

Minutes of the Board Meeting
Victoria First Church of the Nazarene
February 7th, 2017

Present: Pastor Gary Bennett, Pastor Calvin Black, Pastor Heather Prendergast, Mary Ann Timmins
Lois Black, Jordan Letcher, Sarah McClure, Liza Mueller, Kevin Seibel, Steve Prendergast, Lorna Sainsbury, Arnie Seibel, Rick Tiede, Maisey Wickett

Absent: Al Anderson, Jen MacDougall

I. Devotions and Prayer

A. Rick Tiede led the Board in Devotions and prayer.

II. MSC Adoption of the minutes of the January 10th Board meeting.

III. Reports and Business Arising from the Committees.

A. Senior Pastor - Pastor Gary Bennett.

1. Written Report

B. Associate Pastor - Calvin Black

1. Youth Pastors Network. The Youth Pastor's Network is bringing Brett Allman from Ontario to speak on March 8th to 10th. He will speak at the Pacific Christian School chapel, Lambrick Park Church, Glad Tidings and our church. The costs will be shared by all the churches. There will be a different talk each night targeting parents and youth. (ie. Mental Health, Youth Media and Culture)

C. Associate Pastor - Mary Ann Timmins

1. Written Report - Sabbatical

2. Love Month - We have a couples devotional entitled "Better Together - In Community with Christ" to give to married couples this coming Sunday.

3. Aid Myanmar. Our BUGs group raised money for the children in the Myanmar orphanage to go to the zoo. This was a first time outing for the children. Stephen and Marian Fortner have sent pictures of the outing for the BUGs group.

D. Executive Pastor - Heather Prendergast

1. Staff Training - January 19th to 21st. Daryl Johnson facilitated the staff on team leadership and growth.

2. ME25 Saturday, January 21st. Seven staff and one board member attended a session on the ME25 survey results. Overall it was a good report. There were some insignificant changes from the last report. In the last session, two initiatives were included: the Vision Statement was re-written and a large group of people were coached in their Strengths. Lorna Sainsbury gave some feedback on the results as follows: The report was positive, we need to continue following the plan and continue with the goals to be the Visible Handprint of God and promote Strengths Finders. Darryl Johnson was clear and concise.

Heather reported that the second initiative is to continue publishing the Vision and Mission Statement so that everyone is familiar with it.

Also, all Board members need to take their Strengths test. This will allow us to focus on how we work together as a Church Board.

E. NMI – Lois Black

1. Alabaster Offering. February 19th is Alabaster offering Sunday.

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

1. Parking lot. Sheri has a letter for Rick detailing a need for brighter lighting in the back parking area.

G. Worship – Jordan Letcher

1. Drum kit. The Worship team has the opportunity to purchase a drum kit for \$1,500.00. The Worship budget has been mostly spent, so they will continue doing some research. Perhaps this may be designated as a request to spend this amount above the normal budget.

H. Fellowship - Jen MacDougall, Maisy Wickett - written report

I. Outreach. Al Anderson, Arnie Seibel

1. Mustard Seed dinners. The dinner in January was well supported with ten volunteers. Volunteers are needed for the next Agape dinner on February 18th. Jim Rattray will do the cooking. All costs are covered by existing donations to this ministry.

J. Discipleship - Sarah McClure, Lorna Sainsbury

1. Gift cards. The committee gave gift cards to all of the Bible study leaders.

2. Young Adults. The committee would like to set-up a group for young adults who are newly graduated from high school.

K. Administration and Finance - Kevin Seibel

The January report will be produced and emailed out to Board members next week.

1. Giving options. Kevin has now purchased a debit machine to deal with debit and credit cards for contributions to the church. It will be introduced to the congregation this coming Sunday. This machine will also allow us to take payments for lunches, rentals and other items. There is a six cent charge for each debit transaction.

2. Staff meetings. Kevin has met with three staff members and will meet with the other three soon.

3. Wills and Estates Seminar. Kevin reported that Riley Coulter's information was very good. It is important to provide these seminars.

4. Finance. The team is working well. Sylvia is doing the tax receipts which should be ready this Sunday.

L. Sanctuary Youth Centre. – written report

VI. New Business

A. General Business

1. Calendars. February and March calendars were included in the package.

B Other Business

1. Wounded Healers Conference - February 23rd to 25th

Following up on our church board and congregation's commissioning of Ron and Deirdre Corcoran in the Wounded Healers Ministries, the following motions were made regarding the upcoming Wounded Healers inner healing conference conducted at our church the week of February 19th - 25th:

MSC that:

- a. We make a donation from our Church funds to Wounded Healers Ministries in the amount of \$2000.00.**
 - b. On Sunday, February 19, we allow Pastor Corcoran to present an opportunity for interested individuals to make direct contributions to the Wounded Healers Ministries.**
 - c. We provide bursaries for individuals in our congregation who are interested in attending the Wounded Healers Conference but who cannot afford the \$75.00 registration fee.**
- 2. Sundaе Sundays.** Maisy asked for an update on the new Sunday school monthly program. Mary Ann reported that the first one went extremely well. The children gathered to worship and then went off to activities, such as working on bird houses or lanterns.

II. Adjournment and Prayer. Gary Bennett closed in prayer at 8:50 p.m.

The next 11th Hour of Prayer will be held on Saturday, February 11th, 2017.

Next Board meeting: 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 14th, 2017

Devotions: Arnie Seibel