

West Highland Baptist Church
Quarterly Business Meeting
March 21, 2021

Attendance: 72 in person and 107 viewing online.

Pastor Lee opened the meeting with prayer.

1. Kurt Davis, the moderator, called the meeting to order.
2. Approval of agenda - Kurt Davis

MOTION to approve the QBM March 21, 2021 agenda as presented was made by Della Cox and seconded by Rick Thompson. Carried.

3. Approval of minutes from November 29, 2020 AGM - Kurt Davis.

MOTION to approve the minutes from AGM November 29, 2020 was made by Jeff Merriam and seconded by Allan McGuirl. Carried.

4. 2020 Ministry Reports - Paul Gerics

A summary of the Ministry Report was made by Paul Gerics.
Please see attached reports.

5. 2020 Year End Financial Update - Ed Brink.

A summary of the Financial Report for 2020. Please see attached report.

- Ed Brink reported that Rick Thompson has done a large amount of work to get these reports ready. Thank you Rick.
- The building fund revenue for the year was \$361,156.00. The majority of that came in the first 2 months of 2020 to pay down the mortgage before the end of February 2020.
- Two bequests came in during 2020; a total of \$69,863.00 was added to the memorial fund.
- Total Assets for 2020 is \$9,274,785.00
- Break down of offerings were given at the back of the report.

Questions:

Online - Where are the mortgage payments recorded in the report? Answer: In expenses.

Rich Wouters - what is the time frame to pay off the mortgage? Answer: if we stay with the plan we have, we say four years.

David Burley - the column on page 47. (2020 budget are the same; why? Answer: Is it Ed's template and the columns are the same.

Aize Smit - Page 50 - The donor numbers for 2019 was 790 and in 2020 in 679. In 2019 is a building fund push years. 2020, covid is an issue, what we missed in 2020 was the visitor giving.

David Burley - we received money for government assistance for 2020 and will we be receiving monies for 2021? Answer: Yes, government funded money will be coming for 2021. Especially Canada Summer Jobs.

MOTION to approve the year end financial update was made by Ed Brink and seconded by Patti Benallick. Carried.

6. 2021 Financial Update - Ed Brink.

General Fund (January 1 to January 31, 2021

\$99,880 Total Revenue for the 1 month

Budget for the 1 month is \$146, 920

\$92,805 Total Expenses for the 1 month

Budget for the 1 month is \$146,920

\$7,075 Surplus for the 1 month (will be held to continue the operating of the church)

Mortgage

\$2,106,452 Mortgage Balance as of December 31, 2020

\$2,081,112 Mortgage Balance as of February 28, 2021

\$1,968,442 Mortgage Balance as of March 31, 2021 (a lump sum payment of \$100,000 was made on March 31, 2021)

MOTION to approve the 2021 financial updates was made by Ed Brink and seconded by Rich Wouters. Carried.

Please see attached reports.

7. Elders Team Report - Phil Seagrove

Tom Budge was voted to the Elder Team in December, he has been on previously and brings excellent experience. Paul Gerics and John Maheu were voted to serve their second term on the Elder team. Andrew Smith goes off the Elder Team after completing his second term. Andrew will assume a role on the Elders Council. This year Phil Seagrove is the Chair, Paul Gerics is the vice chair, David Stairs is the secretary and Ed Brink is our treasurer.

The Elder team started 2021 in lockdown, which meant that was no ability to meet in person at WH. The elders continued to look to the advice of the action committee. We continue to look to the Lord in prayer as a church and as an Elder Team.

Chairman's remarks to the Elders: Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58. Challenge to give ourselves fully knowing that your labor is not wasted.

As of Feb. 21, 2021 we are in the red zone and back at the church. We had our March Elders Team meeting in the church!

Finished a book study in February, matching the church focus on discipling.

New book study on biblical theology to start in March.

Some elders are doing online morning devotions.

On March 20, 2021 we had our Elder Prayer and Strategy Session where the pastors and Elders team and elders council meet to pray, to look back and to look at our present situation and to look forward as we seek God's will for the direction of WH.

The challenges are living in our world and showing the love of Christ, pointing people to the saviour regardless of the direction our culture is pointing people towards. Not getting distracted by things like Covid. Always being prepared to show the reason for the hope we have in Christ and doing it with gentleness, respect, and love.

Finally, we consider it a privilege to Serve God by serving the people fo WH. Please pray for us and our families. Pray for wisdom and direction as we seek God's will. Pray for humility as we attempt to lead, not by our own strength and wisdom, but humbly seeking the will of our God. And pray that we continue to labor in the Lord as we know it is not in vain.

MOTION to approve the Elder's Report was made by Phil Seagrove and seconded by Bettina Cochrane. Carried.

8. Action Committee Report - Phil Seagrove

To look at various government regulations and restrictions.

February 2021 we could come back to the 30% capacity of our facility

Protocol documents are being put into place.

The government regulations continue to change so we need to continue to meet. We have a plan and we ready if they are

David Stairs moves chairs every Saturday night

Vicki Jaster has a team of cleaners and screeners each service

Graham Lowe works tirelessly on the computer

Pray for the committee. Pray for this pandemic.

Questions: Vaccination, will we be tracking the vaccine?

Carol Hotrum. PCR test? We follow all the protocols for Hamilton and we are following all of them.

Online: Who is the action committee? Phil Seagrove, David Stairs, John Mahaffery, Paul Gerics, Lee Brubacher, Chris Kovac, Kim Beaman, Graham Lowe, Ken Robinson, Lorna Junker-Anderson.

Online - if there is another lockdown will the church allowed to remain open? Depending on the rules.... if we are in the grey lockdown there may be a 15% of capacity but of course we need to wait if and when that happens. Whatever happens we are ready.

Bettina Cochrane: Screening every time you come. Not on the morning service. It is on the homepage to fill out the screening.

Jean Miller, thank you everything you do. Cleaning and setting up.

Carol Hotrum - how many times you sign your name? Every time you come into the church you have to do the screening? Why do you have fill it out every time you come in? Answer:

We do because to keep everyone safe and to show the government that we are doing our best.

Dorrett James - every time you come into the building you are with a different group of people.

9. Lead Pastor's Report - Pastor John Mahaffey

January to Now 2021

Prayer for 2021 - 3 weeks in prayer. A real impact. 83 devices and 123 people involved in the concert of prayer. May 16, 2021 will be the next concert of prayer.

TREC - Spring semester all online. April to June 13, 2021.

In September Jamie is going to provide a full semester of TREC.

Community information letter ready to go out.

Pastor of Living Hope Church gave a \$1000 in memory of Jude Strickland for Christian Education.

Next year 2022 will be our 50th anniversary. A team / committee with Pastor Chris in charge will make it a year long celebration event with different activists once a month. Michael Haykin will write a history of church to be given out in October 2022 for an anniversary gift.

Michael Haykin's book, Pronobis Christ's Saving Work - copies of the book available to the congregation.

Last year was the year the vision 2020 climax. But now - Where are we as a church? Developing belong 2021. We to begun the process of the challenges in the post Covid road. Elders, elders council, deacons, and ministry team have met. They want to make headway for the clear direction of the future of our church. We want to be able to announce what is it become for 2022 anniversary year. Please pray for us.

Questions: Pastor John you are a super guy. You are doing a great job and We love you very much.

Closed in prayer Kris Ullman -

10. Adjournment - Kurt Davis

MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by Rich Wouters and seconded by Kim Beaman. Carried.

Next meeting June 2021.