

**The St. James Cathedral Guild of Change Ringers
Twenty-Sixth Annual General Meeting**

AGENDA

September 11, 2023

1. OpeningPeter Wall
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of AGM 2022Madeleine Cheesman
4. Matters Arising
5. Tower Captain's Report.....Dan Tregunno
6. Treasurer's ReportSue White
7. NominationsDan Tregunno
8. Constitution AmendmentDavid Wilcox
9. Any Other Business
10. Adjournment

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Twenty-Fifth Annual General Meeting**

**MINUTES
September 12, 2022**

1. OPENING

Dr Stephen Fields, Sub-Dean and Vicar, opened the meeting at 7:45pm. He asked for a moment of silence then prayers to mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Nick and Madeleine Cheesman, Carole Chabot Dodd and Derek Dodd, David Hawkins, Olivia Gamache, Linda Rankin, Barb Moore, Tom Willis, Callum Smith, Geoff Vernon.

3. MINUTES OF THE 2021 MEETING

The Minutes of the 2021 meeting were available to all members. Dr Fields asked for any questions or errors to be voiced but there being none he requested a motion to accept the Minutes.

Moved: Pauline Smith Seconded: Sue White
Carried

4. MATTERS ARISING

a) The situation with regard to The Bells of Old York was addressed. Dan and Robin explained that there are no funds available from this group and nothing now for them to administer. This was a charitable organisation set up to raise funds for the installation of the bells – no longer relevant. If further contact is needed Robin suggested that Geoff Vernon should be involved as son of Patrick Vernon.

b) The hopes of having the ringers featured on the TV in the Narthex were all put on hold during the Covid lockdown. David Wilcox will now see if ringing can be integrated into the Cathedral TV system.

c) The offer of funds from the Vernon family will be discussed later in the meeting.

5. TOWER CAPTAIN'S REPORT

In presenting his report Dan confirmed the strength of the band and the pleasure we now feel that with the Covid restrictions hopefully waning we can move on, to welcome visitors and learners while continuing to develop the skills within our group.

Dr Fields asked for a motion to accept the report.

Moved: Dan Tregunno Seconded: Pauline Smith
Carried

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

The report was available to all members. In presenting her report Sue White commented that spending funds on the 25th anniversary party was well worth it. She expressed particular thanks to Sybil Wilkinson who paid for the delivery of photobooks to all members of the guild.

Sue suggested that we continue the donations to the food bank, this was approved by the members present.

There was discussion as to whether we should increase membership fees. Robin suggested we hold as is and if need be in the future we can revisit the situation.

Sue told us she was trying to have the bank "forgive" fees – unlikely.

The Sub Dean asked for a motion to accept the report.

Moved: Sue White Seconded: Michael Hinton
Carried

7. NOMINATIONS

The list of officers was prepared by Dan Tregunno.

Robin's tenure as Deputy Tower Captain is due to expire this year but there being no other candidate it was agreed that Robin continue for another year. There is allowance for this in the constitution.

The meeting discussed how long such an extension should be. One year? Another full term?

David Wilcox is keen to have this clarified, so he will look again at the wording of the constitution.

Dr Fields asked for a motion to accept the Slate of Officers.

Moved: Dan Tregunno Seconded Louis Lawlor
Carried

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Once again we debated the need to find new recruits and the best way to help them.

Sue White has been in touch with the University of Toronto Music Department and she proposed that a presentation, similar to that given to the Arts and Letters Club, be made to this faculty. With the approval of the members she will follow up on this.

David Wilcox was keen to have learners quickly attending Monday practice evenings but Robin thought the Wednesday evenings, where the first stages of bell handling were taught, are very worthwhile. Wendy Earle, one of our new recruits, said the Wednesday sessions worked well for her as she felt a little more confident in joining the Monday practices.

Pauline said that it was very beneficial to have several different teachers, each offering their own help and advice.

Michael suggested that we try to be flexible in arranging the teaching times, to take account of people's schedules and busy lives.

b) The new ropes are delivered, we await the new pulleys. Once these have arrived David Wilcox will arrange a working party. Dr. Fields raised the question of insurance. All volunteers are covered by the Cathedral insurance.

c) Vernon donation.

The Vernon family are keen to support the continuity of the bells and to that end there has been a good deal of discussion as to the most appropriate way to use their generous offer. Several ideas are still being tossed around, including the installing of dumb bells or perhaps a mini ring in the Esdaile Room.

It has been sometime since the Vernon family made their offer, Covid having delayed any action, so it is felt that we should move on this fairly quickly. Dan proposed that a committee be set up to further the ideas.

Dan Tregunno, David Wilcox, Michael Hinton, Robin Clarke are happy to serve on this committee and the suggestion that Geoff Vernon be asked to join was met with approval.

Dr Fields asked for a motion to approve this suggestion.

Moved: Dan Tregunno Seconded: Sue White

Carried

d) Pauline and Olivia have for many years worked as the Nominating Committee but they no longer wish to do so. As this is not an executive position within the constitution it was generally felt that this was a duty the Tower Captain could fulfill. Dan is happy to take this on.

e) Following on from her suggestion at the 2021 AGM that we consider hosting a 12 Bell Weekend in 2023, Pauline asked if guild members would approve this. It led to a discussion about whether we offer a 12 Bell Weekend or take on the NAG AGM. Sue White pointed out that this would involve a substantial amount of preparation and would need careful planning. Most importantly to ensure we cost the event correctly. It was agreed that we will look to host the 2023 NAG AGM. Pauline will contact Eileen Butler.

f) Lynne Salt spoke on behalf of all of us whose hearing is less than perfect these days. She wondered if microphones for the conductors would be helpful. David Wilcox will look into this.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm

Moved: Michael Hinton Seconded: Robin Clarke.

Carried

10. MEMBERS ATTENDING

Dan Tregunno, Robin Clarke, David Wilcox, Sue White, Pauline Smith, Michael Hinton, David Philips, Justin Berrow, Lynne Salt, John Lopes, Jonathan Gentry, Louis Lawlor, Wendy Earle, Judith Hunt

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TOWER CAPTAIN'S REPORT

September 11, 2023

Well, we are now into our second quarter, century that is, as we have scored many quarters in the last quarter. Isn't change ringing terminology fun and quirky: peals, quarters, minimus, maximus, doubles, triples, cinquies, minor, major, royal, dodge, bob, single, lead end, and more, but that's all!

The Guild is as strong as it probably has been over the last 26 years, with a great many of the original ringers from 1997 still pulling on a rope. Of particular note is the contribution and dedication that our learners have brought to the tower. This is coupled with the dedication to teaching bell ringing by several of the band members. Well done all! We have the most bells of any change ringing tower in the country, and challenging as that is, we probably have one of the strongest bands in the country. We are regularly able to ring all 12 bells on a Sunday morning and at Monday practices. At times the ringing room is crowded and isn't that a good problem to have?

We participated in Doors Open once again, and as always, the tower is a prime attraction. Thanks to all of the Guild members who volunteered to lead visitors through and explain what it is that we do.

Last September and then this past May saw us contribute to the ringing that occurred mostly in the UK, but also here in North America to mark the death of Queen Elizabeth and then the Accession and subsequent Coronation of King Charles. It was an honour for the Guild to be able to ring the Cathedral bells for these momentous events including the National Anglican Church of Canada service in memory of Queen Elizabeth. The very generous Vernon donation to the Guild has been discussed on and off over the last year. A resolution as to the best use of the funds, or even some additional fundraising, seems to elude us. Further discussion will occur at the AGM.

In conclusion, we have a strong Guild, eager and advancing learners, new learners coming on, dedicated teachers, and a high level of commitment from the band's ringers in keeping the Bells of Old York ringing out. As always, we continue to be thankful to the Cathedral

Clergy and staff for their support in all we do, and I am personally thankful to the Guild members for the opportunity to serve as Tower Captain.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Tregunno,
Tower Captain

St. James Cathedral Guild of Change Ringers

TREASURER'S REPORT 2023

Summary - August 31, 2022 to September 1, 2023

Opening Balance as at August 31, 2022	3,903.69
Total Deposits	7,352.98
Deposits	\$ 11,256.67
Total Expenditures	4,527.43
CLOSING BALANCE AT SEPTEMBER 1, 2023	\$ 6,729.24

Details of Deposits

SJGCR Membership and NAGCR dues	1,736.50
St. James Outreach contributions	1,034.75
Visitor's donations	52.50
NAGCR AGM registration fees	3,588.72
SJGCR T shirts	940.51
Total deposits	\$ 7,352.98

Details of Expenditures

NAGCR membership	439.00
St. James outreach programme (with contributions from members)	800.00
Bank charges	65.40
Tower expenses	755.29
NAGCR AGM expenses	2,467.74
Total Expenses	\$ 4,527.43

Respectfully submitted on September 11, 2023

Notes:

1. St. James Guild of Change Ringers membership 2023 - 28 ringers and one friend of the tower
2. Members were very generous in their contributions towards the Cathedral's outreach programme. We should continue with this each year.
3. Most American visitors will be paying fees for the NAGCR AGM on September 23-24, 2023 on arrival.
4. T shirt sales have been satisfactory

NAGCR AGM – September 23-24, 2023 in Toronto, Canada
INTERIM ACCOUNTING
as at September 11, 2023

Already banked \$3,588.72

All local ringers paid for registration and most plan to attend Saturday night’s dinner at the Hothouse.

Deposits have already been paid for Friday and Saturday night events. Everything has been confirmed with the suppliers and the Cathedral administration.

The majority of visitors from the States will give me cash on arrival.

Projected Income

25 US visitors’ registration@ \$55	\$1,375.00
25 US visitors' Saturday Night dinner @ \$75.....	<u>\$1,875.00</u>
.....	<u>\$3,250.00</u>

Projected expenses

Friday Night wine and beer and soft drinks	500.00
Server (Mark) required.....	120.00
10tation Platters remainder	700.00
Snacks and Water for the tower.....	150.00
Saturday Night – Hot House remainder	700.00
Incidentals (stationery etc.).....	<u>100.00</u>
.....	<u>\$2,270.00</u>

Note: Figures calculated on 60 attendees