



AGM of Five Oaks Christian Workers Center  
June 17, 2017

Theme: Sacred Place

A SACRED PLACE where peoples of all faiths as well as spiritual seekers can gather in community to live, work, learn, pray, heal, and act for justice.

Draft Minutes

12:30 - 1:55 pm

Registration and Refreshments

2:00 – 4:30

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**1) Welcome & Call to Order:** At 2:00 p.m. Chair Chris Grose called the meeting to order by leading the singing of “Running River, Sacred Place”. In her opening address Chris also reminded those gathered that we were meeting on land originally stewarded by the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory. The Chair then led the gathering in the reading of the covenantal promises of respectful communication with each other. 72 members attended and 13 proxy votes were sent in.

**The following Opening Motions were presented:**

Be it resolved that...

- a) The minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup> 2016 be approved as printed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ b) The agenda, as revised today for this meeting and circulated, be adopted
- \_\_\_\_\_ c) All reports compiled in the 2016 Annual General Report be received for information.
- d) Will Kunder be appointed as Parliamentarian of the meeting
- e) Samantha Hershey, Jeff Learmonth and Mary Elford be appointed as scrutineers for the meeting.
- f) All voting be done by a show of voting cards, unless a majority of voting members present requires a vote by ballot on any resolution

Moved by Ross Carson and seconded by Rob Stapleford. The motion carried.

**2. Centering & Theme Opening**

Christine Grose introduced the theme and spoke of Five Oaks as a sacred place from a Judeo/Christian perspective; Yvonne Stewart spoke of Five Oaks as a sacred place from the perspective of Celtic spirituality; Mahmoud Haddara spoke on the theme from the Muslim tradition and the Koran; and Renee Thomas-Hill offered her perspective from the First Nations traditions.

3. **Greetings:** Greetings were brought from:

The Grand River Bookstore by Jackie Childerhose  
The five founding Conferences by Dianne Mattheson  
The Muslim Association by Abdul-Rehman Malik and  
Six Nations by Rhonda Johns.

4. **Thanksgiving Address:** Shanda Johns of the Six Nations Bear Clan offered a Thanksgiving address in Cree.

5. **Acknowledgement and Appreciation:**

**Donors:** The Chair expressed her appreciation for all the Five Oaks donors, noting that since January 1 of this year 220 individuals or groups have made at least one donation and of those 22 are on PAR thus are giving once a month.

**Past Staff:** The Chair noted that the names of the staff of 2016 were printed on the back page of the 2016 Annual General Report and asked the gathering to take a moment of silence to “think of the wonderful folks listed there and send them our silent blessings.”

**ED and Current Staff:** The Chair asked Rafael, Tom and Pat to stand and be recognized noting that each one has a deep passion for the work they do here. The Chair then asked Jackie and Cathie (staff of the Grand River Bookstore) to stand and be recognized as well. She extended to each a deep and sincere thank you for the extra time that they have contributed since November 2016 and named them “a rock during this transition time”. Gifts were then presented to the five at their tables.

6. **Minutes of 2016 AGM:** Were circulated and accepted as presented in the opening motion above.

7. **Treasurer’s Report and Appointment of Accountants:** Ron Jewell reviewed and commented on the financial report as circulated.

Moved by Ron Jewell and seconded by Rob Stapleford that the Financial Report and the 2016 unaudited Financial Statement as reviewed by BDO, be received. Carried.

Moved by Ron Jewell and seconded by Robert Stapleford, that for the fiscal year of 2017, BDO be appointed to complete an accounting review engagement of the Corporation. Carried.

8, 9 & 10. **Reports:** The reports named in Agenda #'s 8,9 & 10 were circulated prior to the meeting in the 2016 Annual General Report and received for information in the opening motion above.

**Additional Comments:**

**Board of Directors Report:** The Chair noted that 2016 was a year of ups and downs with the previous and present Board members putting in many hours. She again acknowledged their fine work and commitment to Five Oaks.

**Executive Director Report:** Rafael Vallejo offered a short summary of the year from June 2016 to June 2017, noting and accepting the elimination of the position of the Executive Director position for the time being.

**Member Working Group Report:** Group members were Yvonne Stewart, Jayne Little, Cindo Peterson, Ross Carson, Barbara Fullerton, Sharon Hull, David Schell, Diane Matteson, Sara Grady and Greg Boogers.

11. **Introduction to Resolutions:** Robert Stapleford gave an introduction to the two resolutions that were tabled definitely at the 2016 Annual Meeting and the third new resolution. The Chair emphasized that the Board recommended that the members defeat Resolutions 1 & 2 and instead support Resolution # 3.

**12. Table Group Discussion on Resolutions:** Print copies of the Resolutions were supplied to the table groups and discussion at each table was facilitated by a member of the Board or the Members Working Group. Questions and comments were brought forward by table group facilitators. The main concern expressed was that it could be difficult to get the volunteers needed. This concern was acknowledged and addressed by members of the Board.

Following the discussion time the three resolutions were presented for voting.

**13. Postponed Resolution #1:**

Moved by Fred Monteith, seconded by Pam Byers, that, subject to all necessary consents and approvals, the Directors and Officers of Five Oaks Christian Workers Centre Inc., commonly known as Five Oaks Education and Retreat Centre, be authorized to proceed with the disposition of the real property, the settlement of the Corporation's liabilities, and the distribution of the Corporation's assets. The motion was defeated unanimously.

**14. Postponed Resolution #2:**

Moved by Fred Monteith, seconded by Pam Byers that subject to all necessary consents and approvals, the directors and officers of Five Oaks Christian Workers Centre Inc., commonly known as Five Oaks Education and Retreat Centre, be authorized to proceed with the dissolution of the corporation by the filing of an application for surrender of charter/termination of corporate existence once the assets and liabilities of the corporation have been dealt with. Any one of the directors or officers is authorized to sign the required documentation, including the application for surrender of charter. The motion was defeated unanimously.

**15. New Resolution #3 regarding MWG report:**

Moved by Robert Stapleford, seconded by Jayne Little: Whereas the Board resolved on April 19, 2017 to extend deep appreciation to the Member Working Group for their tremendous passion, time and energy put into the Five Oaks Business Plan Proposal and to endorse the Member Working Group Business Plan with minor edits, and resolved on May 10, 2017 to accept the Vision, Mission and Values statements in the Member Working Group Business Plan; therefore be it moved that the members of Five Oaks support the decision of the Board to move forward with the direction contained in the Member Working Group Business Plan presented at\* the 2017 AGM, and that the Five Oaks Education and Retreat Centre adopt the Vision, Mission and Values statements contained in the Member Working Group Business Plan.

\*A friendly amendment that "presented at" be changed to "made available at" was accepted by the mover and seconder.

The motion carried unanimously with Pegi Ridout abstaining.

The acceptance of this motion was celebrated with a standing ovation for the Members Working Group. Mardi Tindal also expressed appreciation to the Board on behalf of the members.

**Dissolution of the Membes Working Group:**

It was moved by Robert Stapleford and seconded by Rhonda Johns, that the Members Working Group be dissolved with thanks and deep appreciation. The motion carried.

**16. Report of Nominating Committee and Election of Directors:**

The following slate of nominees for the Board of Directors was presented:

Michele Braniff	Cindo Peterson
Pam Byers	Robert Stapleford
Barbara Fullerton	Yvonne Stewart
Rhonda Johns	Imam Abu Noman Tarek
Jayne Little	Renee Thomas Hill
Ausma Malik	

Ross Carson noted that biographical data was available at the tables (Addendum # 1) and a few individuals added short comments to their printed bios. The Chair recommended that the 12th position be left vacant so a final member could be added from among the partners when someone indicates willingness. She then called three times for nominations from from the floor. There being none it was moved by Brian Hershey and Sharon Hull that nominations be closed. The motion carried. It was moved by Ross Carson and seconded by Debra Kigar that the slate of nominees be accepted as presented. The motion carried.

As Chair Chris Gross has stepped down from serving on the Board, Ross Carson offered appreciation for her leadership and presented her with a gift. Chris responded with her thanks.

**17. Other Business:**

Christine Grose thanked "The Kitchen", Jeremy & staff, for the refreshments.

Mardi Tindal, Chair of the Board of the Kirkridge Retreat Centre expressed her hope that a new chapter of friendship and collaboration with Five Oaks was beginning.

Barbara Fullerton offered thanks to retiring Board members Ron Jewel and Ted Smith for their contributions to the Board.

**Going Forth and Blessing:**

Kellie McComb offered a closing blessing and at 4:25pm Chris Goose declared the 2016 AGM meeting closed.

Chair

Secretary