

MINUTES, NOVEMBER MEETING

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by the chair, Annabel Robinson
2. **Devotional/ Prayer Time - Dr. Mark McKim**
3. **Appointment of Parliamentarian - Annabel Robinson**
Moved that we appoint Jim Olesen as Parliamentarian for this meeting. Moved by Dave Hedlund, seconded by Kevin Rich, Carried.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of Spring Meeting - Annabel Robinson**
Moved that we approve the minutes of the Spring 2013 congregational meeting. Moved by Murray Wolfe, seconded by Bonnie Austring-Winter, carried.
5. **Approval of Proposed Agenda - Annabel Robinson**
One correction to the circulated agenda: in the list of reports from the Commission, there should be the Congregational Care Commission by Kathy Brown. Moved that we approve the circulated agenda with one correction. Moved by Barry Holtslander, seconded by Esther Wiens, carried
6. **Business Arising from Minutes from the Spring Congregational Meeting - Annabel Robinson**
None
7. **Reports -**
We will move the acceptance of these reports as a block.
 - **Senior Minister, Dr. Mark McKim -**
In January there will be one Learning for Life class because the class will be important and we want everyone to attend: "Building on Our Strengths." This is a detailed list of what we do well, and what we value. We look forward to your input.
 - **Deacons - Annabel Robinson**
I would like to stress the importance of the Learning for Life class in January and to say that we as deacons are always happy to hear anything you are thinking about as a member of the congregation

- **Christian Education**

Every Sunday morning, we have an expanding row of children, so there has been an increase in demand for volunteers, but we have a lot of people who have stepped forward. Adult Sunday School has been going along well. TNT has been fairly well-attended. The Narnia movies have been well-attended.

- **Worship Arrangements Commission - Hilary Ryan**

We are bidding farewell to Brenda Zioklowski who has coordinated communion in the balcony. William continues to coordinate ushers and elevator operators, and I thank him for his work. If you are looking for something to do on a Sunday morning, see me!

- **Mission commission- Rev. Joel Russell-MacLean - is current interim chair.**

Mostly I want to thank you. Mission Commission exists for two reasons: to raise awareness of Canadian Baptist Ministries (evangelism church planting, relief and development around the world), and to support worthy organizations.

- **Property commission - Rev. John Nelson - is interim chair.**

We have been without a furnace for two years. The furnace should be in place by year-end. Many have helped George in cleaning various parts of the church and we thank them.

- **Personnel Commission - Rev. Kayely Rich**

George took on the added hours of janitorial work when Siyoum resigned. I invite your input in ideas for long-term planning. I want to thank all of our staff: pastoral, office and cleaning staff. I have taken on a role with the CBWC this fall, so if you would like more information on what our denomination is doing, please talk to me.

- **Congregational Care Commission - Kathy Brown -**

I want to thank all the team leaders. Thanks for carrying things on without too much trouble. Pretty much all the team leaders need some help in their areas and we will be working with them.

- **Annabel**

Before we move the adoption of these reports, I would like to note that all the commissions need help, so if you would like to help, please talk to Norma Holtslander or the chair of the commission you're interested in.

Moved that we approve all of the reports given, with thanks for all the work involved. Moved by Annabel Robinson seconded by Rosemary Ward, Carried.

8. Presentation of Proposed Budget for 2014 - Derrick Bellows

I'd like to thank Marv Fuller, Merv Hepting, Adam Lowther and Krista Johnstone.

Financial highlights

- In 2013 our operating income is exceeding our expenditures by about \$24,000
- DULF has started
- The building fund is healthy
- The bond redemption fund is secure

Debt history

- The lines of credit were secured by the CBWC
- We got good percentage rates, but we were taking up a lot of the CBWC's debt limit
- We have been intentionally working on those debts so we can release the CBWC from holding our debt

2014 budget

- 2014 budget is laid out slightly differently than it has been in the past
- The non-operational pieces are not part of the budget that we're approving today

- I want to thank the commissions for working hard on their budgets to keep expenditures to a minimum
- Some expenditures have changed where they are in the budget, like support for CBWC, which used to be in the missions commission, but the bottom line hasn't changed much
- There are four special funds, which are the accounts that are listed separately:
 - Accrual Funds: like the benevolent fund, the FKBC and organ fund they carry over from year to year
 - Bond Redemption Fund
 - Building Fund
 - DULF

Moved by Derrick Bellows that the budget be adopted as presented, seconded by Eric Zeitler, carried.

8. Appointment of Auditor for 2013 – Our past auditor has changed their business to not include non-profits. They have recommended another organization to us. We have a proposal, we are satisfied that it is a good proposal and they can do a good job for us.

Moved that we appoint Robert Szautner, Chartered Accountant as our 2013 auditor. Moved by Derrick Bellows, seconded by Mavis Olesen, carried.

9. Other Business – Annabel Robinson.

Does anyone have anything else they would like to bring forward?

Q. Hilary Ryan: How are we going to deal with the Bond debt? They mature in 2017.

A. Derrick Bellows: Some will be gifted back to the church. We will be looking for special projects through DULF. If there is a residual amount that needs to be paid out and we don't have the cash available, we could re-issue bonds. The Baptist Union could provide some bridge financing if needed.

Q. Hilary Ryan: We are living at First Baptist Place. When will ownership revert back to the church? Will I still have some place to live?

A. Derrick Bellows: First Baptist Place is not owned by First Baptist Church. It is its own entity.

Barry Holtslander: The welcome I receive when I am here is something that reminds me that this is my real church home, no matter how long I am preaching elsewhere. The people of these other congregations want me to extend their thanks to you for lending me to them. Thank you for allowing me to minister in the larger church and for supporting Heather and the girls when I am not here.

10. Adjournment. -

A motion to adjourn was made by Barry Holtslander.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Holtslander,
Secretary of Deacons