

# Congregational Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 27, at 7:00 pm  
Worship Center, Downes Road Campus

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## CALL TO ORDER

**Welcome and Prayer** - Darryl Kropp, Moderator

**Worship** - Andrew Geddert, Worship Pastor

## BUSINESS

**Minutes and Procedure** - Darryl Kropp, Moderator

**MOTION 1:** That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, be accepted as written.

MOTION PASSED

**MOTION 2:** That the Minutes of the Special General Meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, be accepted as written.

MOTION PASSED

**Devotional** - Graham Nickel, Elder

**Prayer** - Ezra Okoti, Executive Pastor of Ministry Development; Kevin Peters and Phil Routly, Elders

**Moderator Report** - Darryl Kropp

Brief overview of the verbal reports to come and encouraged everyone to read all the additional reports in the package so that you get a feel for what is happening at the church.

**Lead Pastor Report** - Mark Burch

Encouragement

- New families are coming every week.
- Many encouraging stories are coming from our 5x5x5 prayer challenge.
- We are back to pre-covid numbers. Easter had the highest numbers on record and our attendance has not come down.
- This year we have had 126 baptisms. Praise the Lord!
- Encouraged by the growing sense of community at Northview. People are hanging out and visiting before and after services.

Prayer

- There are major areas of leadership transition happening at our denomination. Northview has board members at BCMB, CBC, and CCMBC and we would love for you to pray with us and for us.



- All across Canada there is a lack of pastoral workers. Training up leaders is important but we also ask that God would strengthen christian workers across the country.
- Finding more conversations with new attendees that their old church is closing its doors, has lost the gospel, or is moving in a liberal direction and they can no longer affirm the leadership. We need to pray for gospel renewal in all of the churches in our own city and across the country.
- Praxis Church in Kelowna is in need of a permanent home.
- Opportunities and prayer are needed for this day and age we are living in. Pray and encourage one another. Christian community becomes incredibly important to strengthen one another and then go back out into mission.

#### Opportunities

- As the culture gets crazier around us we have an opportunity to quietly live out the christian witness.
- Making room for more people:
  - New building - we have raised \$8.5 million cash and pledges committed for a total of 764 commitments (individuals and/or families).
  - Starting September 16/17 weekend we will be moving to two services on Saturday night, 4:30pm and 6:30pm. Sunday will remain at 9am and 11am.

*"And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy" - Colossians 1:9-11*

Pray for our church that we will be fruitful, that we would continue to grow deep in our knowledge of God, that we would be strengthened for the long haul with endurance this race set before us, and that we would be filled with overwhelming joy.

#### **Development Committee Report** - Bruce Styles, Development Committee Chair

- Plan is to go forward with the application and get our building permit completed. We still have some adjustments we would like to make, working on how we blend the auditorium to make it feel like one facility.
- The bubble is currently being disassembled.

#### **Stewardship Committee Report**

##### **Financial Update** - Bruce Belsher, Stewardship Committee Chair

- Projection of giving has dropped a little to \$9.1 million, but it is encouraging that pledges have come in for \$491,000 in the month of May. People are not just pledging they are giving.
- Consolidated Surplus Deficit of \$1,242.134 is intentional. Review of Northview surplus, internally strict funds, and the TriCity surplus as set out in the Agenda Package pg. 20-22
- Expect to see a deficit on the Financial Statements for the year end.
- The gift to Mile One, and future gifts, will show as deficit(s) to operations in our Financial Statements.
- TriCity separation means that assets and such need to be removed creating a loss.
- The last two items are not surprising and were anticipated by the staff and COE.

God continues to bless Northview through the faithfulness of the church body! Thank you!



**Budget Update** - Jonathan Giesbrecht, Executive Pastor of Administration

- Review of the Budget, Giving and Expenses as set out in the Agenda Package, pg. 25-26.
  - Budget of \$10m next year.
    - This is 8-9% higher than the giving projection for our current 2022/23 year.
    - This will be a challenge, especially along with the building campaign.
    - If those dollars don't come, we can make some adjustments.
  - Review of Personnel Budget changes, pg. 27
    - Vacancy lag - underspending around \$400,000. If we have all positions filled, we will be over budget for personnel.
    - A couple of additional part-time positions have been added as well as the new Growth and Development position.
- Praxis Church
  - Attendance and giving have increased significantly.
  - For the upcoming ministry year they are proposing a balanced budget based on a giving target of \$638,000.

**Q&A** - Questions were brought forward and answered.

**MOTION 5: That the Membership approve a revenue and expenditure budget of \$638,000 for our Praxis Church Plant in Kelowna.**

MOTION PASSED

**MOTION 6: That the Membership approve a revenue and expenditure budget of \$10 million for Northview Church.**

MOTION PASSED

**Recommendation of New Elders** - Jesse Schellenberg, Mission Campus Pastor

- Introduction and prayer for Dan (Sylvia) Burslem and Jim (Brenda) Bird.

**Q&A** - No questions were brought forward.

Break for voting

**MOTION 3: Affirmation of Jim Bird as an Elder of Northview Community Church.**

MOTION PASSED

**MOTION 4: Affirmation of Dan Burslem as an Elder of Northview Community Church.**

MOTION PASSED

**Worship / Closing** - Andrew Geddert, Worship Pastor

Meeting adjourned at 9:09pm

