

Minutes of the Board Meeting  
Victoria First Church of the Nazarene  
**Tuesday, March 13th, 2018**

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

Away: Amanda Carlos

**I. Devotions and Prayer**

**A.** Arnie Seibel led the Board and staff in devotions and prayer.

**II. MSC Adoption of the minutes of the February 13th meeting.**

**III. Reports and Business Arising from the Committees.**

**A. Senior Pastor - Pastor Gary Bennett - written\***

**1. Community Outreach.** We have had a request from the North Quadra Community Association to use our building and grounds for a neighbourhood gathering. We will support them in this any way we can. This will be a great opportunity to interact with people in our community.

**B. Associate Pastor - Calvin Black - written\***

**1. Teen Conference.** There will be an apologetics course for teens led by Nathan Betts of Ravi Zacharias Ministries on April 28th at Central Baptist Church. There will also be a city-wide rally on April 27th. Nathan Betts will be speaking at our church on Sunday, April 29th.

**C. Associate Pastor - Mary Ann Timmins - written\***

**D. Executive Pastor - Heather Prendergast - written\***

\* All four reports were combined this month.

**E. NMI – Amanda Carlos - no report**

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

**1. Written report**

**2. Outside Maintenance.** Rick has interviewed twelve different companies to cover outside maintenance. We now have a contract with Benchmark Lawn Maintenance. They have been onsite twice and are doing a good job. Rick encouraged Board members to submit suggestions for maintenance. This change from having an onsite maintenance person, has resulted in a neutral impact on the budget.

**3. Parking lot.** A paving company will repair all the potholes in the parking lot.

**4. District Assembly.** We are in need of standing fans, and outside tents.

**G. Worship – Eric Yue - written report**

**1. Next meeting -** In April the worship teams and sound people will meet.

- 2. Equipment Purchases.** The committee will look at what items need to be purchased in the next few months.
- 3. Summer Schedule.** The summer Worship leader schedule will be set soon.
- 4. Appreciation.** The committee plans to have a time of appreciation for all Worship leaders, sound and powerpoint volunteers.
- H. Fellowship - Kwok-Ying Jackson, Maisy Wickett**
- 1. Written report.**
- 2. 40th Celebration.** Maisy will be sending out pictures via email that were taken during the Luau. She will include an invitation to our Easter breakfast and other events.
- I. Outreach. Al Anderson, Arnie Seibel**
- 1. Mustard Seed Agape dinners.** This next dinner is scheduled for Saturday, March 17th. We have two new volunteers and Gary Sims will be leading worship. It is hoped that the Lenten offering will help cover the present financial shortfall.
- 2. General Update.** Al gave us an update on his involvement with Gideon's hand-outs, such as the iPhone app, the Book of John and others. The Gideons organization has significantly updated their approach to ministry.
- J. Discipleship - Sarah McClure, Lorna Sainsbury**
- 1. Women's Retreat.** The committee will look into planning a Women's lunch in the fall with the goal of finding out what is needed for a Women's retreat.
- 2. ALPHA.** The possibility of hosting an ALPHA course was discussed at the last meeting. This would be held after Easter this year.
- 3. Membership Classes.** Pastor Gary read a list of twelve people who have attended Membership classes. He will also be meeting with two families in the near future. Those who are interested, will be received in to membership on Sunday, April 22nd, 2018.
- K. Administration and Finance - Kevin Seibel**
- MSC that the February Financial reports be accepted as presented.**
- 1. Budget.** Kevin explained the year end position for the budget. Budget submissions for the next fiscal year need to be submitted by the end of March.
- 2. Refugee Fund.** We have submitted an application to sponsor a family of four from the Congo. They have been in a refugee camp for sixteen years. The woman in the family has a sister here in Victoria. Several members of our Refugee Committee met with the local members of the family several months ago.
- 3. Scholarship Fund.** Scholarships in the amount of \$10,000.00 have been issued for this school year. We have also received a donation to the fund to cover this amount.
- L. Sanctuary Youth Centre. - written report**

**VI. New Business**

**A. General Business**

**1. Calendars.** March and April calendars were reviewed.

Please add/highlight:

Mustard Seed Alpha Training - Saturday, March 17th

Holy Week - March 26th to March 30th. Theme: Stations of the Cross

Good Friday and Easter Sunday services

**B. Other business**

**1. Nominating Committee:** Suggested names: Sarah McClure, Arnie Seibel, Janet Simmonds and Brent Hoepfner. Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 10th in Gary's office.

**II. Adjournment and Prayer. MSC to adjourn the meeting.**

**Sarah McClure** closed the meeting in prayer at 8:40 p.m.

**Next Board meeting:**

**7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 10th, 2018**

**Devotions: Kevin Seibel**

**Recorded by: Sheri Eisenhuth, Office Administrator**