

**Northview Community Church  
Minutes of the Congregational Meeting held on  
Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 7:00pm  
Downes Road Worship Center**

Call to Order: 7:15 pm

Darryl Kropp welcomed all to the meeting and explained the order and procedure.

**OPENING:**

Jonathan Giesbrecht led a time of worship followed by a devotional and prayer from Jeff Gamache.

Introduction of Elders and committee members.

**Adoption of Agenda:**

- The agenda was adopted as presented.

**MINUTES:**

**Motion 1:** That the Minutes of the November 28, 2017 AGM be accepted as written.

**MOTION 1 PASSED.**

**Financial Update**

- Thanks to the stewardship committee
- Statement as of April 30, 2017 reviewed.
- Highlights: Giving is more than strong \$950,000 more than this time last year. TriCity represents \$350,000 of that change from last year, the rest is in the giving. God is moving His people to give. We set a target and reached it. Very thankful for that. Expenses are overbudget by \$120,000. This includes a budget for depreciation. Report also includes reports on the different venues. Mission debt \$2.1M; \$2M TriCity; \$1.6M MB Mission; Projected giving at \$7.5M at the end of the year.

**Budget 18/19**

- The budget is balanced. No anticipated surplus or deficit. Personnel is about 49% of budget. Giving projected 7.9 M (1500/attender)

**BUDGET APPROVAL:**

**Motion 2:** The budget for 2018-2019 be approved as presented.

**MOTION 2 PASSED**

## Church Multiplication Proposal

- Jeff Bucknam, Darryl Kropp, Kevin Peters and Bruce Styles shared the vision for church multiplication.
- Updates from Ezra Okoti (Mission Campus Pastor) and Matt Glezos (TriCity Campus Pastor) on current church plants.

## Q & A:

- Gary Schmidt: Why so little on global missions (5% of total goal)?
  - All motions happen out of the cm fund. Long term missions support is 16.7% over and about what we currently do (actual missions, local, global missionary support, training (immerse)) Our support currently runs at 20% of our budget
- Scott: Clarification that we want 50% of building cost in the bank before we start building.
  - Don't want our total indebtedness to exceed 150% of our annual giving.
- Scott: Re looking at video...what will it look like as we 'share' pastors?
  - We don't have the people who we can put in the spots.
  - In an ideal world we send people out all of the time. In the real world we don't have enough people. So we train people (Immerse) and we steward the team that we have as a means towards planting more churches. Technology assists in this.
- Rocky Simpson: Do we have a system in place where we can reallocate funds to get a project done?
  - No there isn't. We have one fund that we draw from for all of these projects.
  - Coming back in November with plans for approval
  - If funds don't come in as quickly then we cut back on our plans. The first thing to go on hold is the building.
- Paul Dyck: Re: Staffing. Is there a commitment in leadership staffing to stay with the church long term?
  - Long term goal is to develop a team of people who can buck the trend of churches that rise and fall based on who's teaching. We want to build a strong leadership team that doesn't depend on any one person. A broad plurality of qualified leaders that we are actually scouting on a constant basis. Jeff's personal commitment is to this church, this region and this plan. This is a work that he will give his life to.
- Benno Toews: Can we have a policy that would allow a church like Mission to become an independent congregation? Why do not have a stated goal that when a church meets a certain criterion that they are encouraged to meet their full potential as an independent church that governs themselves?
  - In our church planting work we are working very closely with our MB Conference. The MB Conference is extremely supportive of the work we're doing and how we're doing it with the churches.
  - We treat the campuses that we have very open-handed. If it makes sense for a church to be independent then we will work on that.

- Brian Janzen: Are we going to look at curbing spending on East Abbotsford before we know how it's going to do?
  - We talked about Abbotsford East and it makes a lot of sense for us to do this. We don't know what the numbers will be. 300 would be above the average church size in Canada. The facility is a limiting factor as far as how many can attend and when we can have services. Opening East Abbotsford is not about moving people out of here. It's about getting people who don't know Jesus to come to church. Moving 600 people to East Abbotsford is not going to solve the space problem here.
  - Max capacity is 1000 at EA with the new ACS building.
- Brian Janzen: If we see the EA Campus grow quite significantly and ACS builds their campus...urgency to spend
  - If we lost 1000 people from here to go to EA, that would make space here. Abbotsford is growing, our track record is that when there's room, we grow. The building project would be a 2 year process. When churches hit 80% capacity, it feels full and it's time to make room.
  - Opening EA doesn't alleviate the space issue here.
- Shiro: Could you break up what the \$750,000 is being spent on? Sounds like a lot of money for plans.
  - The \$750,000 is a rough estimate of what it would cost to get plans to the point that we can take something to the city for building permits. Consultants, including engineering, architecture, building plans, site plans, etc. It's about 5% of the overall cost of the project.
- Greg Ouellette: Passion for disciple making (life on life). In the process of dreaming big and making investments locally and globally, what kind of investments are we making to actually train up the places where this happens?
  - The small group ministry model is relatively new. Our commitment to community groups and to growing that ministry is large. We continue to do our leadership meetings. Darcy Kuhn is our Community Pastor and has taken on the development of that program. Our Immerse students are being thrown into that kind of work and our hope is that we continue to train people in this life on life kind of discipleship.
- Disciple making needs investment...teaching people how to make disciples.
  - Leadership meetings, community group leader training. Discipleship needs time and space. The new building would allow more room for multiple events to happen at the same time to maximize people's time.
- Where is the investment in the lay people?
  - Leadership training, Thursday morning theology class, Precept studies, Men's Bible studies. We are trying to train people to do discipleship. There are things going on here every night of the week.

## **AFFIRMATION BALLOTS:**

**Motion 3:** That a **Church Multiplication** fund be established with the goal of raising \$30 million over the next 10 years for the purpose of multiplying churches

both locally and globally. Allocations from the fund will be presented to the membership for approval.

- **MOTION 3 PASSED**

**Motion 4:** That the Council of Elders are approved to spend up to \$750,000 from the Church Multiplication Fund for the planning of a new **Worship Center** and renovations to the existing buildings on the Downes Road Campus.

- **MOTION 4 PASSED**

**Motion 5:** That the **Global Missions** allocation of \$2.5 million over the next 5 years be approved as presented, subject to sufficient funds being available in the Church Multiplication Fund.

- **MOTION 5 PASSED**

**Motion 6:** That the Council of Elders are authorized to negotiate a long-term lease with Abbotsford Christian School (ACS) for the use of ACS property as an **East Abbotsford Campus**. The rental prepayment and tenant improvements total shall not exceed \$2.5 million. Funds for the prepayment will be allocated from the Church Multiplication Fund.

- **MOTION 6 PASSED**

**Committee Information Report**

Committee Chairs

**Pastor's Information Report**

Jeff Bucknam

**Corporate Prayer**

Ezra Okoti, Vic  
Schellenberg, Graham  
Nickel

**CLOSING:**

Darryl Kropp thanked everyone and closed the meeting in prayer.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting ended at 10:00 pm

**ATTENDANCE:** ±475