

**White Rock Baptist Church (WRBC) Society  
Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

**Minutes  
Sunday, February 23, 2020**

- 1. **Call to Order, Prayer, Devotional:** David North, Chair Board of Directors, called the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to order at 11:49 a.m., then called upon Brian Louw, Senior Pastor, to provide a devotion and the opening prayer. (86 members; 36 adherents)

Devotional taken from Isaiah 43:18-19 *“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.”*

- world seems to be speeding up with change happening very quickly
- world is a different place than it was 10-15-20-50 years ago
- for Seniors, world has changed even more
- ‘Change’ is the only constant; World is changing and we have the opportunity to change too
- God is still in control; He is sovereign, and will do a new thing

Our Response?

- Church can be a Christian ghetto OR a community growing in faith to impact the world

Brian opened the meeting with prayer.

- 2. **Approval of Minutes:** David North read the motion, called for a seconder and then called for a vote by show of hands.

**Motion** Donna Humphries moved that the draft minutes of the February 24, 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM) as included in the docket be approved.  
 Seconded by Brian Lauder. CARRIED ..... **C 2020-02-01**

- 3. **Acceptance of Church Rolls:** David called upon Marvin Jutila, Administrator who thanked Monica Davidson and Trevor Kuntz from the Church office for their work in maintaining the rolls shown on pages 8-10 of the docket. Marvin also drew attention to the “Sunday Snapshot” at the bottom of p.8 outlining attendance (total 359); listening online (13); and empty parking spaces (10).

**Motion** Marvin Jutila moved that the Church Rolls as of December 31, 2019 be accepted.  
 Seconded by Glen Rabuka. CARRIED ..... **C 2020-02-02**

- 4. **Memorial Moment:** David called upon Jennifer Friesen, Associate Pastor of Adult Ministries. Referring to p.10 of the docket, Jennifer read out the names as a picture of each person appeared on the overhead, then offered a prayer of remembrance for those who died and their families and friends still grieving their departure.

- 5. **Acceptance of the 2019 Financial Statements:** David called upon Marvin Jutila, Administrator to talk about the 2019 Financial Statements shown on p. 11-21 of the docket. Marvin thanked the members of the Stewardship Ministry – Bob Symons (Chair), Bill Glendinning, and Gary Lai – for their work during the past year. Marvin also remarked that there is a 3-page handout on the tables showing a more detailed breakdown for the 2019 financials

There being no questions, David called for a vote by show of hands.

**Motion** Marvin Jutila moved that the Financial Statements as at December 31, 2019 as presented in the Annual Report be accepted.  
 Seconded by Bob Symons. CARRIED ..... **C 2020-02-03**

- 6. **Approval of the 2020 Operating Budget:** David again called upon Marvin Jutila to talk about the proposed 2020 Operating Budget and to take any questions. Marvin reminded those present that the 3-page handout also showed a more detailed breakdown for the 2020 Operating Budget.

Highlights of 2020 Budget

- slightly lower budget than 2019
- Kids Ministry focus leading to a higher budget allocation in that area (\$8K)
  - o Improving 2<sup>nd</sup> floor for security and safety of children; more kid-friendly area
  - o Looking to purchase curriculum(s) rather than trying to develop in-house (est. \$4-5K)
- Music Ministry requiring improved microphones, accessories
- Youth Ministry asking for a little more financial support for ministry activities

Infrastructure Maintenance

- Marvin spoke of the need for maintenance of a 30-year old building and its infrastructure
- HVAC units (11) need to be replaced; cannot obtain parts for their repair (est. \$130K)
- Carpeting throughout building needs to be replaced

R Tony Wagemakers rose to remind everyone that when voting for the budget, it is each person's responsibility to take this financial estimate seriously so as not to have a deficit at year-end.

There being no questions, David called for a vote by show of hands.

**Motion** Marvin Jutila moved that the 2020 Operating Budget as presented in the Annual Report and expanded in the handout be approved.  
 Seconded by Louise Rabuka. CARRIED..... **C 2020-02-04**

7. **Appreciation of Outgoing and Incoming Volunteers:** David asked all current and past Pastors to stand and remarked that their dedication was appreciated; this was followed by a round of applause. David then asked anyone who Volunteers in any capacity within the Church to stand and they were recognized with a round of applause.

8. **Slate of Candidates for Election of Directors:** David called attention to p.23 of the docket showing only one new candidate for the Board of Directors, then asked John Block to stand to be recognized by those present. David North was standing, also, for re-election as Chair of the Board of Directors. David called upon the Scrutineers – Jennifer Adrian, Gary Lai and John Ogilvie – to distribute the ballots, called upon members to mark their ballots, and then asked the Scrutineers to collect and count the ballots.

**Motion:** David North moved that the Slate of Candidates be elected as set out on the Ballot as both candidates received 80 'yes' votes. .... **C 2020-02-05**  
 Results: David North (80 yes; 1 no; 1 abstention) John Block (80 yes; 2 no)

9. **Receipt of Reports for 2019:** David spoke about the reports included in the docket (extras on the tables) and encouraged everyone to read these reports.

10. **Celebration of Vision:** Brian began by saying this was an opportunity to look back over 2019 to celebrate what God has done with our Vision.

Kids' Ministry (Overhead video)

- Sunday School / Kids' Church is growing
- leaders becoming "small group leaders" building into children's lives; several groups having get-togethers outside of Sunday classes
  - o Need more volunteers for variety of tasks; one doesn't have to be a 'teacher'
  - o Need men who will build into boys' lives

Youth – SERVE (Overhead video)

- in 2019, 16 youth and leaders travelled to Weyburn, Saskatchewan
- in 2020, doubling with over 32 youth and leaders signed up for Whitehorse, Yukon Territory
  - o Financial support would be appreciated, over and above regular giving

Life Groups (Overhead video)

- Life Groups are growing; Life Group is "like a hug from God"
- "Try a Life Group" scheduled for week of March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020

Impacting the Community: WRBC hosted Sources\* Christmas Day meal

- Church has the facility and ability to host this supper
- thanks expressed to PJ and Delores Wall for being the liaison between Sources & WRBC
- read some of the comments (selection only shown below):
  - o I'm alone and have nowhere else to go on Christmas Day; this makes my Christmas

- I was in hospital last year; I'm alone; this is probably my last Christmas [so] I am looking forward to this so much
- I raised my children to be independent; I was successful; Now I don't see them; That's why I come to this Dinner
- It is a wonderful celebration; I feel part of something special
- Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you. You have made me so happy

\* Sources Community Resources Society is a community-based non-profit organization providing help, encouragement and hope for individuals and families in White Rock, Surrey and numerous other geographic locations throughout BC (as stated on their webpage)

**11. Other Business Items**

**11.1 Recommendation for Ordination:** David read the motion then called for a vote by show of hands.

Motion: David North on behalf of the Board moved that Jennifer Friesen and Peter Anderson be approved by the WRBC Congregation for proceeding toward Ordination with the Canadian Baptists of Western Canada (CBWC).  
 Seconded by Glen Rabuka. CARRIED (unanimously) ..... **C 2020-02-06**

**12. Looking Ahead:** David called upon Brian Louw, Senior Pastor, to look ahead. Brian spoke about several items.

"Bad News" first: trend over past 20 years is *declining membership*; similar decline in other churches and in many organizations

- Brian's 4<sup>th</sup> AGM; attendance grown from circa 300 to 359 (p.8 Sunday Snapshot)

- What does it mean to be a 'member' of WRBC? An ongoing conversation

- *Baptismal Tank* has been dry for far too long; no one coming forth for March 29th

"Good News" Items

- Expenses met but *didn't meet the budget*; affects ability to do ministry the way we want to

- thanks to those who give regularly

- having to *choose* between fixing HVAC unit or buying curriculum

- Partnering to reach the lost: how do we do this?

- Parking: why count empty spaces? Want to *create space* for visitors

- Hugh McKinnon (across 140<sup>th</sup> Street) offers their parking spaces on Sundays

- Two Services: prayer that we don't have an option

- Seeking to be a loving Community: Church needs to take this purpose statement seriously

**13. Closing Prayer:** Brian closed the Meeting in prayer.

**14. Adjournment:** David adjourned the Annual General Meeting (AGM) at 12.52 p.m. and asked for assistance in helping clear & put away tables as well as the chairs.

**WRBC 2020 Election of Directors**

Note: Terms run from March 1 of the year elected to the end of February after the AGM and the number of years elected have passed. \* Denotes those voted on at the Annual General Meeting.

**Directors**

David North*	Director (Chair)	2 <sup>nd</sup> 3-year term ending Feb 28, 2023
John Block*	Director	3-year term ending Feb 28, 2023
Gary Lia	Director	3-year term ending Feb 28, 2021
Donna Ogilvie	Director	3-year term ending Feb 28, 2022
Lauren Thiessen	Director	3-year term ending Feb 28, 2022

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