



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

## SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

**Attendance: 42 Members ( 3 votes online)**

**1. Call to Order - Blaine Ellerby**

Board of Elders Chair, Blaine Ellerby called the meeting to order at 1:34pm.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**MOVED by John Huston & SECONDED by Jason Dimnik to accept the agenda.**

**CARRIED**

**3. Devotion and Opening Prayer - Brent Rushinka**

Pastor Brent opened the meeting in prayer and led a devotional in Acts 13 and Acts 10 highlighting the Holy Spirit's leading in the early church and encouraged us to follow the Holy Spirit's leading in our church.

**4. Welcome to New Church Members - Brent Rushinka**

Pastor Brent welcomed the new church members.

**5. Adoption of the Minutes:**

**MOVED by John Wicker & SECONDED by Stacey Morris** to accept the minutes of the September 24, 2023 Annual General Meeting.

**Amendment:** Change "Danielle" to "Danelle" in the Nominating Committee Report nomination for congregation reps (1 - term).

**CARRIED**

**6a. Lead Pastor Report - Brent Rushinka**

Pastor Brent highlighted:

Pancake breakfast reached about 1200 people.

Phil Morrow has been a wonderful addition to the team.

Increased attendance and numbers with people new to the community and new to the faith. Easter Sunday had over 800 in person attendance. 20 Baptisms in the year before the August Baptisms.

The church hopes to send missions teams to Malaysia and Guatemala in the coming year.

Right Hand Support ("RHS") has become such a central part of the town's network of care for people.

RHS has had financial difficulties this year, and we are working to develop a way forward for the program and for the community.

**MOVED by Dave Anger & SECONDED by Larry Charter** to accept the Lead Pastor's report.

**CARRIED**

The chair was passed to Doyle Peterson while Blaine Ellerby presented the Board of Elders' Report.



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### 6b. Board of Elders Report – Blaine Ellerby

Blaine referred to Joshua 4:4-7 and referred to the work that God has done in our church and through the people in our church.

**MOVED by Franc Godri & SECONDED by Jon Schwab** to accept the Board of Elders' report.

**CARRIED**

The chair was passed back to Blaine Ellerby.

### 7. Report of the Nominating Committee - Brent Rushinka

The nominating committee for this year was:

Brent Rushinka - Chairperson

Sharon Wicker - Congregational Rep.

Blaine Ellerby - Board of Elders Rep.

Danelle Schwab - Congregational Rep.

Tim Heavenor - Board of Elders Rep.

The nominating committee is recommending **Jamine Souza** and **Gwyn Butler** to 3-year terms on the Board of Elders.

The nominating committee is recommending **Melanie Shaw** and **Brett Hiebert** to be the congregational representatives for the coming year.

**MOVED by Cam Hiebert & SECONDED by Doug Dickau** to accept the Report of the Nominating Committee.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED by Rebecca Capeling & SECONDED by Lorna Smith** to accept the congregational representatives, Melanie Shaw and Brett Hiebert on the Nominating Committee for a 1-year term.

**CARRIED**

### 8. Election of Elders

**Elections for a 3-year term for Jamine Souza and Gwyn Butler** was held by secret paper ballot.

### 9a. Treasurer's Report - 2023-2024 Financial Statements - Don Neufeld

Presented by Daniel Souza with regrets from Don Neufeld and Brenda Heavenor who could not make it.

Only 1 person attended last week's pre-AGM financial meeting.

Dart Bryant reviewed the church's finances.

The savings for 2023-2024 was primarily due to not paying a full time staff for most of the year.

Pie-chart presented is very similar to other Alliance churches of our size.

As of June 30, 2024, the building loan has been paid down \$1,000,000, and the anticipated end of the mortgage will be in 2033.

**MOVED by Daniel Souza & SECONDED by Franc Godri** to accept the 2023-2024 Financial Statements.



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**CARRIED**

### 9b. Treasurer's Report - 2024-2025 Budget - Don Neufeld

Daniel Souza presented the 2024-2025 budget.

**MOVED by Daniel Souza & SECONDED by Rebecca Capeling** to accept the 2024-2025 Budget as presented.

#### **Discussion:**

Q: John Houston: Why is there such a big difference for general fund net revenue actual for 2023/24?

A: Daniel: Mostly due to lower expenses for personnel and christian education?

Q: John Schwab: How is Right Hand Support (RHS) part of this budget?

A: Daniel: It is not, because it is a restricted fund. RHS can be supported by restricted donations.

Q: Patricia Shannon: When the actual is higher than the budget, does that make sense?

A: Daniel: the Board made a decision to go over budgeted expenses for the parking lot maintenance and L'Oasis church in Quebec. When there is a request to spend over the budgeted amount, the Board must approve the expense.

Q: Dan Williams: Why don't we hear more about international missions?

A: Brent: We have tried to communicate about missions, but we could increase the messaging about missions to once a month outside of summer.

**CARRIED**

### 13. Results of the Election of Elders Vote

**Jamine Souza and Gwyn Butler are elected to a 3-year term on the Board of Elders.**

#### **a. Destroy Ballots**

**MOVED by Brent Rushinka and SECONDED by John Huston** to destroy the ballots.

**CARRIED**

### 11. Closing Prayer - Doyle Peterson

### 12. Adjournment - Blaine Ellerby

Blaine adjourned the AGM at 2:27pm.

There was a time of concentrated prayer immediately following the official adjournment of the meeting.