

**Tolstoi Holy Trinity Church Historical Society Inc.**  
**(o/a Tolstoi Heritage Centre)**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**June 25, 2023**

1. Meeting called to order at 2:10 p.m.  
Chair, Denise Lubiansky, welcomed the membership to the annual general meeting.  
Attending directors (6): Denise Lubiansky (chair), Sandra Drewniak (secretary-treasurer), Wayne Arseny (vice-chair), Angela Smook, Bev DeMontigny, Brent Patten.  
Absent directors (1): Rene Robidoux.  
Four other members also attended, establishing a quorum.  
Thanks to Joyce Drewniak for providing dessert.
2. There were no additions to the agenda.
3. Sandra read the minutes from the last annual general meeting held on June 26, 2022. **Motion to accept the minutes as read: Sandra Drewniak/Wayne Arseny. Carried.**
4. Chairperson's report:
  - Current membership is at 69.
  - We completed our strategic planning session on July 4, 2022.
  - We entered the preliminary stages of a multi-year project which will see an annex built on the south side of the centre. We are awaiting a grant application for funding.
  - In anticipation of construction, we upgraded the electrical panel.
  - We were involved in the Tolstoi Harvest Festival, a one-day event which was held on August 27, 2022. In lieu of a festival in 2023, the committee may hold a community picnic. Plans have not been finalized.
  - We held a Culture Days concert, our annual Christmas Craft and Bake Sale, Spring Spaghetti Supper, and Spring Concert since our last AGM.
  - We received a second federal start-up grant of \$4000, which was spent on security items for the building.
  - Volunteers completed cleaning and reorganization activities in the building and garage, although we encountered an issue with carpenter ants and required a visit from an exterminator.
  - We received a provincial grant of \$25,000 for an oral history project being led by Angela.
5. Sandra presented the annual financial report (April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023). Bank balance at March 31, 2023 was \$26,528.80. **Motion to accept the financial statement as presented: Sandra Drewniak/Bev DeMontigny. Carried.**

Special mention for the sponsorships of the last two windows by the family of Mary Ruta and by Jim Krueger. Bank balance is approximately \$23,500.

6. Maintenance report –Brent described various activities and improvements. Notable were:
  - a. Replacing the electrical panel.
  - b. Extermination of carpenter ants (again).

- c. Repairs to the front door.
  - d. Purchase of security lights, cameras, and materials for the side door of the garage.
  - e. Discussion on Valley Fibre vs. Starlink internet services.
7. Museum report – Jo-Anne described activities within the building, including her work with collections. She mentioned that last year very few Sunday openings had no visitors.
8. Old business
- a. Summer opening hours – The Centre will be open for visitors from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays in July and August.
  - b. Copies of the strategic plan are available.
  - c. Other old business – None
9. New business
- a. Bylaw changes – By a simple majority, we approved by-law amendments numbered from 3 to 9.
    - i. No. 3 – Change the name of the financial institution to Access Credit Union.
    - ii. No. 4 – Change signing authorizations to sign cheques and grant applications.
    - iii. No. 5 – Use Tolstoi Heritage Centre as the operating name.
    - iv. No. 6 – Add a mission statement, as per the strategic planning session.
    - v. No. 7 – Replace the objectives with those from the strategic planning session.
    - vi. No. 8 – Lower the membership age from eighteen to fourteen.
    - vii. No. 9 – Raise the maximum number of directors from seven to ten.
  - b. Report on the annex building project by Brent - We are communicating with an architectural firm for design information and awaiting the results of our grant application.
  - c. Report on the oral history project by Angela – Our goal is to collect life stories, especially women’s stories that are largely ignored in history. We will purchase two sets of recording equipment and portable photo scanning equipment from our grant funds of \$25,000, and begin the project during late summer.
  - d. Musical jam sessions – The Sunday openings are available to anyone who wishes to jam or rehearse, if they call Jo-Anne to book a spot.
  - e. Future events -
    - i. We will discuss a culture days concert in October.
    - ii. Christmas craft and bake sale, and raffle – to be held on November 18th. Sandra will book Senior Centre.
    - iii. Other - none
  - f. Other new business – none
10. Election of directors:
- a. Bev DeMontigny nominated by Joyce Drewniak, seconded by Angela Smook
  - b. Angela Smook nominated by Brent Patten, seconded by Sandra Drewniak
  - c. Denise Lubiansky nominated by Bev DeMontigny, seconded by Mary-Ann Drewniak
  - d. Sandra Drewniak nominated by Jo-Anne Drewniak, seconded by Wayne Arseny.
  - e. Trevor Funk nominated by Brent Patten, seconded by Wayne Arseny.
- All candidates accepted their nominations.
- Motion that nominations cease: Mary-Ann Drewniak/Wayne Arseny. Carried.**

Directors entering their second year of a two-year term: Rene Robidoux, Wayne Arseny, Brent Patten.

Directors entering their first year of a one-year term: Trevor Funk (As the bylaws have been amended to elect up to ten directors, Trevor is the eighth director. To keep the elections as balanced as possible, Trevor will serve a one-year term and be up for re-election next year.)

Directors entering their first year of a two-year term: Denise Lubiansky, Sandra Drewniak, Angela Smook, Bev DeMontigny.

**11. Motion to adjourn at 3:30 p.m. - Jo-Anne Drewniak**

**Sandra Drewniak  
Secretary-Treasurer  
June 25, 2023**

**Note: Once the AGM was adjourned, the directors met briefly to assign officer positions for the next fiscal year. The positions are: Denise Lubiansky – Chair, Wayne Arseny – Vice-Chair, Sandra Drewniak – Secretary-Treasurer.**