

Minutes of the Board Meeting  
Victoria First Church of the Nazarene  
**January 10th, 2017**

Present: Pastor Gary Bennett, Pastor Calvin Black, Pastor Heather Prendergast, Mary Ann Timmins  
Lois Black, Jordan Letcher, Sarah McClure, Jen MacDougall, Kevin Seibel, Steve Prendergast, Lorna Sainsbury, Rick Tiede, Maisy Wickett

Absent: Al Anderson, Arnie Seibel

**I. Devotions and Prayer**

**A. Liza Mueller** led the Board in Devotions and prayer.

**II. MSC Adoption of the minutes of the December 13th, 2016 Board meeting.**

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

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

**1. Advent.** The season of Advent included the Christmas Brass, Choir, Children's program, and drama. It was a great Christmas season. At the Christmas morning service one person who is new to the church reported on their personal growth in the Lord. Our role as leaders in the church is to equip people to be used of God, to help them flourish in whatever they have to grow through.

**2. Staff.** We will have the Nazarene Strengths Initiative with Daryl Johnson in January 19th to 21st. Daryl will provide the next level of training.

**B. Associate Pastor - Calvin Black**

**1. Youth Programs.** All programs will be up and running this week and next week.

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

**1. Children's programs.** All programs have begun. Sylvia Seibel will be working on combining the Sunday school groups once per month for a program that will include worship, drama, birthday celebrations and more. This will mix up the age groups and provide a different format for the children.

**D. Executive Pastor - Heather Prendergast**

**1. Pastoral Care.** This past month has been a significant time of outreach with the delivery of gift plants, cards and other contacts with households in the church. We have received good feedback. Patti Dobroski continues to invest in developing the Pastoral Care team. Futures expansion of the ministry is planned.

**2. Staff Training - January 19th to 21st.** Daryl Johnson will be teaching the staff on team leadership and growth. On Saturday, January 21st, seven staff will attend a session on the ME25 survey results. As a result of the survey, plans will be put in place to grow engagement. 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. Heather anticipates a good report. Board

members are asked to let her know if they are interested in participating.

#### **E. NMI – Lois Black**

**1. Committee Planning.** The committee met on January 8th to plan the Global Glimpses.

**2. Faith Promise.** Andy and Judy Bennett of Papua, New Guinea will be with us April 22nd to 23rd.

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

**1. Inside Maintenance.** Rick thanked Liza for all her work this fall, organizing work bees, kitchen maintenance, and supporting Larry. Liza reported that further painting will occur this year.

**2. Outside Maintenance.** This spring the committee would like to repave the driveway by the parsonage. Don Mann construction has been approached for an estimate to break up the present driveway prior to re-paving.

#### **G. Worship – Jordan Letcher**

**1. Advent.** Everything went well over Christmas. The worship teams are back to a regular schedule.

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

#### **I. Outreach. Al Anderson, Arnie Seibel - away**

**1. Mustard Seed dinners.** The next Agape dinner is covered. There are eight volunteers. Larry will do the cooking. Arnie will do a Global Glimpse on the Mustard Seed soon.

#### **J. Discipleship - Sarah McClure, Lorna Sainsbury**

**1. Gift cards.** The committee will be giving cards to all of the Bible study leaders.

**2. Drama group.** The committee has been approached by Gordon Doll to start a multi-generational drama group. This would include skits for special occasions.

#### **K. Administration and Finance - Kevin Seibel**

#### **MSC that report be accepted as presented.**

**1. Giving options.** Kevin explained the plans for the purchase of a machine to deal with debit and credit cards for contributions to the church.

**2. Wills and Estates Seminar.** Information about the upcoming seminar with Dr. Riley Coulter has been in the bulletin and Church news.

#### **L. Sanctuary Youth Centre. – written report**

### **VI. New Business**

#### **A. General Business**

**1. Calendars.** January and February calendars were included in the package.

Pastor Gary highlighted the Wounded Healers conference that will be held here at the church on February 23rd to 25th. Pastor Ron Corcoran will speak on February 19th. Board members were asked to pray for the ministry and consider ways we can support the ministry: either through sponsorship or provision of meals, etc.

Also, there will be a Marriage Simulcast on February 12th at 4:00 p.m. with Les and Leslie Parrot.

## **B Other Business**

**1. Student Grants.** The deadline to apply is January 20th, 2017. Pastor Gary provided information on an Ambrose graduate who would like to work as an intern at our church from March to August, 2017. Board members are asked to consider this request. Possible options regarding his role included opportunities for outreach, evangelism, participation in summer programs, and care for young adults. Mary Ann suggested that one option in the past has been to hire students for the weeks of VBS. Further discussion amongst the pastoral staff will occur in the next few weeks as summer is planned.

**MSC that we apply for two summer student grants again this year.**

**II. Adjournment and Prayer.** Steve Prendergast closed in prayer. The next 11<sup>th</sup> Hour of Prayer will be held on Wednesday, January 11th, 2017.

**Next Board meeting: 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 7th, 2017**  
**Devotions: Rick Tiede**