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BETHEL ASSOCIATED GOSPEL CHURCH OF KINGSTON, ONTARIO
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014-2015
June 23, 2015

1. OPENING AND DEVOTIONAL

The meeting was opened and chaired by Chris Rusk, Elders' Board Chair.

Pastor Mark offered a short devotional on the importance of each of us growing spiritually, so that we can become the church body that God desires. This requires that we keep people in our lives that will inspire us through every decade/season of our lives, but also that we be mindful to draw alongside others to be an encouragement to them.

2. OLD BUSINESS

2.1 Minutes:

Phyllis Turrell moved to adopt the June 24, 2014 minutes as printed. Brent Thomson seconded.

Discussion:

The church expansion may not be paid off in 2017, as stated in 5.3, due to boiler issues and related expenditures. **Vote: Carried*

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Members Admitted Earlier in the Year:

*Steve Dickey moved that the memberships of David Dempster, Mary Jane Dempster, Charles Stickel and Joan Stickel, be confirmed by the membership of Bethel Church. Raymond Roy seconded. **Vote: Carried.***

3.2 New Members:

*a) Steve Dickey moved that Brian Marchant be accepted into membership at Bethel Church. Brent Thomson seconded. **Vote: Carried.***

b) *Amos Cohoe moved that Jan Marchant be accepted into membership at Bethel Church.* Fred Grendel seconded. **Vote: Carried.**

c) *Mark Kotchapaw moved that Gord Unsworth be accepted into membership at Bethel Church.* Steve Dickey seconded. **Vote: Carried**

d) *Stan Taylor moved that Alexandra Taylor be accepted into membership at Bethel Church.* Phyllis Turrell seconded. **Vote: Carried.**

3.3 Nominating Committee Report: (see 2014/15 Annual Report: Appendix B – pp.48, 49)

Steve Dickey moved that the 2014-15 Nominating Committee Report be accepted as printed. Sharon Rusk seconded.

Discussion:

*Librarian – this position is vacant and, as noted for other positions, is “needed.”

*Elders’ Board - Due to family responsibilities, Bob Landry stepped off the Elders’ Board before the completion of his term. His contribution to the Board during the time he served was recognized.

*Under ‘Board of Elders,’ Dave Dempster’s last name was misspelled.

Vote: Carried.

Chris Rusk prayed for the new Board members.

3.4 2015-2016 Budgets – (see 2014/15 Annual Report Appendix D – p.51-56)

On behalf of the Deacons’ Board, Gord Wight moved that the 2015-16 Budget be accepted by the membership as printed. John Sheahan seconded.

Discussion:

*Gord Wight reported that Bethel is in good financial shape. He noted that a significant portion of the Operating Budget’s increase is because we are now including both Honduras and Constance Lake project costs in the budget.

*Approximately \$12,000 in monthly donations is now being received through automatic debit. While this has not necessarily led to increased overall offerings, it is providing some predictability that assists the deacons when planning expenditures, and provides a more stable cash flow, particularly during the summer months.

*It was noted that Mimi Kashira appears in two lines on the Proposed Missions Budget (p. 56) because she switched from IVCF to Geneva Fellowship during this past year. For the proposed new budget, monies are budgeted for her only under Geneva Fellowship. The \$350 monthly under Inter-Varsity should therefore read “\$0.”

Vote: Carried.

[**Note:** A 'pre-huddle' discussion was held June 14th, during which congregants had the opportunity to ask questions regarding any part of the proposed budgets. This reduces the amount of discussion at the AGM. The collective budget was voted on as one motion.]

3.5 Nominating Committee Members 2015/16

Amos Cohoe moved that Donna Dickey (nominated by Mark Kotchapaw) and John Sheahan (nominated by Sharon Rusk) act on the 2015-16 Nominating Committee. A third member is still needed. Gord Wight seconded.

Vote: Carried.

4. BREAKOUT GROUPS AND ADJOURNMENT

Those present split into two groups for a ‘Process & Systems’ dialogue:

- Amanda Van Halteren facilitated a discussion on the “Model of Pastoral Care” (moving from connecting to belonging; building church community)
- Pastor Mark facilitated a discussion on “Missions”.

After the discussion period, there was a short time of prayer in each group, after which the meeting was adjourned.

Attendance: 31 Members; 6 Adherents

Minutes prepared by:
Donna Dickey