

Tolstoi Holy Trinity Church Historical Society Inc.

Sunday, June 23, 2013 First Annual General Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: 2:20 p.m. 21 members were present.

2. Welcome and Introductions: Chairperson Denise Lubiansky welcomed everyone and introduced the original ten members of the steering committee.

3. Presentation – The History of Our Organization: Secretary Jo-Anne Drewniak prepared and showed a PowerPoint presentation. Points covered included how the society was started, planning and setting up the organization, fundraising, and what the group has accomplished so far.

4. Volunteer Report: Denise Lubiansky thanked volunteers and noted that over 300 hours of work had been completed by them, not including fundraising and meetings.

5. Financial Report: Treasurer Sandra Drewniak presented the financial report. The balance as of June 23, 2013 is \$1610.69, which includes a \$1000 interest-free start-up loan repayable on October 11, 2013.

Motion: Sandra Drewniak, Stanley Kwiatkoski – To accept the financial report as read. CARRIED.

6. Administration Report: Sandra Drewniak summarized the legal and corporate issues of the organization. We became a non-profit corporation on August 16, 2012.

The diocese will transfer the church and property to our group once we obtain status as a charitable organization. In order to do that, we need to follow guidelines set out by the Canada Revenue Agency. To this end, the two important tasks that need to be completed at today's AGM are passing a set of by-laws and electing an official board of directors, of which no more than 50% are related to each other.

Other benefits to gaining charitable status include: issuing tax-deductible receipts for donations, applying for grants for charities and being seen as a legitimate organization.

7. Presentation of Bylaws: Denise Lubiansky read the proposed set of bylaws and a few questions were answered.

Motion: Denise Lubiansky, Florence Kosowan – To accept the by-laws as presented. CARRIED.

8. Election of Directors:

NOMINEE	NOMINATOR	SECONDER
Monique Mayner	Denise Lubiansky	Jo-Anne Drewniak
Elaine Holodryga	Sandra Drewniak	Joyce Drewniak
Marie Probizansky	Denise Lubiansky	Stanley Kwiatkoski
Denise Lubiansky	Joyce Fisher	Raymond Fisher
Sandra Drewniak	Stanley Kwiatkoski	Helen Bially
Stanley Kwiatkoski	Joyce Drewniak	Joyce Fisher
Raymond Fisher	Jo-Anne Drewniak	Bernice Kolmatiski

Motion: Stanley Kwiatkoski, Florence Kosowan – That nominations cease. CARRIED.

The official Board of Directors is Monique Mayner, Elaine Holodryga, Marie Probizansky, Denise Lubiansky, Sandra Drewniak, Stanley Kwiatkoski and Raymond Fisher.

It was decided by consensus that Elaine Holodryga, Raymond Fisher and Stanley Kwiatkoski would have one year terms and the remaining four directors would have two year terms.

9. Where do we go from here: Jo-Anne Drewniak presented the organization's next steps. These include applying for charitable status, transferring ownership of the church, obtaining insurance, fundraising, planning strategies to achieve our goals and planning communication strategies.

10. How can you help: Denise Lubiansky listed a number of ways that members can help the society including participating in meetings, helping with fundraising and donating funds.

11. Door Prizes: A number of names were drawn for door prizes donated by society members.

12. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Motion: Mary-Ann Drewniak, Joyce Fisher – That the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED.

Notes:

1. The church was open before and after the meeting for viewing.
2. Eleven new members signed up before the meeting. We now have 47 members.
3. Dainties and refreshments, generously donated by a number of members, were available before the meeting.

Submitted by Denise Lubiansky.