

**Annual General Meeting
Seagrave United Church
March 2, 2026 – 7:00pm**

Present: see sign-in sheet

Recording: Darlene Hallett

1. In the absence of the chair of SUC, Terry Taylor chaired the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.
2. Our minister, Ian Wilgus, opened our time together with prayer.
3. The agenda was presented. New items will be added at item #12, New Business.
 - It was accepted by consensus.
4. Motion #1 – That the minutes of February 19, 2025 AGM be accepted as presented.
 - D. Beacock / BL Beacock Carried.
5. Business Arising from Past Minutes
 - i. Future Planning & Focus Report: Brad presented a document summarizing the committee's progress. Copy included.
6. Review of Reports
 - i. Minister's Report – summarized what he shared in the annual report and thanked everyone for their support.

Future focus will be the UCC's plan for 2035.
7. Motion #2 – That adherents have voting privileges for this meeting.
 - Tara Taylor / Olivero Carried.
8. Review of Reports (continued)
 - ii. Steward & Trustees – see report.
 - iii. ECORC – date change: Mark Sturman is being ordained on May 1/26 at 7:00 at Westminster UC, Belleville.
 - iv. Session – see report.
 - v. Treasurer – see report.
 - vi. M&S – Motion #3 That our goal for 2026 be upgraded to \$5,000.
 - BL Beacock / Olivero Carried.
9. Motion #4 – That the annual 2025 reports be accepted as presented.
 - Hughes / Hudgins Carried.
10. 2026 Annual Budget

Carol presented our budget as included.

Motion #5 – That the presented budget for 2026 be accepted.

- McAskill / Hudgins Carried.

11. M&P Nominations for 2026 Slate of Officers

Motion #6 – That Wendy Hudgins be a member of the Board of Trustees.

- Terry Taylor / Brad Sinclair Carried.

Motion #7 – That Eleanor Sturman be a member of the Session.

- BL Beacock / Hughes Carried.

Motion #8 – That Wyn Hughes be a member of M&P.

- Barb Sinclair / Tara Taylor Carried.

Tara reviewed the full slate of officers which is included with these minutes.

Motion #9 – That the slate of officers be accepted as presented.

- Barb Sinclair / Don Beacock Carried.

12. New Business

i. Highway sign – Rick reported that it needs to be replaced.

The trustees/stewards were asked to address this at their next meeting.

ii. Memorial Funds – John asked for direction on how to re-invest this committee's funds.

Motion #10 – That the monies remain in a cashable investment.

- Don Beacock / Tara Taylor Carried.

iii. SUC website – John expressed concern about confusion accessing the online site.

Motion #11 – That Seagrave UC ask the Unified Board to investigate website changes that will reflect both churches.

- Olivero / BL Beacock Carried.

iv. Session – Wendy asked for opinions about continuing alternating services or returning to weekly services.

A lively discussion followed.

Wendy noted responses and will take all comments back to Session for discernment.

v. St. Patrick's Day Supper – March 15

Eleanor requested help:

- March 14 at 10:00 – set-up, meat
- March 15 at 2:00 – finishing touches

vi. Cleaner/Janitor – Barb explained the need for a modest pay increase.

Motion #12 – That the cleaner/janitor's remuneration be increased by 3% as recommended by M&P.

- Tara Taylor / Olivero Carried.

vii. TV on back wall – Harry noted the existing unit is difficult to read.

The Tech Team is asked to investigate viable options.

viii. Generous Donor – Harry shared that a friend of SUC has volunteered to match \$1,000 donations up to a maximum of \$10,000 in 2026.

ix. Illuminated sign from Scugog Island UC – Rick asked where this sign should be installed.

This item is passed on to the stewards/trustees.

x. Sunday Afternoon Game Time – Betty reported someone is interested in running this event in the church hall, possibly beginning this fall.

xi. Alcohol Licensing – Tara asked about progress.

Betty informed the group she has an application ready for a special permit to allow serving beer and wine in the building.

xii. Talent Auction – being considered.

xiii. Special Permit (related to xi)

Betty requested \$1,000 to proceed with the permit application.

A lively discussion followed.

Motion #13 – That we direct our treasurer to pay a one-time sum of \$1,000 to Scugog Township for an application giving permission to serve beer and wine in the Seagrave United Church basement.

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After more discussion, it was decided to vote by secret ballot.

The motion was defeated.

Motion #14 – That the ballots be destroyed.

- Olivero / Tara Taylor Carried.

Ian volunteered to shred the ballots.

13. Next Meeting – March 10, 2027.

14. Ian thanked Rev. Anne for her time and knowledge as she journeyed with us as supervisor, and then closed the meeting with a prayer.

15. Motion #15 – That the meeting adjourn - Tara Bailey.