

# Minutes of the Church Business Meeting

## Sunday, September 11, 2016 – 6:30pm

Present: 57 (48 members; 9 non-members)

Ephesians 4 closes with several injunctions regarding our behaviour as 'children of light', a good reminder to practice unity as it relates to this setting: 4:29-32.

Business

### 1. By-Law Change

**ON MOTION IT WAS RESOLVED:** (Thea Heuser/Heinz Berger) to adopt the change as presented by Pastor Matt:

- Article 1 – Membership 2.a

Currently reads “upon confession of faith in Christ and baptism by immersion” will be changed to “upon confession of faith in Christ and baptism by immersion through Chilliwack Baptist Church.”

Article 1 – Membership 2.b

Currently reads “by letter from another Baptist or Evangelical church of like faith and practice” will be changed to “of like faith and practice, including any other modes of believer's baptism.”

Article 1 – Membership 2.c

Currently reads “by testimony of Christian experience” will be changed to read “by testimony of Christian experience and a subsequent believer's baptism.”

An explanation was given as to why this change is necessary. **Motion Carried.** ‘No’ vote by Wes Wiebe.

### 2. Proposal to Purchase Land at Yale and Airport

Subsequent to our request for a loan of \$800,000 being declined, we have been offered a smaller parcel of land (.6 acres), and verbal approval by Prospera for a loan of approximately \$420,000+.

**Questions were addressed:**

- a. The size of the property is adequate for a building which seats 225, and expansion is also possible.
- b. There may be no requirement for us to provide parking spaces for that number, as there is adequate parking at the school, and in the public parking provided for commercial ventures alongside.
- c. The proposed building would be designated Phase 1, at a maximum cost of \$1 million. Conceptual drawings of a typical multi-purpose facility were shown. With this particular layout, the school is prepared to rent the main facility (basketball-court-sized) from us on a weekly basis, which could greatly assist us in making mortgage payments.
- d. Purchase would be subject to the sale of our current facility.
- e. Ministry impact has been deeply addressed by the Pastors Board; with the residential areas currently there, plus proposed multi-faceted residential building to take place, there is huge potential for impacting the community through service and outreach.
- f. The Leadership Council will give some thought about how long we will wait for the church to sell.

Within the next 3 weeks or so, the three outstanding land issues should be taken care of. Therefore, in 4 weeks we can make a decision on closing. Some funds would need to change hands by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**ON MOTION IT WAS RESOLVED:** (Reg Gienger/Kevin Slingerland) that the Membership of CBC shall continue to pursue the aforementioned .6 acre parcel, assuming that the issue of zoning, parking, permits and new buildings fall in line with our desires and visions.

If we are successful, then we would commit to purchase, and also list our building at First Avenue and Charles.

**Motion Carried.** 'No' vote by Hazel Crebo.

The meeting closed with prayer and was adjourned a 7:45pm.