First Baptist Church

Minutes of the
Annual General Meeting
March 22, 2026 - 12:30 PM
Lower Hall

1. Meeting called to order at 12:45 ..... 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.
Derrick confirmed quorum

2. Opening Prayer and Church Covenant ..... Joel Russell-MacLean

3. Consent Agenda: ..... Derrick Bellows

a. **MOTION:** to approve today's agenda, the Minutes of the Fall Congregational Meeting of November 23, 2025, and Ron Phillips as parliamentarian.

Moved: Karlee Mock; Seconded: Owen Winter

Amendments: none

Carried.

4. Reports

a. Report of Board Chair..... Derrick Bellows

i. **MOTION:** That we approve the Board consisting of Derrick Bellows, Carol Radford-Grant, Laureen Snook, Kevin Rich, Heather Russell-MacLean, Carol Hepting, Bryan Orthner and Timothy Long for 2026.

Moved: Carmen Pauls Orthner; Seconded: Roger Bellows

Carried.

ii. **MOTION:** to approve the Officers of the Board: Derrick Bellows - Chair; Carol Radford-Grant - Vice Chair; Laureen Snook - Secretary; Kevin Rich - Treasurer.

Moved: Bryan Orthner; Seconded: Rob Stafford-Lai

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.

Moved: Marilyn Philips; Seconded: Rosemary Ward

Carried.

c. Treasurer's report ..... Kevin Rich

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Highlights
Operating surplus 5.7K
Paid off loan from organ fund

Operating -83K
Investment – 168K
Organ fund – 187K

Operating revenue ---- 467K
Expenses – 461K

Audit notes
- Depreciation – shows an expense but it is not real money. Depreciation of capital assets
- Loan paid off
- #5 – shows amount transferred and interst earned in designated funds ---- clarification --- appears that giving has dropped a lot, but that's not the case
- #6 – shows investments ---- this is not new money, this is reinvestment of current GICs

Offerings
- We don't meet our budget throughout the year, then we get a big bump in December
- Our offerings were less in 2025 than in 2024.

Financial Security
Kevin reviewed procedural and physical protections that FBC has in place for receiving and depositing monies
Other secured PAR, e-transfers to treasurer@firstbaptistregina.ca, Credit card - Canada Helps, Zeffy, paypal giving fund etc.

Investments / legacy transfers – FBC uses CBWC to manage donations

i. **MOTION:** to receive the audited financial statements as presented by the Treasurer in the Annual Report.

Moved: Klaus Link; Seconded: Dave Radford-Grant

Carried.

d. Other Reports..... Derrick Bellows

i. Organ report – Gord Kerfoot

- Better communication happening with Jason Barnsley
- More work has happened in the last few months, pipes cleaned, working on the keyboard, working on the chests

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- Plumbing, electrical and structural engineering work has been / will be done
- Timeline for completion is not known yet.

ii. **MOTION:** to receive the other reports printed in the docket.

Moved: Hilary Ryan; Seconded: Ray Schultz

Carried.

5. Staff Reports

a. Lead Pastor .....Joel Russell-MacLean

Report / year highlights

Joel expressed his gratefulness for having some of the management tasks of the church activities taken from him with contributions of the Board and the addition and contributions of Rob (now in fulltime work) and Louise and Cheryl.

Cheryl will be soon doing her ordination examination. Joel expressed his confidence in her passing and that we are encouraged to go, calling it "inspirational". FBC will ordain her in this church after that is done.

Joel is able to now look forward to the possibility of leaning into serving the youth of our church and beyond, with the expansion of the staff in a new youth minister. We must model community to the youth, where we are crossing boundaries.

"I hope that you see your connection with this church as a calling."

6. Adjournment

a. MOTION: to adjourn the Annual General Meeting made at 1:52.

Moved: Anne Bellows; seconded: Randi Hartwell

Carried.

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