

BETHEL ASSOCIATED GOSPEL CHURCH OF KINGSTON, ONTARIO
Leadership Community (Congregational) - Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, June 24th, 2014

1. **OPENING PRAYER & REMARKS** - Steve Dickey opened.
2. **DEVOTION THROUGH MUSIC** – Roy Chan led the singing of some songs of worship.
3. **MINUTES** – *Doug Brown motioned to accept the following minutes as printed:*
 - i. Leadership Community Annual Meeting – July 23, 2013*
 - ii. Leadership Community Meeting – September 29, 2013*
 - iii. Leadership Community Meeting - April 1, 2014*
 - iv. Leadership Community Meeting - May 25, 2014*Donna Dickey seconded. Vote: Carried.
4. **MINISTRY FOCUS** - Mark Kotchapaw highlighted parts of our Vision Pathway, acknowledging that there are always areas in need of improvement. The following Bethel ministries were highlighted:
 - 4.1 Prayer Ministry** - Rhonda Kotchapaw spoke. Most people are familiar with Bethel's 'After-Service Prayer Team', which offers one-on-one prayer for individuals after the Sunday worship service, as well as prayer for the church. There is also a Prayer Ministry Team whose members have been trained to help hurting individuals uncover the destructive, negative emotional 'lies' they've been living, with the help of the Holy Spirit. They also follow through by discipling those who have gone through the process. This Team includes Mark & Rhonda Kotchapaw, Lyn Stafford, Tracey Thomson, Julie Wight, Jamie Stinson & Sarah Teillet. Lyn and Tracey were present to share what drew them to this ministry and how they have personally benefited.

A new initiative of the Prayer Ministry Team is the development of a 5-week 'small group' curriculum and plans to run a test-group this fall. Julie Wight described the proposed course outline to include:

 - Week 1 - Focuses on our back story; providing tools to spend time with the Lord on your own
 - Week 2 - Identifying individuals that have affected you negatively & positively, and what forgiveness is.
 - Week 3 - What is your story is today? Can you trust your own story and see how it plays out in God's plan?
 - Week 4 - Opportunity for ministry
 - Week 5 - Identifying with an authentic 'new' story as God brings healing in your life
 - 4.2 Mentoring** – Bethel's Youth Intern, Anna MacDonald, and Maddie & Roy Chan described their impressions of this exciting ministry initiative that matches a Bethel youth with a mentoring adult. Anna & Maddie shared their story as a mentorship pair & feel they have both grown in intimacy with God through this experience. Roy added how he has seen the benefits of such a program in his daughter's life. Approximately 12 youth have been matched to date.
 - 4.3 Partnership** – Fred Grendel, Bethel's Youth Director, & student, Liam Wilkins, spoke of Bethel's partnership with Camp IAWAH. Four retreats were offered this past year at IAWAH for the Senior High youth. Liam reflected on how these events have helped strengthen his walk with God as well as built relationships with others over the years.
 - 4.4 Prayer Time** – The ministry focus time concluded with a short prayer time in small groups.
5. **ANNUAL REPORT**
 - 5.1** The 2013-2014 Annual Report has been made available. The following corrections were noted, with apologies:
 - Appendix C: Bethel Church - Records → Births: Add "Andrew & Maxine Hurst (Madeline)"
 - Deaths: Should read Ron "Myers"

5.2 Raymond Roy moved that the 2014-2015 Nominating Committee Report be accepted by the membership. [Appendix B of the 2013-2014 Annual Report] Phyllis Turrell seconded.

Discussion:

*There was a question about whether Ken Vissers would have time to sit on the Elders' Board as he adjusts to his new position at Camp IAWAH. Mark Kotchapaw stated that Ken gave this careful consideration and feels he is able to make this commitment.

Vote: Carried.

5.3 Donna Dickey moved that the 2014-15 Budget be accepted by the membership as printed. [Appendix D of the 2013-14 Annual Report] John Sheahan seconded.

Discussion:

*This year's budget increase is in anticipation of hiring a new pastoral staff member and Bethel is financially in a good position for this.

*The church expansion will be paid off in 2017.

Vote: Carried.

5.4 Doug Brown moved that the 2014-15 Missions Budget be accepted as printed. [Appendix E of the 2013-14 Annual Report] Carmen Gauvin-O'Donnell seconded.

Vote: Carried.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Membership - Amos Cohoe moved that Motions 1 & 2, printed in Appendix A of the 2013-2014 Annual Report, be tabled until the next congregational meeting. Gord Wight seconded.

Vote: Carried

6.2 2015-16 Nominating Committee – Nominations for committee members for the next fiscal year were accepted as follows:

- Sharon Mackenzie volunteered Sharon Rusk
- Roy Chan nominated Tracey Thomson
- Roy Chan volunteered himself

Donna Dickey moved that Sharon Rusk, Roy Chan and Tracey Thomson be approved to sit on the 2015-16 Nominating Committee. Carmen Gauvin-O'Donnell seconded.

Vote: Carried.

Mark Kotchapaw extended his thanks to Steve Dickey, Roy Chan, Eric Prost & Ewen Mackenzie for their work on the Elders' Board, as well as Mike Barrett & Dirk Bouma for their work on the Deacons' Board. All have completed their terms and will be stepping off their respective boards.

7. ADJOURNMENT – Fred Grendel closed in prayer.

Minutes prepared by: Donna Dickey

Attendance: 27 Members; 14 Adherents