

**West Highland Baptist Church
Annual General Meeting
July 11, 2021**

Attendance:
Onsite: 96
Proxy: 39
Online: 40

The meeting was opened in song and in prayer by Lee Brubacher.

1. Call to Order

Our Moderator, Kurt Davis, called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION to approve the agenda as written was moved by Tom Flack and seconded by Patti Benallick. Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes from March 21, 2021 Quarterly Business Meeting

MOTION to approve the minutes from the Quarterly Business Meeting on March 21, 2021 was moved by Andy Kalbfleisch and seconded by Rich Wouters. Carried.

4. Election of Officers for 2022

Phil Seagrove presented the slate of Officers for election in 2022.

Moderator - Kurt Davis

Treasurer - Ed Brink

Church Clerk - Katrina Stairs

MOTION to approve the Officers for 2022 was made by Phil Seagrove and seconded by Rich Wouters. Carried.

5. Report on December 31, 2020 Audited Financial Statements

MOTION to approve the December 31, 2020 Audited Financial Statements was made by Ed Brink and seconded by Mark Stairs. Carried.

Please see attached report.

Ed expressed sincere thanks the Audit Committee and the staff at West Highland for their ongoing efforts that resulted in a very favourable audit.

Q: Can you please explain the approximately \$200,000 discrepancy between the estimated income in the draft 2020 financials presented in the March and the final audited amount.

A: The amounts in March included an estimate of the government CEWS assistance. In March there were a few applications being prepared for CEWS assistance related to other periods in 2020. The qualifying rules and amounts for assistance were also changing, so the estimate in March was based on known information at that time. The final audit includes actual CEWS assistance related to 2020.

6. 2021 Financial Update

MOTION to approve the 2021 Financial Update was made by Ed Brink and seconded by Vicki Jaster. Carried.

Q: The government CEBA Loan was increased from \$40,000 to \$60,000. Did we consider seeking the additional \$20,000 loan?

A: Yes. We did consider it but decided not to proceed. The content of the agreement for the \$20,000 would combine the 2 loans and include an attestation that it could be used only for non-deferrable expenses. This might complicate future audits and we further felt that we did not need it given the offerings from the people of WH and the CEWS funding already received.

Q: How do the building Fund offerings in the first 4 months of 2021 compare with the same period in 2020?

A: These amounts cannot really be compared due to the fact in January-February 2020 there was a big push to reduce our mortgage as we were transitioning to a new mortgage facility at the end of February. Since COVID hit in March 2020 there has not been a push to reduce our mortgage.

Q: Have we received any CEWS funding for 2021 yet?

A: Not yet. The rules and amounts have changed, and we are looking into the potential of applying for further assistance. Initial analysis leads us to believe we would receive little to no further assistance.

Please see attached report.

7. Appointment of Auditor for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021

MOTION to approve Taylor Leibow LLP Accountants and Advisors as the Auditor for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021 as was made by Ed Brink and seconded by Ray Lappalainen. Carried.

8. Elders Team Report – Phil Seagrove

Highlights:

Looking back on 2020 we saw many challenges with the COVID-19 pandemic. However, there is much to praise God about. God has continued to bless us financially as a congregation. He has protected our people from serious harm due to the pandemic. He has allowed us to have the technology to continue worship services both onsite and online.

Our ACTION Committee has been working hard to try to keep up to speed on the ever-changing government restrictions and how they affect us here at WH. We are very conscious of our responsibility to try to ensure the safety of everyone at WH. We want to be known as a church that “loves their brother”, as a church that is about the Bible, about the Gospel, about our Saviour Jesus Christ. As we stated in the West Highland “*Statement on Civil Dis-Obedience*” put out by our Ministry Team and Elders we want to make it clear to a watching world that we are not just concerned with defending our rights, but that we are willing to lay down our rights for the sake of others.

While COVID put a temporary delay in developing and documenting our vision for West Highland beyond Vision 2020, we are excited that we will be working with the Ministry Team to develop and document this in the coming months. We cannot allow the COVID to distract us from our main mission - Making the Word of God Fully Known and the People of God Fully Mature.

Our Elders have been studying together a book on Biblical Theology, which is helping us become more proficient in understanding and handling the Word of God (one of the key roles of an Elder).

Please pray for us. Pray for wisdom and unity. Pray that we will know God's will for the direction of the church.

In a time of pandemic where the world seems to have been turned upside down...Be gracious to each other. Love each other. They will know we are Christians by our love.... May that be the case.

MOTION to approve the Elders Team Report was made by Phil Seagrove and seconded by Stephanie Seagrove. Carried.

9. Executive Pastor's Report – Pastor Kris Ullman

Highlights:

Personal Update – moving back to Canada and the many changes with COVID to deliver ministry has been a very complex and unbelievably rewarding time here since joining West Highland in January.

Daily Devotions – we wanted to maintain personal connection while being remote. We took your feedback and moved from 5 devotions to 3 each week and will be shortening them to 10-15 minutes. We are looking forward to starting these up again in the Fall.

Summer Preaching Series – the entire Ministry Team are excited about preaching on the Parables. It is an honour for us to be able to bring the Word of God to you each week.

Leadership – He is thankful for the leadership of Pastor John as he comes up to speed. Working with the Ministry Division Leaders and Team has been a true blessing.

Summer Camps – having just completed our first week of camps this week he is very excited. We have more than doubled our capacity by moving to a 7-week program from the 1-week format. 22% of the children attending have no home church so please be in prayer for this!

Our 50th Anniversary is coming up soon – October 2022 is only 15 months away! More information will be coming – stay tuned!

Pastor Kris expressed his sincere thank you in four areas:

- The church body for allowing him to serve us
- Pastor John for allowing him to come alongside and to help him lead at West Highland
- Dawn and Olivia for the great patience in moving here as they work through many changes
- The Lord for allowing him to transition from corporate career to full time Ministry at West Highland.

10. Lead Pastor's Report – Pastor John Mahaffey

Pastor John provided a video update. Main highlights included:

With the end of COVID in sight we see 3 main strategic thrusts for the remainder of 2021:

- Regathering Our People – it has been a long time since we have all been back together to worship our Lord together and we desire to see all our people back in worship and ministry.
- Rebuilding the Ministries of West Highland -we will be doubling our efforts to make Discipleship a core part of everything we do here.

- Refocusing Vision - we will be looking at what the Lord would like us to do beyond Vision 2020. We will be developing and documenting a vision for the coming years.

In September he will be starting a new series on Daniel “Living the Gospel in an Antagonistic Age” to help us all to live rightly in this new post-Covidian world.

Please pray for these things and our summer camps.

11. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by Rich Wouters and seconded by Andrew Smith.
Carried.