

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (the “Meeting”) Of Commons Church (“Commons”), held on March 17, 2022, from approximately 7:00pm to approximately 7:57pm held via Video conference (Zoom) and in-person at Kensington Commons Church.**

**MEETING ADMINISTRATION**

*Confirmation That Notice of Meeting Was Properly Provided*

It was determined that notice of the Meeting was properly provided to members, and that the meeting had been properly called.

*Appointment of the Chair and Secretary*

**1. Call to Order – Janice Chan**

- Janice welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Janice encouraged everyone to provide feedback. The board is listening – our goal is to learn more from diverse voices in more diverse places.
- It was determined by the Board that a sufficient number of members have voted to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the Meeting.
- 255 members total; 90 activated for 2022: quorum set at 27.
- Janice Chan served as Chair of the Meeting, Jeremy Duncan served as Facilitator and Regina Chan served as Secretary of the Meeting.

**2. Lead Pastor’s Report – Jeremy Duncan**

Jeremy walked through his Lead Pastors report as outlined in the 2022 package provided to members. Highlights of this past year:

- 2021 was a time of uncertainty. The church engaged in our first publication to encourage connection with the community throughout the week.
- The church continues to be optimistic and careful in our planning and continues to strive to connect with the community in various ways.
- Thank you to the community for their generosity. The church continued to contribute to our local and global partnerships and invested in Indigenous partnerships.
- Jeremy looks forward to our first in-person Easter service this coming season.
- We are entering into season 9 coming up in the Fall. Thank you to everyone for being part of this journey.

**3. Financial Report – Michael Wing**

Michael Wing provided a brief walk through the Financial Statements for 2021 in the package provided to the members. Highlights of this past year:

- Thank you for everyone’s generosity. In 2021, Commons had 550 individual donors.

- This wide distribution of donors contributed \$1.2 million in donations in 2021. This allowed the church to continue its operations, invest in capital projects and conduct needed repairs on the building.
- The church closed out the year with a \$115K surplus.
- Due to the pandemic, expansion plans under our parish model have been delayed.
- Commons has funds invested conservatively (approximately \$700K is invested into GICs ranging from 3-5 year terms.) Funds are accessible if we need them.

#### **4. Staff Presentations – Introduction by Mita Adesanya, Presentations by Bobbi Salkeld and Scott Wall**

Staff provided highlights of their work as contained in the 2022 package provided to the members.

#### **5. New ECC Presidential Nominee and Prayer – Thioni Schafer**

#### **6. Amendment to Constitution. See Article IX – Jeremy Duncan**

Jeremy walked through the constitutional amendment as outlined in the 2022 package provided to members.

#### **7. Live Question Period**

Jeremy Duncan and Janice Chan opened the floor for questions.

Q: How does it work if our pastors are not members of the ECC?

Jeremy: Commons Church is a member church of the ECC. Individual pastors no longer hold licenses with the ECC.

Q: Who is the Charities Directorate?

Jeremy: This is a sub-group of the CRA. They are responsible for ensuring charities utilize funds in accordance with their mandate. The suggestion to amend our constitution came about during an annual filing and review made by the Charities Directorate.

Q: What is the plan for refugees this year?

Jeremy: There is a refugee family that we have worked with who will be sponsoring their relatives. Commons church is holding funds in trust for the new refugee family. Commons will be dispersing money as the family requires.

Commons works with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) for the refugee settlement program. The MCC is looking at reopening refugee settlement after the pandemic has paused the program. The church is looking into applying for another family to support.

Q: What do we see the future of the online parish look like as things are coming back in person?

Janice: The online parish will continue.

Jeremy: Resources will continue to be provided online. We welcome all those in distant communities to provide feedback to improve the way we pastor remotely.

Q: How is the mentoring position with Langley church?

Jeremy: The church plant has done well. Our financial support will be ending soon. Commons' relationship with the church will continue.

Q: Do we have any delegates going to the ECC conference?

Jeremy: We will be sending board and staff delegates to go to Strathmore. If anyone is interested in being a lay delegate, they are welcome to let us know.

## **8. Confirmation of Vote Tallies – 52 Total Tally**

*14 absentee votes cast online ahead of the meeting*

*6 votes cast on paper ballots on March 17*

*32 votes cast electronically on March 17*

- i. Motion to approve the 2021 AGM Minutes as presented: Motion by Janice Chan, seconded by Jeff Ehmann - unanimous in favour*
- ii. Motion to approve the Audit Report from KMSS for the 2021 financial period: Motion by Janice Chan, seconded by Jeff Ehmann - unanimous in favour*
- iii. Motion to approve the Budget for 2022 as proposed: Motion by Janice Chan, seconded by Jeff Ehmann - unanimous in favour*
- iv. Motion to Amend the Constitution as presented: Motion by Janice Chan, seconded by Jeff Ehmann - unanimous in favour*
- v. Affirmation of Janice Chan to a second term on the Leadership Team – unanimous in favour*
- vi. Affirmation of Michael Wing to a second term on the Leadership Team – unanimous in favour*
- vii. Affirmation of Erik Lottermoser to the Leadership Team – unanimous in favour*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

UPON A MOTION duly made (Lance Blades) and seconded (Rowan Wiebe) and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned.