**Congregational Budget Meeting**

**January 31, 2016, 6:30pm**

**Members Present:** 21

**Devotional Reading and opening prayer:** Psalm 24

Pastor Matt brought a reminder that “the earth is the Lord’s – and everything in it... the world... and all who live in it!” He has the right to everything...and we are responsible to Him.

**Business**

Tanya gave a slide presentation overview of our financial status at year end 2015, and invited questions.

The presentation of the Proposed Budget as prepared by the Leadership Council followed and Tanya took us through it, inviting questions or comments following each section.

1. A Motion was made that the budget amount for the Church Bus be raised to reflect actual cost. Through discussion, it was decided that since we never really know what the actual costs will be, we will leave the budget amount as presented. The Motion was withdrawn.
2. A question was raised regarding the increase in the contribution amount to the NABC Association, and Pastor Matt addressed the matter, to the satisfaction of members.
3. A question was raised about Medical/Dental coverage for the Pastors, and it was confirmed that we provide full coverage for these items.
4. A question was raised regarding the rental of our church facilities. Pastor Matt addressed this issue, noting that we choose not to rent our facilities, as we pay no property taxes, and wish to ensure our continuing charitable status. He added that almost every person or organisation using our building has been generous in making unsolicited donations to our General Fund.

**ON MOTION IT WAS RESOLVED** (Tanya McLaren/Cam Witt) to adopt the Budget as presented by the Leadership Council.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 7:35pm

Respectfully submitted

June Hunt, Recording Secretary, Leadership Council.