

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 26, 2019, at 7:05 pm
Worship Center, Downes Road Campus

CALL TO ORDER:

Welcome - Darryl Kropp

- Moderator, Darryl Kropp, welcomed everyone to the 39th Annual General Meeting and explained the order and procedure.
- Prayer

OPENING:

Worship - Andrew Geddart

Devotional and Prayer - Ken Driedger, Elder

BUSINESS:

Minutes

MOTION 1: That the Congregational Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2019, be accepted as written.

MOTION 1 PASSED

Moderator's Report - Darryl Kropp

Overview of Northview's vision and how far we have come over the years. It was also noted that our operating guidelines and governance practices have been tweaked along the way and have been evolving over time. An update was given on the changes.

Stewardship Committee Report - Bruce Belsher, Chair

- We are thankful for God's provision and ask for continued prayer as we move forward.
- Gave thanks to the members of the Stewardship Committee for their excellent work and diligence as well as recognized Layton Friesen who has stepped away.
- Review of Financial Statements (not provided in the package but reviewed on screen):
 - General Contributions** - significantly higher (\$1.3 million) than last year at \$8.8 million. That does not include the Multiplication money that came in for an additional 1.6 million.
 - Assets and Liabilities** - 2.7 million dollars cash at June 30th, there have been some changes since but that is up significantly over last year of \$750,000.00.
 - Net Assets** (pg 23) - \$500,000.00 reserved for Local and Global Church planting.
 - Statement of Cash Flow** - How we got 2.7 million worth of cash. Part of it is from giving but part of it is from a variety of transactions that we did and that is up from the \$750,000.00 at the bottom of the page.
 - Notes to Financial Statements** - Contributions restricted for the purchase of capital assets and the fair value of contributed capital assets are deferred and amortized into the revenue at the rate corresponding with the amortization rate.

Bank Indebtedness (pg 27) - We basically have no indebtedness to the Bank. Where we have our indebtedness to, is to the Canadian Conference.

Deferred Contributions (pg 30) - Balance of \$628,000.00 is money that has been given or brought in that we haven't recognized because it isn't there. Special Needs \$243,000.00 is the Care Fund.

MOTION 2: To accept the Financial Statements as presented in the package.
MOTION 2 PASSED

Questions were brought forward and answered.

Development Committee Report - Bruce Styles, Chair

- The Development Committee has settled on a plan and a structure that will work well.
- Below is the latest alliteration which is just a slight adjustment from what we presented at the last general meeting and as we speak we are going through some of the refinements on this structure so that we can be prepared for a building permit early in the year.





- Anticipated Timeline - Application for a building permit in early January and we hope that the fundraising targets will be achieved somewhere around April and May. If those indicators are positive and affirm what our target should be then we can go ahead by early June or July 2020..

Missions Committee Report - Kevin Peters, Chair

- We normally spend close to \$500,000/year on church planting and missions activities. We doubled that budget this year and we are on target to spend all of it and then some.
 - Focus is on the three target regions where we are going to engage ourselves globally: the Mekong River area, Turkey, and Northern India.
 - An overview was given on what we are doing in each of the above regions.

Downes Road Giving Campaign -Jonathan Giesbrecht, Interim Executive Pastor of Administration

Based on previous years data, we are on pace to exceed last year in terms of our budget giving, which is really exciting. We have already raised over \$1 million and only need an additional \$4 million to start construction. There are three things we are going to be doing beyond prayer to raise those funds.

1. Increase Ease of Giving
We are launching online giving. If you are giving already via automatic withdrawal or PAC you should continue doing that. If you are feeling an impromptu urge to give, you can do

that via credit card. Questions email giving@northview.org. You can also give to our general fund through the same medium.

2. Focused Campaign in Spring
We want to see our church as a whole buy in and we are going to spend an intentional time in Spring highlighting what exactly we are doing as a church and how this building plays into what we are doing as a church.
3. Strong Start
A big number can be intimidating so what we would love to see is a strong start. We are hoping our committed people give first, so that when we go to the wider congregation we are not asking for \$4 million we are asking for \$2 million or \$1 million, whatever that number is. We are asking for you to prayerfully consider giving. Let's continue to invest in this mission that we believe God has called us on.

Questions were brought forward and answered.

Lead Pastor Report - Jeff Bucknam

Overview for local and national church planting:

- Northview hosted 15 pastors at Westside Church, some from different denominations all over the country to form a church planting network. We are hoping to make a significant dent in the next 30 to 50 years for gospel renewal in Canada together.
- We are going to be hosting a conference a year from now, with Tim Kellor from Redeemer, City to City and that will probably be the official launch of our partnership with all of these different churches.
- Locally we are in conversations about some opportunities in Langley, Chilliwack, and Maple Ridge and a location here still in Abbotsford.
- We are creating a Residency program for people who want to plant churches. They will come to Northview for a year for intense training and then will be sent out to plant a church. You'll be hearing them talk about the particular locations they will be planting and we will probably be asking you to pray about whether or not you will be somebody who will go with them.
- We want to be a church that sends, not just sends money, not just sends pastors, but sends people everywhere.

TriCity Campus - Matt Glezos, Campus Pastor

We are continuing to enjoy the blessing of God. We now have three services that average to about 450 people each Sunday. We are trying to figure out how to accommodate more people and what to do with our building. People coming to faith in Christ and Baptisms are happening. People are coming back to church from the neighbourhood and God is doing some amazing things. Our pathway to become independent is 18 months/2 years. Please pray as they discern Elders and as they move toward independence over the next 6 months.

Mission Campus - Frank Sawatsky, Pastor

There has been a lot of upheaval in terms of staffing at the Mission Campus with Ezra's departure and Laura's departure and Frank has overseen the bulk of it and he has done an amazing job. Our attendance has ballooned. We have an afterschool program with a 1 to 1 mentorship program for kids from lower income families, at the same time we teach their parents how to cook beside us

and then teach the Bible and help the kids with their homework. We have hired Jesse Schellenberg to be our campus pastor and we are excited for him to start in January. 628 people attended our last weekend's services. We have amazing staff and pastors at our campus. Pray for all of those who call Northview home, serve, or attend that they would grow in their walk with God.

East Abbotsford Campus Report - Greg Harris, Campus Pastor

We just finished our first full year, and it has been a huge evidence of God's grace. The staff team has been great, our serve team is incredible. We have on average about 700 adults attending on a weekend and about 300 adults serving at least once a month. As we head into our next year thinking forward, Bonny, our Children's Ministry Pastor is thinking through ways we can more intentionally equip and resource parents and talk through what the kids are learning on Sunday. We are also trying to make the best use of the building on Sundays and so are at the beginning stages of exploring what an Adult and Children's Bible School would look like. We are trying as much as we can to be really intentional on Sundays to help people grow deep in their faith. We think that the deeper that we grow in our knowledge and love for the Lord the more that will flow out of us in our everyday mission and our lives. 830 with kids attended last weekend. Pray that we would recognize that we are not there just to get together on a Sunday morning but we want to gather so that we can scatter. There are a lot of people in East Abbotsford that need the hope of the gospel.

Downes Road Campus - Ezra Okoti, Campus Pastor

We are excited about how many people are studying the word of God. Our Children's Ministry, Middle School, High School, Young Adults, Women's Ministry, Men's Ministry, and Community Groups are all meeting to study the word of God. We also have teaching at the pulpit on the weekend. The scriptures are open and the Bible is taught at this church. That is really exciting. We also have Darcy and the Community Department and the kitchen team providing food and hospitality spaces for people to meet and gather and encourage one another and catch up on the events of the week, to make new friends and new connections. This is church happening. Pray for creative ways in which we can continue to reach people in our community so that they can hear the word of God.

Questions brought forward and answered.

Prayer - Ezra Okoti, Executive Pastor of Ministry Development

CLOSING:

Closing - Darryl Kropp, Moderator

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm