

MINUTES

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - SPRING GARDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday February 26, 2023

A meeting of the congregation of Spring Garden Baptist Church was held on Sunday, February 26, 2023. The meeting convened at 11:45 a.m.

Mike Penner, Moderator, called the meeting to order. In accordance with the by-laws, due notice of the meeting had been given, required reports had been distributed, and a quorum was present as indicated by a show of hands.

Purpose

The purpose of the meeting was to approve the ministry resources budget for 2023, to approve a change regarding the Vice Treasurer's role, and to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2022 meeting

Zoom Process

Sam Lee reviewed the Zoom process for people who were joining the meeting remotely.

Opening Prayer. Garth Barron

Pastors' reports.

Greg Kay:

- expressed thankfulness for our church's ministry, grateful to God and our community that our 2022 budget was met
- many new people have been attending
- wonderful to see so many deepening connections with our community
- Emily coming on board to fill Abby's maternity leave

Sam Lee:

- excited about the upcoming retreat
- grateful that our community is showing ownership of our property
- renovations underway in the children's ministry areas
- 3 new vocational missionaries: Sam Chaise, Maria Spear and Manuela Stephens

Approval of the Minutes of June 5, 2022.

Moved by Karen Cassel to approve the minutes of June 5,2022 seconded by Jane McClean, and **Carried**

Approve new Vice-Treasurer

Mike read the following proposal: We have a proposal that Koon Leung and Marion Cameron fulfill the role of Vice-Treasurer concurrently, until such time as Koon assumes the role fully and Marion's term as vice-treasurer ends. The date of the final transition is to be decided at the discretion of the concurrent vice-treasurers in consultation with the Board.

Jeff McGee moved to accept this proposal; seconded by Barry Porter. **Carried**

2023 Budget Presentation. Jeff McGee, Deacon of Finance and Greg Kay presented the proposed budget.

Greg – looking at the anticipated revenue graph on page 2, 85% anticipated donations, 12% rental income, 3% reserve funds

-looking at the budget graph on page 3, 63% staffing, 21% property, 10% missions, and 6% church ministries

-Greg encouraged us to read the stories in the budget document

Jeff – we have a budget for 2023 of \$675,000

-3.8% higher than last year

-we anticipate no COVID restrictions in 2023, so all programmes should be active and in person

Question period:

Colleen Stevens thanked the church for supported her last year in her job with Neighbourlink. She inquired about the student short term ministry line in the budget that had no dollar allocation. Darlene Boyd responded that any applications would be considered and approved if the criteria was met. Greg Kay explained that the budget line was a place holder because we currently have a separate fund that is not part of the budget, ie. the Binkley fund and when it was gone, funds would need to be added to this line.

Jen Chrystman thanked the church for their support in her ministry with OMF

Moved by Jeff McGee to accept the ministry resources budget for 2023, seconded by Jen Chrystman, and **Carried**

Adjournment. Moved by Karen Cassel to adjourn, seconded by Martin Dewar, and **Carried**

Greg Kay gave a shout out of thanks to Jeff McGee and Marion Cameron for their hard work, and there was an enthusiastic response!

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Cassel, Church Clerk