

Reverend Macneil will use the sabbatical to pursue his Master of Theology through Emmanuel College, University of Toronto.

6.3 Motion: **Motion to apply for a Pastoral Grant to assist financially in the Pulpit Supply during Reverend Macneil's sabbatical.**

Moved by: Carol Macmurchy
Seconded: Karen Carruthers
Discussion: All
Action: Carried

6.4 Pulpit Supply

During Reverend Macneil's sabbatical Pulpit Supply will be provided by the Reverends Cheryl Stinson, Marjorie and Kieth Knill, and others to be determined.

6.5 Pastoral Charge – Grant

The United Church of Canada, Shinning Waters Regional Council provide a Pastoral Grant to assist financially in the Pulpit Supply. The amount of the Pastoral Grant undetermined.

CLOSING PRAYER

REVEREND TOM MACNEIL

BENEDICTION

REVEREND TOM MACNEIL

One: We know the Church is not a building.

All: We know that the Church is your people gathered in community.

One: We know that your work – the work of the Church requires our hands, our talents, our gifts and our energy

All: Give us the will to be the Church in this place, and in the larger world community.

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

All: Amen

7.0 Motion: **Motion to adjourn.**

Moved by: Tucker Harris

Seconded: Tina Robinson

Discussion: All

Action: Carried, and meeting adjourned at 1:25

Meeting minutes recorded by Michael Davis

Mario Finoro, Board Chair

Mike Davis Board Secretary