

Minutes of the Board Meeting
Victoria First Church of the Nazarene
August 8th, 2017

Present: Pastor Calvin Black, Pastor Heather Prendergast, Mary Ann Timmins
Al Anderson, Kwok-Ying Jackson, Sarah McClure, Liza Mueller, Steve
Prendergast, Lorna Sainsbury, Arnie Seibel, Rick Tiede, Maisy
Wickett
Absent: Pastor Gary Bennett (Sabbatical), Robert Hughes, Kevin Seibel, Eric
Yue

I. Devotions and Prayer

A. Sheri Eisenhuth led the Board in Devotions and prayer.

II. MSC Adoption of the minutes of the June 13th meeting.

III. Reports and Business Arising from the Committees.

A. Senior Pastor - Pastor Gary Bennett (Sabbatical)

B. Associate Pastor - Calvin Black

1. Preaching Series. Pastor Calvin has enjoyed preaching these past three weeks. The series has resonated with many people and he has had a positive response. Pastor Calvin will be on holidays for two weeks in August.

C. Associate Pastor - Mary Ann Timmins

1. Summer Programs. Alison Hill will be bringing a report on summer ministries to the Church board in September. Both camps went very well. We had a group of junior helpers who were faithful to volunteer. Jordan and Dawit will complete their internships at the end of August.

2. Fall Planning. Plans are in place for the following Youth programs: Junior Leaders, BUGS and SLUGS. There will also be some family events. We have been very fortunate to have Alison for five years. We will honour her in September.

Sylvia Seibel will be taking over for Alison next week. She will work ten hours each week on Children and Youth programs. Sylvia brings organizational gifts and talents to her new role that will support the inclusion of lay people in the Children and Youth ministry.

3. September 10th. Our fall kick-off is scheduled for September 10th. The theme is "Handprint of God". There will be some water games for the children, as well as a picnic for the Church family.

4. Sunday School. It takes approximately fifty people to provide Sunday school classes. We are in need of teachers for the Grade four/five class. All other classes are covered. There will be a new curriculum for the Grade two/three class this year.

5. Scholarships. There is approximately \$36,000.00 available for university scholarships. We expect eight students to apply for funding for the 2017/18 school year.

6. Vacation. Mary Ann will be on vacation late from August until September 4th.

D. Executive Pastor - Heather Prendergast

1. Written report.

2. Vacation. Heather will be on vacation next week and for two weeks in September.

E. NMI – Amanda Carlos

1. June Meeting. The committee met to discuss the Mission Moment schedule for the fall. Faith Promise will be held in late May of 2018.

F. Buildings & Grounds – Rick Tiede, Robert Hughes, Steve Prendergast, Liza Mueller

1. Work Party. Lots of work was done at the last work party. Another one will be held in the fall.

2. Budget. The budget expenses for the first quarter have been reviewed.

3. Key Holder Policy. A new policy will be sent out to all key holders.

4. Custodial care. Kwok-Ying remarked on the cleanliness of the building.

5. Fencing. The new fence is in place with one more panel to be installed.

G. Worship – Mary Ann Timmins (Eric Yue away)

1. Fall Planning. Eric will be back next week, so the new schedule will be put together soon.

2. Summer Worship teams. We have had a few Sundays without a worship team. This past Sunday we had Special Music with Colleen Ball and Elizabeth Gerow. We have been blessed with great talent in the church.

H. Fellowship - Kwok-Ying Jackson, Maisy Wickett

1. Written report.

I. Outreach. Al Anderson, Arnie Seibel

1. Mustard Seed Agape Dinners. There is a team of people who serve a meal at the Mustard Seed every third Saturday of the month. Extra cooks are needed. Also, the team would like to have someone available to provide praise music.

Arnie has met with Aneil Perwal from the Mustard Seed. This past month \$520.00 was received through our Sunday offerings in support of the monthly dinners. The Mustard Seed provides many services including courses on healthy meal preparation, legal aid, counselling, and job search support.

2. Rosalee's Village. Al has met with Colin of St. Vincent de Paul to look at ways our church can provide outreach. They are our closest neighbours. Plans are in place to host another community breakfast in the fall. The committee would also like to plan an event for the children. Invitations to the Little Girls tea were hand delivered recently.

3. CARTS Outreach. Al has connected with Darrel and Gloria Hoepfner regarding their involvement with the CARTS ministry in downtown Victoria. He has been volunteering for several months. The ministry serves approximately 150 people each week. They receive food, socks, toiletries and other supplies. There is an

opportunity to communicate and share with the individuals who find themselves living on the streets. Bibles and tracts are also handed out to those who would like them.

4. Prison Ministry. Al and Darlene are ministering to a man who was in prison for 46 years. They spend time with him each month. He has no family.

J. Discipleship - Sarah McClure, Lorna Sainsbury

1. "Handprint of God" Sunday. The committee will provide information on the different Bible studies that will be available in the fall. They will be in the foyer with hand-outs to share with people who attend that day.

2. CONNECT Sunday. Sarah and Lorna will be encouraging Bible study and other group leaders to prepare an information table for the Fireside room after church on Sunday, September 17th. This will provide an opportunity for members of the congregation to explore all the ways to connect. The fellowship committee will provide food for that day.

3. Leadership Support. Sarah and Lorna will be visiting with all the Bible study leaders in the fall.

K. Administration and Finance - Heather Prendergast (Kevin Seibel - away)

MSC that the July reports be accepted as presented.

1. Budget. Quarterly expense reports were given to each committee for review. Please email the church office if you have any questions or concerns.

2. Pastors' Conclave - November 17th. As per the information in the Financial report, Heather highlighted the request to help fund the pastor's training scheduled for the fall.

MSC to fund the Pastor's Conclave event in the fall up to a total of \$1,000.00. Administration and Finance will determine the source of funds.

3. Hospitality Allowances. As Pastor Gary is away for four months, the funds set aside for hospitality will be distributed differently to allow Heather, Calvin and Mary Ann to cover expenses.

L. Sanctuary Youth Centre. – No report

1. Financial Support. Calvin highlighted the fact that financial support is needed to hire one worker for the centre.

VI. New Business

A. General Business

1. Calendars. August and September calendars were reviewed.

a. August speakers. Pastor Ron Corcoran will speak on August 13th and 20th. Kevin and Sylvia will host the service on August 20th. Dan Copp who is the Global Clergy Development Director for the Church of the Nazarene will speak on August 27th.

b. September Focus - Each Sunday will focus on a different theme from the Vision/Mission Statement.

c. Youth. The fall kick off for BUGS, SLUGS and Youth leaders will be held on Wednesday, September 13th.

d. Prayer Ministry Training. Plans are underway (but not confirmed) to provide Prayer Ministry training on September 6th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

e. Eleventh Hour of Prayer. No one has come forward to lead the 11th Hour. We may have some new volunteers after the Prayer training in September.

2. Church Board Manual

a. Church Board meetings. Heather clarified the number of meetings that the Church Board holds each year. A hand-out entitled Church Board Membership and Roles includes details. Please note the changes to points 6, 7, 9 and 11. These have all been updated. Here is a link to the District Manual:

www.nazarene.org/files/docs/Manual2013-17.pdf

b. Content and Purpose of the Binder. Heather encouraged Board members to become familiar with the contents. It is a "working document". Board members are encouraged to bring up any suggestions for possible changes. The purpose is to use the information as a tool in order to fill the roles and responsibilities for each committee member.

c. Additional inserts. Two staff job descriptions were handed out for Tab 9 in the binders.

B Other Business

1. Committee Work. Pastor Calvin encouraged Board members to actively recruit more people to participate in committee work.

2. Fuller Institute Project. The Pastoral Staff have been researching ways to keep youth and young adults involved in church life. There are many principles to help improve their involvement. The goal is to hand over the "leadership keys" to the next generation. One way is to look for mentoring opportunities to ensure our young people take on these roles in the future. For example: Sam Follis is learning the video technician role for worship services. This needs to be a church wide effort to invite young people to take part in areas of ministry. Committee leaders are encouraged to look at the young people in our congregation who could be involved in their ministry. One way to do that is to invite them for a meal in order to interact with them. We need to invest in our youth. The Pastoral staff will continue to share on this topic as they learn more.

3. City of Victoria. Al Anderson would like to bring the topic of a new Casino to the Evangelical Pastor's meeting in the fall. A list of 25 questions will be made available so that people may call the city planners to encourage full investigation into the negative impact casinos have on our community.. We have an opportunity to address the social cost of bringing a new casino to the city.

II. Adjournment and Prayer. Steve Prendergast closed in prayer at 9:15 p.m.

Next Board meeting: 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 12th, 2017

Devotions: Steve Prendergast

Recorded by: Sheri Eisenhuth, Office Administrator