Gabriola Ecumenical Society

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Date: October 29, 2020 (7:00pm meeting on Zoom)

Present: Karen Hollis, Lynette Jackson, Del McCarthy, Lisa Millard, Catherine Woodward
Ather Aibhai, Gary Badke, Amy Block, Imelda Cuthbertson, Anniken deLissa,
Brenda Gaertner, Nancy Hetherington-Peirce, Leah Hokanson, Shelagh Huston,
Colleen McCarthy, Allan Posthuma, Janice Power, Anne Sims, David Soy, Linda St. Clair,
Debra Trca, Maureen Wild

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Chair: Karen Hollis, Recorder: Lisa Millard

Agenda: Amend Agenda to include 3. f. acknowledgement of individuals who worked on, and completed the Board Manual and the Program Committee Manual.

MOTION to approve the Agenda, as amended — **Moved:** Shelagh Huston **Seconded:** Anniken deLissa **CARRIED**

Minutes: **MOTION** to approve Minutes of October 20, 2019 AGM — **Moved:** Colleen McCarthy **Seconded:** Del McCarthy **CARRIED**

Reports:

Treasurer

Lisa Millard presented the Year Ending August 31, 2020 Revenue and Expense Report and Balance Sheet and highlighted the following:

- The Revenue and Expense (Financial) Report and the Balance Sheet contained an error that identified Savings in the amount of $4360 as Restricted Funds instead of Unrestricted Funds. The reports will be amended to reflect this correction.
- A generous donation in the amount of $4227.00 was received from the Rick Jackson Memorial Fund.
- On August 31, 2020 total funds including Restricted Savings (Bursary Fund), Unrestricted Savings, and the Operating Fund totalled $10225.00

Nancy Hetherington-Pearce noted that the Balance Sheet showed the Operating Fund and Savings Fund at August 31, 2019 which should be corrected to August 31, 2020. The report will be amended to reflect this correction

Lisa presented the Interim Budget for the period of September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021 and stated that the budget was considered interim due to Covid19 and the uncertainty of the ability to present live programs in the upcoming year. It was noted that the Operating, Savings and Bursary Fund totals at September 1, 2019 should state September 1, 2020 and the budget will be amended to reflect this correction.

Programs

Lynette Jackson highlighted the following:

- The programs and events that took place throughout the year included Vibrational Belonging, Theme Launch, Giving Thanks Dinner, AGM, Christmas Caroling and Living Dances. She noted that the remainder of the programs and events had been cancelled due to Covid19.

- The Summer Picnic had taken place in a socially distant format during which several ideas for an expanded newsletter were discussed.
- There are plans in place to expand the newsletter format and to begin to provide program content in a Zoom format.

Communications

Karen Hollis noted the following:

- The primary communications to the membership are done through the newsletter and the website.
- She thanked Colleen McCarthy for her co-ordination and work on the website.
- The new Program Committee Manual was presented as a tool to aid in the planning and implementation of programs. Del McCarthy thanked Karen for her work on this manual.

Social Activities

Del McCarthy summarized the following:

- The Giving Thanks and Christmas Caroling events were well attended and she expressed gratitude to everyone that helps organize these events.
- These events are not just for the GES membership but for the entire community.
- She thanked Paul Gellman for providing live music at the Giving Thanks Dinner.

Membership

Debra Trca stated the following:

- There are 72 individuals in the new membership system and 37 active members.

Amy Block asked if any information about GES is provided to the Welcome Wagon, and it was noted that the Board would discuss this opportunity.

New Manual: Special thanks was given to Imelda Cuthbertson and Nancy Hetherington-Pearce for their work on creating the GES Board Manual. It was noted that it will be an excellent resource for current and incoming Board Members.

Budget: The Chair asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the proposed Annual Budget for the period of September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021. There were none.

MOTION to approve the Annual Budget, as amended

Moved: Lynette Jackson
Seconded: David Soy
CARRIED

Nominations for Board of Directors:

GES Bylaws: Five to nine directors, term is one or two years, no limite on number of consecutive terms, nominations are accepted from the floor (with agreement from nominee).

Directors continuing to 2021 AGM: Karen Hollis, Lynette Jackson, Del McCarthy, Lisa Millard, Catherine Woodward.

Nominations by the Board: Gary Badke to 2022 AGM.

Karen Hollis called for nominations from the floor, none were received.

Election of Directors:

The slate presented by the Board were elected by acclamation.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm **by general consent.**