

First Baptist Church

Minutes of the

Annual General Meeting

April 14, 2024 - 12:30 PM

Lower Hall

1. **Meeting called to order at 12:49pm.....Derrick Bellows**
Attendees were reminded that only FBC members vote on Motions presented. All may participate in discussion; and that
Quorum is determined by a visual count of those participating (including video).
2. **Opening PrayerJoel Russell-MacLean**
3. **Consent Agenda:Derrick Bellows**
 - a. **MOTION:** to approve today’s agenda, the Minutes of the Fall Congregational Meeting of Nov 19, 2023, and Ron Phillips as parliamentarian.
Moved: Hilary Ryan; Seconded: Bonnie Austring-Winter
Amendments: Roger Bellows - regarding organ report (item 7) – revised wording “easier said than done! Meanwhile we are seriously considering rebuilding our existing organ.” Marilyn Phillips – Lead Pastor report (item 5) - partnership is with the Botros family not Emad family.
Carried.
4. **Reports**
 - a. **Report of Board Chair.....Derrick Bellows**
 - i. **MOTION:** to approve the Officers of the Board: Derrick Bellows - Chair; Roger Bellows - Vice Chair; Laureen Snook - Secretary; Kevin Rich -Treasurer.
Moved: Marv Fuller; Seconded: Owen Winter.
Carried.
 - b. **Clerk’s report.....Rosemary Ward**
 - i. **MOTION:** That we approve the active membership roll, as presented by the Church Clerk in the Annual Report.
Commentary - Rosemary noted that she will add 3 new members by baptism and 3 new members by transfer of members.
Moved: Reade Holtslander; Seconded: Barry Lyons
Carried.

- c. **Treasurer’s reportKevin Rich**
 - i. **MOTION:** to receive the audited financial statements as presented by the Treasurer in the Annual Report.
Moved: Kevin Rich; Seconded: Brenda Ziolkowski. Carried.
- d. **Other ReportsDerrick Bellows**
 - i. **MOTION:** to receive the other reports printed in the docket.
Moved: John Hilmer; Seconded: Adoniram Holtslander.
Carried.

5. Staff Reports

- a. **Lead PastorJoel Russell-MacLean**
Report highlights

- What is evangelism? How do we invite people? It is based on a life of prayer.
- North of 60 – the largest demographic in the downtown are single, retired seniors. Can North of 60 be a place to serve this group and establish relationships?
- Newcomers to Canada – specifically Nganga; there are some families who have come together to try to bring Nganga here but there are more that are needed to make this a reality.
- Chris Senger is going for ordination examination on May 13; Cheryl is working on early steps toward ordination.

- b. **Other**

- Question of other reports – Hilary Ryan’s question to the Mission Commissions. Could the MC reinstitute the donation to the Gideons to support the purchase of bibles? Joel responds: the long-term commitments are to CBM, YFC, IVCF and KLC. The MC is tasked with allocating their budget that is set by the congregation at the fall congregational meeting. Marilyn – suggests that the MC budget hasn’t increased in several years. Discussion continued around different financial items. Derrick suggested that people keep these things in mind and bring them to the budget meeting in the fall.

6. Other Business

- Roger Bellows provided a verbal report of the Organ Committee. The committee will be asking the Board for approval of the first expenditure of money to rebuild the organ in the expertise of Jason Barnsley. This work would include the removal of the organ from St. Matthews.
- Roger has asked for: volunteers to remove the organ, storage space of 200-300ft², and a utility trailer.

7. Adjournment

- a. **MOTION:** to adjourn the Annual General Meeting made at 2:08pm.
Moved: Rowan Russell-MacLean. Carried.