

Minutes of the Congregational Information Meeting

May 27, 2018 – 6:30 pm.

Present: 52

Devotional Verse

Proverbs 19:21: *Many are the plans of a person's heart but it's the Lord's purpose that prevails.* Pastor Matt read this several times. We are all conscious of God's clear leading in this venture.

1. Name Change

Our church has functioned under several names over the years:

- Victoria Avenue Baptist Church
- Evergreen Baptist Church
- Chilliwack Baptist Church

In light of new federal legislation for charitable organizations, we are currently re-writing the Constitution and By-Laws, to be submitted by November. We are unable to legally change our name until after that transition, but can operate under a new name in the meantime.

Options for the name: Midtown Church; The Church at Midtown.

A question was raised about removal of the word 'Baptist', and Pastor Matt responded that the church will be at the same campus as the school, which obviously wants to stay non-denominational, and also, that younger people are not really interested in denominationalism. We will, however, acknowledge our affiliation with the B.C. Baptist Association, and the NAB Conference.

ON MOTION IT WAS RESOLVED: (Thea Heuser/Pat Boswell) that we change our name to 'Midtown Church' Carried.

2. Presentation of the Current Status

Larry Les spoke about Plan B, in operation now. (Plan A was to build a gym for Cascade School). UFV had their property listed at \$14M but have subsequently reduced it to \$9.5M. A conditional offer has been submitted to them, which they have accepted, giving us 90 days to do 'due diligence', bringing it together by September.

The buildings measure 65,000 sq. ft. and were built in the late 90's. The cost of building 60,000 sq. ft. at \$200 per sq. ft. would be \$12 million

Responding to questions:

Building 'D' is 2-storey, for use by the school and church; the theatre seats 240 people

Building 'G' currently houses a small church and daycare facility;

Building 'E' connects to building D, about 6,600 sq.ft.

Building 'C' will be demolished.

Cascade School has 135+ students registered at present.

3. Discussion on Future Potential

The land area is 10 acres, creating the possibility of developing 200 condos.

The daycare building may be demolished and a gym built there, or a smaller one may be built on the south side of the building.

The sports field is much larger than is needed.

Parking regulations are being discussed and also the probability of a direct access road from Yale.

As the area will continue as a Campus, there is more freedom to decide on building use.

Legal description of ownership and deeds is being discussed, and we expect to receive a response in August.

The three parties involved are:

The Limited Partnership Group; Cascade Christian School; Chilliwack Baptist Church.

Our church will keep our money until all decisions are made. The rental contract with UFV is for one year, which will change when the building is no longer owned by them. We will most likely know by August. September 30 is the final date to make the decision.

In response to a question regarding which option is cheaper, Larry stated that:

Option A is easier - to build a \$3M building;

Option B involves a 20-year vision which will be cheaper in the long run, but a steep hill to climb.

In closing, Pastor Matt asked that we pray for Larry and the partnership, as there is still much to be accomplished.

The meeting closed with prayer and was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted

June Hunt

Recording Secretary