

Knexions Church 2022 Annual General Meeting

Holiday Inn Blackfoot
June 11, 2023 @ 12:30pm

1. Call to order - By chair Pastor Ron Wain at 12:35pm. Pastor Jason opens in prayer.
2. Review of Agenda
Motion to accept AGM Agenda. Moved by Jennifer Bley, seconded by Judy Cowger; motion carried.
3. Establish Quorum: PAOC Local Church Constitution (2004) By-Law 3.5
Quorum constitutes 25% of the Voting Membership
Current church Membership: 14 members, therefore 3 represents quorum. 13 members present representing 93%; therefore quorum is established.
Motion to accept quorum is moved by Charisse Easter, seconded by Jason Ward; motion carried.
4. Appointing of Officials
Secretary - Courtney Ward
Parliamentarian - Nathan Reitsema
Scrutineers - Etienne Bley, Jason Ward
Appointment of officials moved by Jennifer Bley, seconded by Etienne Bley; motion carried.
5. Review of 2020 AGM Minutes
A motion was made to accept the minutes. Moved by Judy Cowger; seconded by Courtney Ward. Motion carried.
6. Appointment of Stewardship Council
Under section 3.1 of the local church constitution regarding the appointment of a pastor's council: Judy Cowger, Charisse Easter and Nathan Reitsema have been appointed again for a 2 year term. Moved by Jason Ward, seconded by Mila Wain. Motion carried.
7. Vote
Current constitution states that there can only be 3 stewardship council members. We are voting to allow a fourth to be appointed in the future if necessary. In the vote of "Do you agree to the expansion of the stewardship council to allow for a minimum of three and up to four appointed stewardship council members in any given term?"
13/13 members agree that we should allow the expansion of the stewardship council. Moved Spenser Wain, seconded by Aaron Fraser; motion carried.
Motion to destroy the ballots Etienne Bley, seconded by Charisse Easter; motion carried.
8. Financial Report
This year was a decrease of tithe and offerings, including other income. Increase in cost in missions and ministry, which Ron says is a good thing. Operations was increased from last year, including a slight increase in wages and benefits. Income decreased mostly because we had three families move away who were significant givers, the other income decrease is based on the interest from our GIC. We also were hoping to rent out our practice space, which no one was interested in this year due to COVID, etc. We have however just listed both on a new webspace so hopefully this will change. Pastor Ron thanked our community for their faithful giving.
Operating costs were higher as a had to pay a full year of rent, which was the first year we needed to do this. We also had increased costs for running services as we went from 2 per month to 3 and a potluck. Wages and benefits went up slightly due to cost of living increases for all staff except for Pastor Ron, who's stayed the same. We have approx. 1.2 million left in a GIC from the sale of the building.

Motion to accept the financial report moved by Charisse Easter, seconded by Judy Cowger;

Etienne asked if we should look at investing in something other than GIC. Pastor Ron said in the past the board has been opposed because of the risk. If he would like to bring up another option, Brigit up in new business. Motion carried.

9. New Business

Ron explained new business is anything you may have questions about, or anything you'd like the stewardship council to discuss at a future meeting. Nathan brought up the idea of other investments other than the GIC for the building sale money. Ron said this will be discussed at a future stewardship council meeting.

Motion moved to accept this new business by Jason Ward; seconded by Mila Wain. Motion carried.

10. Lead Pastor's Statement and Closing Remarks

Pastor Ron encouraged all of us to make following Jesus a priority. Sometimes this is a drastic measure such as a fast, or sometimes it's a small change every day. He shared that he and Mila start their day with the posture prayer. This starts with listening. The main way we hear him is through his story in the Bible, and to pray for the Holy Spirit to help us live it, which God promised to us. Pastor Ron also encouraged everyone to be apart of community, especially a Missional Community. We are learning what it means to be spiritually mature, which we can learn in community. We're finding out mature works more like Swiss cheese than a dial. We all have holes in our maturity, based on how we grew up. We can help teach each other the pieces of maturity that we're missing. This is why different people are needed in community, because if we're all the same we can't help each other.

Let's learn to love each other better. This is through hospitality. Let's get to know our neighbours well enough that they can ask for 'a cup of sugar'. This can be accomplished through generosity. God wants to give us more than we need, just as parents want that for their children. We tend to ask God for what we want, but he wants to give us what we need and more. So let's be known by our neighbours to be the most generous, hospitable people they have met. Pastor Ron closed in prayer.

11. Move to adjourn the meeting; moved by Etienne Bley, seconded by Aaron Fraser; officially adjourned at 1:09pm.