

Special General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 7:05 pm
Worship Center, Downes Road Campus

CALL TO ORDER:

Welcome - Darryl Kropp, Moderator

OPENING:

Worship - Andrew Geddert

Prayer - Sean Allison

BUSINESS:

Vision Update - Mark Burch, Lead Pastor

Mark presented briefly on reasons why it is a good idea to build a larger sanctuary and increase capacity for mid-week missions. In summary:

1. To make more and better disciples - not just to win conversions but to equip the saints for ministry.
2. The Church is still relevant - churches that are willing to be counter-cultural are still growing.

Building Update - Bruce Styles, Development Committee Chair

Bruce provided a short update on the building. Layout is essentially the same as previously approved. Some minor sightline improvements have been made. A fly-through of the sanctuary was shown.

Financial Update - Bruce Belsher, Stewardship Committee Chair

Bruce explained how we are already at \$15M in the bank. We still need to raise \$15M.

Building Fund Status

Contributions to February 28, 2023	\$3,299,653
Spending on new building to date	(517,130)

Building fund balance at February 28, 2023	\$2,782,523
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Total Funds For Building

Building fund	\$2,782,523
Estate gift	9,000,000
Unrestricted surplus (see Balance Sheet)	2,860,033
Dollars already spend to date	517,130

Total funds toward the \$30m target	\$15,089,686
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Fundraising Update - Jonathan Giesbrecht, Executive Pastor of Administration
Jonathan presented a brief summary of a survey of some active members of the congregation. Overall, the responses were very positive with the key metric being that 75% of respondents said they'd be willing to support the project.

Before we start we would still like to raise \$5 million dollars. We would like to avoid debt but are not opposed to it if absolutely needed.

Question and Answer Session:

A question and answer period was held.

A key discussion was around the impact of the building on church planting and multiplication. These outward facing programs will continue. We will do "both and". The best way to ensure that this happens is for the building to be completed debt free.

MOTION 2023 Preamble

The cost of the new Worship Centre building and existing building renovation is estimated to be \$30 million. This value includes a reasonable contingency that hopefully will not be needed. Our goal for fundraising is to raise the entire value over the coming years through a large scale ongoing capital campaign. Construction will only begin when the combined total of the internal allocations and pledges toward the new Worship Centre reaches \$20 million. Of that \$20 million target, we have already received or internally allocated \$15 million as of March, 2023.

Motion: The Council of Elders is authorized to begin construction of the Worship Centre based on the current estimate and parameters described in the Preamble.

Motion Darryl Kropp; Seconded by Marvin Klassen.

Motion was carried at 92%

Sean Allison led the congregation in a short time of prayer.

CLOSING - Darryl Kropp

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.