

College Heights Baptist Church
Agenda for Congregational Meeting Mar. 29, 2021 – 7:00 pm
via Zoom.

Chair – Duncan Jacob - Moderator

Voting members in attendance: 35 needed for a quorum.

Quorum reached. Total # participated - 46

Devotional/Remarks/Prayer – Alan Bromley

Romans 16: Insights and parallels from Paul's greetings to the church in Rome

- Diverse congregation – people from different races, cultures and backgrounds
- The congregation worked together as a team, variety of gifts and experiences, worked hard together for the Lord
- A mix of tested and tried believers but also new comers
- A congregation filled with people who had deep relationships and friendships with each other
- A congregation who serves each other with honor and respect
- A church with unique individuals. A special note to Rufus (Son of Simon who carried the cross along with Jesus on the day of Jesus' crucifixion)
- We have the same purpose as the church in Rome – See Romans 16: 26 – 27 – that all the nations of the world can now know the truth and be brought into obedient belief, carrying out the orders of God, who got all this started, down to the final detail.

Previous Congregational Meeting Minutes – Oct. 26, 2021

- Motion to accept the minutes – Mark LeRuez
- Seconded by Chris Bowler
- Business arising from the minutes.
- 100% votes from the zoom meeting and in person participants

Financial Report – Judy Wiebe

- Motion to accept financial report – Rob Wood
- Seconded by – Crystal Rempel
- 100% votes from the zoom meeting participants
- Notes:
 - Giving increased by 6.4% last year 2021
 - Senior youth over expense – clerical error and that will be fixed
 - Benevolent fund – we have 10000 CAD set aside for care and compassion ministries
 - Social expenditures – we incurred expenditure here as we had to procure catering services due to covid restrictions

- Basement Renovation – paid for in whole, no outstanding amounts owing

Pastoral Report – Curtis Reimer

- Reopening plan for CHBC
 - We are at two services, one at 9 am and the other at 10:45 am irrespective of vaccination status
 - Pre Covid – 350 - 415 (full), smaller Sunday 320, post Covid – total numbers 270, online we are around 100 – 120 views with a multiplier of 2.2 factoring in the number of people per family viewing online
 - People are starting to make their way back to in person services. We also noticed a lot of new families and new comers to Prince George who have started coming to our church within the last two years
 - Encourage congregation members to engage and connect with a new face and welcome them into our family
 - Once restrictions lift, we are planning a CHBC reconnect games and pizza night around April 20
 - We also have ideas to invite people over to homes for a potluck dinner on communion Sundays
 - Lets celebrate our growth and grieve with those who have lost loved ones over the last couple of years

Sabbatical Committee Update – Chris Bowler

- Chris is representing the newly formed sabbatical committee
- Pastor Curtis has applied for a sabbatical for Summer 2022 – May 23- Aug 15
- All pastoral staff are eligible to go for a sabbatical for up to 16 weeks every 7 years
- Process -> Pastor submits an application in writing to the moderator, application moves to board and elders for approval and then to the congregation for information
- A committee will be formed to discuss handling over of duties in absence and also to reevaluate at end of sabbatical
- Curtis' sabbatical is focused on reconstruction – physical, mental and spiritual
 - Week retreat in Vernon
 - Course
 - Counselling
 - Rest
- In pastors absence
 - Other pastors and pastor emeritus will cover the preaching
 - Pastor Todd will be covering visitations, worship services coordination etc.
- A detailed report will be sent to the members via email

Refugee Sponsorship Committee – Dezene Huber

- Update on sponsorship of refugee family.
- Kathy Harris and Dezene as co chairs along with Rebecca Conway

- Raised 38000 CAD for Dorob's family who has been stuck as refugees in Tajikistan who we tried to sponsor them as a private sponsorship, we needed to raise the money, fill out the immigration application along with the assistance of MCC (Mennonite Central Committee)
- This is different from VOR (Visa Office Referrals) which are government sponsorship referrals. They are previously vetted by the government.
- Dorob's family's application was declined and was asked to put in an appeal. The church helped him financially for a small amount of the legal fees and worked with Dezene Huber along with the MP's office
- Although we can't help him financially in terms of refugee sponsorship, we can still provide moral support.
- We have a remnant sum of 33000 CAD with MCC to use for sponsoring another refugee family. Recommendation from the New Comer Committee is to move forward with the VOR approved family. Advantages of VOR sponsorship is that it is fast tracked and we will be able to welcome a family within 3-6 months following the paperwork.

Prayer moment led by – John McCartney

Matthew 25:35 – 40

Membership List Updates – Dave Horton.

- We have about 15 names added to our membership via baptisms and shared testimonies. It has been hard to keep track of membership over the last two years specifically with the covid restrictions in place
- A lot of people are moving from other churches to college heights Baptist church
- Membership committee reviewing the membership list
- A few members have also passed away over the last two years

Trustee's Report –

- N/A

Nominating Committee – Alan Bromley

- Two Board positions to be confirmed.
- Church Clerk – Shanthini Rajendran
- Member at Large – Colleen Price

New Business

- Vote on nominees.
- Announce results
 - 100% votes from Zoom participants and in person participants
- Motion to accept recommendation from the Newcomers Committee – Mark LeRuez
- Seconded by - Shanthini Rajendran
 - 100% votes from Zoom participants and in person participants

Motion to Adjourn –

- Motion to adjourn – Judy Wiebe
- Seconded by Chris Thomas

Close in Prayer – Robert Reid

Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 5: 23