

TMP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

October 23, 2022

1:00 pm

Attendance: 39

Location: Oliver Woods Community Center

Minutes Recorded by: Shawneen Walker

Welcome: Tim Christensen

Open in prayer: Linda Elwood

1. Business: Tim

Request partners in attendance: 39 – quorum is met

For the Annual General Meeting, quorum shall consist of at least 50 partners or 15% of the partnership whichever is less.

Partnership = 119; 15% = 18

Quorum is met

- Motion to open the 2022 Meeting Place annual general meeting

Moved by *Ken Shanahan*

Seconded by *Judy Miller*

Any further discussion? None

All in favour? Yes

- Motion that we accept the agenda as presented

Moved by *Glenn Haywood*

Seconded by *Rob Robertson*

Any further discussion? None

All in favour? Yes

- Motion to approve the previous agenda minutes"

Moved by *Doris Ladiges*

Seconded by *Susan Hepburn*

Any further discussion? None

All in favour? Yes

2. 2021-22 Financials: Randy Borger

- Motion to open the 2021-2022 financial report.

Moved by *Jaden Welsh*

Seconded by *Linda Elwood*

Any further discussion? None

All in favour? Yes

- Preliminary numbers, backlog at accountant
- Numbers to July 31, 2022
- In person attendance, but low numbers
- Membership has declined over the last year, including loss of some long-time members.
- Despite loss, our revenue came in a little higher than expected. Mostly because of \$45,000 one-time gift.
- Expenses \$49,000 lower than expected mostly bc we budgeted renting 8 theatres all year and only ended up renting 4 and lower ministry expenses.
- Only drew \$25,000 from savings, have \$150,000 left (use of savings is to date – i.e., also includes Aug-Oct of this years budget)

Questions:

- Are we doing something specific with the savings? – yes, see 2022-23 budget
- What is the ‘dues, fees and memberships’ expense? – monthly subscriptions for app, website, kids check, kidz curriculum etc.
- Net income \$21,000 but we used savings? Yes, we used savings. Depreciation adjusts cash items. Difference between budget and financial statement.

3. 2022-2023 Budget: Randy Borger

- Motion to open the 2022-2023 budget.

Moved by *Glenn Haywood*

Seconded by *Ken Shanahan*

Any further discussion? None

All in favour? Yes

- Presentation of 2022-2023 Budget: Randy Borger
- Format is different from financial statement we just saw for last year.
- Revenue \$285,000 estimated, based on the trend of reduced attendance and giving
- Payroll is 63% of total expenses. Includes a 5% cost of living increase. Have not given a cost of living increase since Oct 2020. If approved, it will be effective Nov 1.
- Budgeted \$359,000 - \$74,000 more than revenue.
- Weekly expenses \$6903, monthly \$29,912
- We have a great reserve to carry us through the next year or two while we work on building our partnership, attendance and giving.
- Randy has seen our savings from 0-\$30K, and have often ran on a line of credit. Right now we have a lot of savings. We typically run very close to the line and God has always provided. We are going to use it to build the church and have faith that attendance and giving increase. If nothing changes in the next year, then next year's budget will face some harder decisions.

Questions:

- Conversation about taking up offering in church again? -yes, we may do it
- Why are we budgeting so much less for the revenue? -projected giving based on past year trend. Always budget conservatively because we can't rely on one-time gifts. We have lost a lot of weekly giving over the last year.
- Do you notify members when we pull from savings? -no. If we get to an 'uncomfortably low' point, we can have a special fundraiser. We could raise \$10-30K quickly if we need to. But we don't want to put extra pressure on our members right now.
- You can see what this weeks' and previous week's giving is in the app.

- Motion to accept the 2022-2023 budget as presented.

Moved by *Rob Robertson*

Seconded by *Cheryl Haywood*

Any further discussion? None

All in Favour? Yes

4. Proposal and affirmation of Lead Team & Treasurer – Ballot.

Lead Team: Tim Christensen, Linda Elwood, Jeff Robinson, Melanie Lutz.

Treasurers: Randy Borger & Glenn Haywood.

5. Ministry Updates: Staff

Introduction by *Garry Firth*

- Big thank you to Randy, Glenn and Vicky for all your work in the finances.
- Randy has agreed to stay as treasurer for one more year...but that's it! We are trying to build a whole financial team and Randy has set it up to make this really easy. Please keep people in mind that can fill this position.
- Thanks to Sharon Robertson, who has served on Leadership team this past year and who selflessly serves behind the scenes providing the visuals.
- And, BIG thank you to all the volunteers. TMP happens because of you.
- Thank you to the staff – we have the best!

Russ Smith:

- Music/sound/lights – range of ages participating, trying to be intentional with connecting songs to message, giving sound better resources, lighting is simple but we need people to do it
- Discipleship – got The River program going. Class 1 and 2 have been done lots and have been successful. Class 3 is coming up soon, Class 4 coming in the new year. Brought back courses like Experiencing God, Alpha, Money Matters etc.
- Pray for more volunteers to serve, that people will sign up for the classes.
- Prayer for Russ – encouragement.

Peter Bird:

- Youth -The City Youth welcomes all Nanaimo youth to discover their place in God's story. Last few years have been tumultuous with all the restrictions, bit of a holding pattern. Things accelerated in the past year. Have 5-6 adult leaders, 5-6 leaders in training and a few other volunteers. 20-30 youth each week come together to hangout, hear about God and have conversation about the weekly topic. Feels like this year, so far, is the best – exactly what Peter envisioned The City to be. Youth Alpha has 15-20 people coming out, a few stay for The City.
- Prayer for Peter – volunteers so that we can accommodate more youth to come each week, pray that the seeds of the good new that are sown at The City would take hold outside of youth group and that the kids would continue to grow in Christ.

Sylvia Thompson:

- Kidz – the pandemic was difficult but made it through successfully. The volunteers make it a wonderful atmosphere, kids know they will be greeted, valued and safe. Aim to make sure the kids know they are loved and have a great experience whether there is 1 kid or 15 kids.
- Started with 15 volunteers, dropped to 9 and now we have 13. Saw 43 different children over the entire year. Attendance is gradually growing. Getting requests for preschool group (hoping

to do it in November but need a few more volunteers). Hoping that if we provide this service we can serve families with young children and bring more people to TMP. Most volunteers serve once per month, a few are there every week.

- Prayer for Sylvia – more volunteers to help with the kids and allow Sylvia to transition from more overseeing and less hands-on. Prayer for kids and families that are new to TMP, for the kids that are not from Christian homes and how we can be a support. Prayer for Sylvia and Lindsay as they just bought a house.

Garry Firth:

- Thank you, Julie Christensen for being our communications leader (aka “word ninja”) and for serving on the finance team.
- One word to sum up the past year – momentum.
- 240 people before the shutdown...40 people when we came back in August. But numbers have been slowly increasing.
- We are growing and it’s not from previous attenders coming back. We are seeing a lot of new people. Lots of people that don’t know God and haven’t been to church. The reason they are coming is because they have seen the online service (gives them an opportunity to see if they like us) or because a friend goes and tells them they should check it out. We are a safe place for the unchurched.
- Trying to be very clear about who we are as a church rather than trying to please people. The main thing is connecting people to Jesus. Remove every obstacle we can so people can run into Jesus. Bring people from where they currently are to Jesus.
- We are committed to creating disciples. We are committed to our mission.
- Encouraging us to participate in the church, plug in and join the momentum.
- Baptism service planned for December
- Compassion is coming Dec 11
- We are preparing for the blessings and growth that are coming.
- TMP has momentum and it is up to you to join in. God is moving and we will be growing.

6. Ballot Results: Tim Christensen

Ballots passed. Treasurers and Leadership Team affirmed.

- Motion to destroy ballots

Moved by *Garry Firth*

Seconded by *Rob Robertson*

Any further discussion? None

All in favour? Yes

7. Closing Words: Tim Christensen

8. Closing Prayer (Invitation for Partners to pray for new Leadership Team, Treasurer and Staff):
Rick Lutz

9. Closing:

- Motion to adjourn the meeting

Moved by *Jaden Welsh*

Seconded by *Doris Ladiges*

Any further discussion? None

All in favour? Yes

Meeting adjourned at 2:48 pm