

March 8, 2015, Annual Meeting

Prior to the start of the meeting, those attending participated in a potluck lunch.

48 members in attendance. Chair: John Deinum

Copies of the Annual Report were available at the meeting, and had been available for 10 prior, including online.

Call to Order

At 12:40PM, John Deinum opened the meeting with prayer. He gave an update on the search committee status regarding a senior pastor role. The search committee is looking to interview a candidate. The general direction is a pastor to fill a mentoring role.

Shawn Freer, Elder, spoke on

- Acting on the word, rather than only listening to it.
- The elders are praying regularly, as an Elders Board, and with the Advisory Board.
- The gospel changes everything.
- The elders are encouraged with new people arriving, and are seeking to further understand what is happening across the church.
- Shawn urged us to encourage one another.

Pastor Aaron Woodhouse spoke on

- Aaron spoke on reaching the lost, and referenced lifechurch.tv as an example. We need to be willing to go out of our own comfort zones. We need to proclaim Christ boldly.
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- People tend not to show up to church, so we do have some programs, such as "Above The Beach," to build community. The important aspect of those community activities is our own personal involvement. 40-60 kids and adults typically participate in Above The Beach. Oasis Family Breakfast is another example. The Beach Hill Neighbourhood Association is another important contact point.
- We need to remember that God is pursuing these people and we are part of an important mission, by the direction of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Steve Lambert spoke on

- Steve asked for prayer for the Youth Group. A whole bunch of kids had graduated from Youth Group last year. The remaining youth are few and spread out in age.
- Steve thanked the members for their support of the pastors in their preaching. Not only the regular staff, but Steve also was appreciative of the others who filled in for speaking roles, all using coordinated themes.

- We have 4 candidates for new members: **Becky Lambert, Travis Camber, Mercedes (Ched) Cruz, Racquel Lahey.** They have been interviewed by the elders. They are all involved in the church already. Individual votes were held for each of the candidates, and all were voted in as members.

Maarten Theunissen spoke on

- Financial Statements. As an opening comment he reminded us that we have been in a continuously strong financial position.
- He thanked tellers, ushers, Carol, elders, advisory board, and many others involved in managing facets of the financial work.
- Maarten had a short presentation prepared to review key aspects of the financials. The full financials were available within the Annual Report.
- Income had declined slightly compared to both plan and previous years.
- The staff and the building are the largest expenses. These are increasing in 2015 because we did not have a senior pastor for most of 2014.
- Every year the income and expenses have been closely matched. However, we do plan to spend some of our surplus this year on projects as our goal is not to store up a large fund balance.
- Our cash equivalent resources was \$210,301 at December 2014.

Formal approvals

- **Karin Freer motioned for approval of the 2014 Financials and Annual Report. Allister Walsh seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

John Deinum closed the meeting with prayer at 1:25 pm.

