

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
BUSINESS MEETING Minutes
Monday December 4, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

1. **Welcome:** Mike Whitehouse
 - a. **Quorum reached.**
2. **Scripture Reading & Prayer:** Pastor Tim – Psalm 44
3. **Declaration(s) of Pecuniary Interest:** None.
4. **Acceptance of Agenda:**
 - a. Amend New Business 11. a) Motion regarding repair of gym floor.
 - b. M/S: Randy Johnston and Eric Walpole – Carried.
5. **Election of 3 Scrutineers:**
 - a. Vanessa Stewart, Karen Johnston, and Bruce Ballantyne. –
 - b. M/S: Ed Stewart, Andrew Morden – Carried.
6. **Approval of Minutes from March 6, 2023:**
 - a. M/S: Alex Walker, Bruce Ballantyne – Carried.
7. **Finances:**
 - a. Year to Date Financial Report: Kathy Gummerson and Randy Munnings
 - i. Motion that report be accepted: M/S: Eric Walpole, Randy Johnston – Carried.
 - b. Appointment of Auditor for Financial Review
 - i. Motion that McCutchen & Pearce Professional Corporation - Accountants be appointed for the review of the Church's financial records, including the Benevolence Fund, for the year 2024: M/S: Rylee Walker, Ted Altenberg – Carried.
 - c. 2024 Operating and Capital Budget: Randy Munnings
 - i. Motion that 2024 Budget be accepted as presented.
 - ii. M/S: Eric Walpole, Addison Somers – Carried.
8. **Election of Officers - Nominating Committee: M/S:** Rylee Walker, Kim Houle – Carried.
 - a. Nominating committee: Donna Taylor, Randy Johnston, Melissa Crerar, Alicia Peper, Marshall Morden, Tim Elmore.
 - b. Proposed Slate
 - i. Elders Board:
 1. Andrew Morden – 3-year Term
 2. Hesed Lagud – 3-year Term
 - ii. Finance Ministry Team
 1. Treasurer 2-year Term - Randy Munnings
 2. Recording Secretary: 1-year Term – Morgan Walpole
 - iii. Restate who the Elders will be next year: Randy Johnson, Andrew Morden, Hesed Lagud, Marcel Peper. Positions will be posted in the January Board Meeting.
9. **Elders Report:** Elders Board
 - a. Thank you. We are in a better place this year than last year.
 - b. Membership List Changes
 - i. Added:
 1. Bradley and Janine Park
 - ii. Removed:
 1. Bob and Audrey Sherry

2. Mark and Kelly Frankruyter
3. Wayne and Jean Broad
4. Kathy Moore
5. Mitch and Hazel Palmer
6. Pat and Dirkje Klaver
7. Ellen Pruijm
8. Stephanie Dickinson

c. Governance:

- i. Changes coming.
- ii. Thanks to Elders and Paul and Bernard.
- iii. Recovery in attendance and financials.
- iv. Refresh activities.
- v. Thanks to volunteers.
- vi. Thanks to staff: Love Offering for all staff (Tim Elmore, Marshall Morden, Alex Walker, Jacrise Lagud, Kathy Gummerson, Walter Eiker).
- vii. Grow in discipleship and commitment to see people come to Jesus.

10. **Pastoral Report:** Pastor Tim

a. Broader Communities: Marshall Morden and Tim Elmore attended as MBC delegates.

i. FEB Central

1. No Orders of New Business.
2. Development in other churches.
3. Rick Buck health worsening. Replaced by Tom Hane as FEB Central Director.

ii. FEB National

1. Churches coming into FEB.
2. New churches planted.
3. Missions through FAIR and FEB Missions group.
4. Revisit and rewrite Statement of Faith. Scope was greater than what was earlier felt considered "small".
 - a. Want to tighten definitions, better phrase others.
 - b. Will present and vote to publish proposal by delegates at a regional meeting in 2 years.

b. Stratford Community:

- i. Focus to live in the place that we have made.
- ii. Growth in new members and attendees to the church.
- iii. Leadership Development: We have an abundance of leaders in our midst.
- iv. Potluck Culture.
- v. Refresh Committee is still working on the items to be brought to the congregation. Background work is active to establish criteria to determine the scope of the work.
- vi. Expectation is that there will be further discussion to address the flat roof above the gym and is estimated in the \$150 000 range.
- vii. Michael is completing 3-year term as Elder Chair.

11. **New Business:**

- a. The Elders move that \$27 500 be approved for the purpose of removing the existing gym floor and replacing it with an epoxy coating (looked at 3 businesses, different methods ie. epoxy flooring, painting.)
 - i. M/S: Vanessa Stewart and Bruce Ballantyne – Carried.

- ii. Noted that the money will be pulled from the Building Fund – Michael Whitehouse addresses this.
 - iii. Timing: ASAP. Tearing and Removal: 1 week. Epoxy: 1 Week.
 - iv. No plan to change the carpet on the wall.
 - v. Damage from roof wouldn't affect epoxy on gym floor.
 - vi. Elders will work with Refresh Committee to make something that is attractive.
 - vii. Outreach / Youth Event for rough games / sports should not hinder epoxy flooring.
12. **Words of Appreciation:** Thank you to all for your commitment to the ministry of MBC. Next mandated Business Meeting is on Monday March 4, 2024.
13. **Adjournment & Prayer:** Motion to adjournment: Eric Walpole – Carried.

Physical Attendance:

Linda Abercrombie
 Ted Altenburg
 Barb Ballantyne
 Bruce Ballantyne
 Bryan Chambers
 Melissa Crerar
 Ben Dolton
 Addison Eldridge
 Trent Eldridge
 Tim Eldridge
 Catherine Funston
 Bernard Goward
 Kathy Gummerson
 Gilles Houle
 Kim Houle
 Ryan Huber
 Judy Jeffery-Chambers
 Karen Johnston
 Randy Johnston
 Dan Krahn
 Hesed Lagud
 Marshall Morden
 Anne Munnings
 Randy Munnings
 Marcel Peper
 Ed Stewart
 Vanessa Stewart
 Paul Thistle
 Alex Walker
 Rylee Walker
 Eric Walpole
 Morgan Walpole
 Larry Whitehouse
 Michael Whitehouse

Ruby Whitehouse

Virtual Attendance:

Al Drown
Barb Drown
Jacrisse Lagud
Gwen Bradshaw
Laura Whitehouse
Pauline Walkom
Bruce Walkom
Stephen Morden
Vicki Morden
Kirk Lindsay
Mary Lindsay
Donna Taylor
Kim Kowch
Lyndon Kowch
Holly Duduj
Larry Kitmer
Cecilia Kitmer
Lindsay Elmore
Tom Collings
Jackie Collings
Dennis Lunn
Christine Lunn
Brad Park
Janine Park
Leslie Cook
Blair & Yvonne Dunlop (non-members)
Alicia Peper