

College Heights Baptist Church

Minutes for Annual General Meeting March 11, 2025 – 7:00 pm

Chair – Duncan Jacob - Moderator

Voting members in attendance: 44 needed for a quorum.

- Quorum met

Devotional/Remarks/Prayer – (5 minutes) – Tony Reis-

- Genesis 4:2-8/ Luke 18:11-14
 - Cain was focused on working the land, Abel worked the animals.
 - God did not ask for an offering, Cain and Abel brought those on their own.
 - Abel found favour with the Lord, while Cain did not.
 - Cain's heart was not in the right place.
 - It is not believed that there was anything wrong with the offering, but the one presenting the offering.
 - We also experience times when our hearts are not in the right place.
 - Cain thought of ways to even the score, rather than ways to change his heart.
 - It's important to come with repentance/gratitude to the Lord and stop and ask ourselves: "Why am I angry/miserable?", and seek to change our hearts.

Previous Congregational Meeting Minutes –

- Motion to accept the minutes of November 5, 2024 Congregational Meeting – Sharon Reis
- Seconded by Brian Nichiporuk
- Motion carried.

Financial Report –

- Motion to accept financial report – Bruce Gabriel
- Seconded by Allan Bromley
- Motion carried
 - 2024 financials were great.
 - \$687,000 came in through general donations.
 - \$678,000 spent on the budget.
 - Counselling and staff expenses were slightly higher than budgeted.
 - Currently, there is not a significant amount of money flowing through CHBC for Garden City, as they are set up now, about \$50,000 committed for Garden City in 2024.
 - Update for 2025 thus far
 - \$103,000 received in donations thus far.
 - \$110,000 spent thus far.

- Note: There was \$60,500 increase in budget for 2025, which equates to \$10,000 more than was received last year in donations.

Elder Report – Chris Bowler

- Membership update
 - No removals
 - 5 new members since congregational meeting in November.
 - The new Deacon's program is doing well thus far. 2 couples are caring for multiple families, which is really encouraging.

Prayer moment led by – (3 minutes) – Chris Bowler

Pastoral Report – Pastor Curtis Reimer

- Issue brought forward in the past of how do we support our staff?
 - Encouragement for everyone to practice hospitality for newcomers. Our church has various new people coming into our church.
 - First order of business for supporting staff is updating the job descriptions of current staff (i.e. Curtis, Todd, Becky's roles, etc.)
 - Goal is to have a fuller vision for staffing/creation of a job description for our congregational meeting in May.
 - Thankful for Counselling budget, Elders, and new Deacons
- A need has been identified for the addition of staff to support the present staff.
 - Question: Currently the counselling budget is ~\$30,000. Is that going to contribute to the new hire, or is that a new expense?
 - That will need to be discussed, but it seems like a separate expense. We could adjust the counselling budget, but that will be discussed.

Nominating Committee – Tony Reis

- Board
 - Member at Large - Justine Derksen
 - Treasurer- still looking for a treasurer at this time.

New Business –

- Vote on nominee- nominee elected.
- Motion to destroy the ballets – Dezene Huber
- Seconded by Gladys Holley
- Motion carried.

Trustee Report – Brian Nichiporuk

- Outstanding jobs:

- AED refresh. AEDs inspected, battery in one unit replaced. Determined that both units require pads replacing due to expiration date. Pads on order.
- Stove back splash. Units on order, when arrive we will install.
- Cameras. Will table till spring. Will keep Shane N as a resource for this job.
- Door Sensor exit back of sanctuary replacement. Completed.
- New Jobs
 - Fridge replacement youth room. Fridge has failed and has already been repaired in past. We recommend replacing with new unit. Kitchen co-coordinator to take on job.
 - Cooler in kitchen currently failed. Repairman has inspected and part is on order.
 - We have been asked to have Kitchen floor professionally cleaned as starting to look a little grungy. We will make some phone calls and get done before end of March.
- Question: Are there any plans for re-doing the front steps?
 - No, this was looked at, and it just is not possible to find someone to do that at this time. There has been a pattern of an individual being contacted to come take a look, and then they do not show up. It is seeming to be a bigger job than originally thought. However, trustees will continue to keep this in mind.
 - Note: If anyone knows of an individual or company who would be willing to take this project on, please let Brian Nichiporuk know.

Refugee Sponsorship Committee – Dezene Huber

- Update on sponsorship of refugee family from Venezuela
 - Refugee family doing well. They have a move coming up for the sake of budgets on Saturday, March 15, 2025. Volunteers and help is always welcome.
 - There is still some money in the budget for paying for the flights from Venezuela, dental work needed for Mom.
 - Hope is to maintain a relationship with this family and continue to support this family in a different culture.
- Question: are we able to get into the new place on Friday to clean prior to the move
 - This is being sorted out by Joyel Huber.
- Question: Does the family need more financial help?
 - Yes, flights from Venezuela were ~\$11,000, so goal is to help with that and cost of dental work as much as possible. Additionally, goal is to continue to support in other ways, such as supporting the speaking of English, and helping the family to access the social supports our country has in place that can assist them as well.

Motion to Adjourn –

- Motion to adjourn – Ryan Harris
- Seconded by Rob Wood
- Motion carried.

Close in Prayer – Steve Mueller