



Heart Lake Baptist Church

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

Sunday, November 26th, 2023 @ 12:15 p.m.

Active Members: 157

Quorum: 32

Members: 49

Welcome

Chair of Council Lois Hardy welcomed the members and adherents to our Annual Meeting.

Establish Quorum & Members Present

Quorum established by Nancy Knecht and Ada Agi

Devotion & Prayer ~ Pastor Wayne

Colossians 3:12 - Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

We have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. Ask for guidance and direction from the Holy Spirit. Guard your words. Be careful with your words in a loving and respectful manner.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda for the November 26, 2023 Annual Meeting

Moved by Dave Hardy Seconded by Louise Lougheed Carried

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of June 11, 2023 Special Report Meeting

Deacon of Finance - position is not filled

Envelope Secretary - Adam - role on a temporary basis

Moved by Leandro D'Amico Seconded by Donna Melnechuk Carried

***Lois turned the chair over to Ada**

Lois reviewed the Audited Financial Statement as of June 30, 2023.

The Statement of Financial Position - increase in revenue by about \$60,000 compared to 2022, increase in rentals by ~\$20,000

- professional fees - architect ~\$7,500 for the basement entrance

Auditor's qualified opinion that the financial statements present fairly our financial position as of June 30, 2023 according to Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.
-Sufficient, all information was readily available and they experienced no difficulties.
Financial Statement Copies available, special thank you to Kathy Hidalgo and Ron Gumbley

Motion - Moved by Lois Hardy on behalf of Council that the members of Heart Lake Baptist Church approve the audited financial statements of Heart Lake Baptist Church, an incorporated organization, for the fiscal year ending June 30,2023.

Moved by Lois Seconded by Sue Gumbley Carried

Appointment of Auditors

Motion - Moved by Lois Hardy that the members of Heart Lake Baptist Church appoint Norton McMullen LLP as the Auditor for Heart Lake Baptist Church for the fiscal year 2023-2024.

Moved Lois Seconded by Edwin Nganji Carried

***Lois resumed the chair - special thanks to Ada Agi**

Ministry Update

Pastor Wayne gave a ministry update.

HLBC mission statement: A Passion for God and a Heart for People.

-We are being transformed by Christ, missional (evangelism) and unleashed for Christ (serving, encouraging and discipling one another - action). Matthew 22: 37 -39.

-To our local community, people who are marginally connected to our church through Food Pantry, Kids' Zone camp. Challenge: to be active in serving the Lord.

-People of compassion, encourage one another in our faith

-baptism - help those who have been baptized recently

-live a missional life in our community - active in the community to serve - continue to provide opportunities to serve - maybe with our Life Groups for next year Sermon Series - Unleashed for Christ - Jesus came to serve not to be served

Capital Projects Update

-Recap of the Basement Exterior Entrance Project handout

-Mark Eggengoor - met with latest contractor

-Council Elder retreat March 2022 - repairing the parking lot was a high priority - basketball nets - safe space, building relationships and getting to know Jesus
-Howard's estimation ~\$50,000 - \$60,000 - goal to be welcoming and to engage our community and introduce them to Jesus
-Building permit was approved in September - five quotes from Contractors Trustone (Karan) - submitted a newer quote ~\$48,000 - sidewalls might be more decorative, time delay due to the season might bring a price increase

Motion : Heart Lake Baptist Church members approve a \$60,000 budget for the exterior basement entrance, plus a \$5,000 contingency fund.

Moved by Mark Eggengoor Seconded by Marcia McDonald Gray

Questions?

Ethan: Do we still want to move forward with the entrance? -we can use the stairs - paving of the parking lot should be the only priority

Mark's response - better for the community to enter through the back entrance - should have been in the original design - order of construction is important due to heavy equipment

Hilda - Heartbeat Bikes - for a different purpose - other programs in mind - how much altogether for the pavement too?

Mark's response - pavement quote ~ \$80,000 -brainstorm ideas - think long-term

Online question: Is there still an individual that was supporting the basement - is the donor still there? Response: Not sure

Leandro: Finished basement - is there a budget for that?

Response - will occur later

Lois - Possible uses Food Pantry, gardening workshop, etc.

Forum - dreaming about what we could use the basement's space for - Heartbeat Bikes was only going to be short-term

Monica - mentioned Pastor Wayne's Ministry update - unleashed for Christ: active in the community to serve

Ashton - potential ministries - What is it for? Why?

Hannah - guests - Food Pantry - feels like there won't be any money brought back from it

Adekunle - Fire Drill - direct exit out of the building is very important

Online - Do we need to renovate the basement first?

Mark: you put the doors in first

Adam - unfinished part of the church - basement - will it be completed? will it be beneficial? - look at the project in general - excitement about the project moving forward - clarity - what is the use of the basement going to be?

Daisy - thought this should have been discussed before today - would like to see the pavement done - too many puddles

Lois' response - was discussed at the June meeting last year - approved last year - community coming into the basement - Forums held prior to June meeting last year.

Ethan - limited amount of grass, used for camp, will lose it to the entrance - stairs to the basement - doors with windows - more appealing - instead of digging up some of the property

Lois - let's pray for guidance

- as we have different perspectives - secret ballot

-Pastor Wayne and Louise prayed

-Steve Loughheed - varying view - can we delay until we can have time to make this decision - Motion to table it

Patti - lots of conflict - is there conflict in the leadership?

Lois' response - no conflict in leadership, majority are in favour

Sue Ott - the vision - be open and to welcome the community - future and outreach directed - our leadership is saying this is part of our vision to move forward

-Ballots were passed out and members voted yes, no or abstain. Ada Agi and Sue Ott collected and counted the ballots.

-Pastor Wayne gave credit to all for their participation

The motion did not pass.

Financial Update - Current Status - Monica presented a financial update from June 30th until now. November Giving Campaign - as of November 20th: \$25,729 goal: \$57,365
Expenses are in line with our budget.
Copies of the October Financial Statements were available

Lois - Explained an exception for Leandro D'Amico approved by council. He has been an active adherent for 10 years, but only became a member officially in May so council made a one-time exception to the one-year member rule to allow Leandro to stand as Elder and Council Member.

Nominating Committee Recommendations—5 Motions

First Motion

Moved by Edwin Nganji on behalf of the Nominating Committee that Leandro D'Amico be elected to the position of Elder and Council Member.

Moved by Edwin Seconded by Ada Agi Carried

Second Motion

Moved by Edwin Nganji on behalf of the Nominating Committee that Angela (Dede) Atuahene be elected to the position of Elder for a one-year term.

Moved by Edwin Seconded by Steve Lougheed Carried

Third Motion

Moved by Edwin Nganji on behalf of the Nominating Committee that David Friberg be elected to the position of Council Member.

Moved by Edwin Seconded by Rosa D'Amico Carried

Fourth Motion

Moved by Edwin Nganji on behalf of the Nominating Committee that Adekunle Oduyemi be elected to the position of Council Member for a second term.

Moved by Edwin Seconded by Louise Lougheed Carried

Fifth Motion

Moved by Edwin Nganji on behalf of the Nominating Committee that Lois Hardy be elected Chair of Council and Angela (Dede) Atuahene be elected Vice Chair of Council. Both are 1-

year terms.

Moved by Edwin Seconded by Roopa Punnen Carried

-Special thank you to Mark Eggengoor and Ada Agi for serving on Council and Elders and thank you to Suzanne Killah for serving as Elder for 6 years.

Updating Membership - The following people have been on the inactive or suspended membership list for some time, well over the one-year requirement. We are voting to remove them from our current membership role and they will be placed on the past members list.

Motion: The following list of members have been on the suspended role for more than one year and in keeping with bylaw sec 2.06 (d) the Members move to terminate their membership. They will be recorded on the past members list and will be advised by the clerk of this change.

Ian Batterbury, John Carson, Andrew Clark, Mikala Clark, Jennifer Dawson, Sean Dawson, Don Harradine, Karen Harradine, Brian Jones, Nicole MacNeil, Lauren Macri, Jordan Marrella, Cindy Nanan-Wilson, Brian Oliveria, Lynda Oliveria, Lennil Pais, Stephanie Pais, Nadine Perry, Carol Persaud, Danesh Persaud, Edwin Peters, Reema Peters, Ron Ramirez, Luleta Rowe, Rohit Scott, Andrea Smith, Carrie Thornton, Darlene Trueman, Ray Viloría, Rebecca Viloría, and Nanette Walters

Moved by Dave Hardy Seconded by Sue Gumbley Carried

Other Business

Lois asked if there was any other business. There was none.

Closing Prayer

Pastor Mario closed in prayer.

Adjournment

Having completed the agenda and no other business being brought forward, Lois declared the meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by:

Nancy Knecht