

Minutes for 2008 Annual General Meeting
 Trinity Bible Church of Ottawa
 Date: 10 March 2009 Start @ 7:00 pm End 9:00pm
 Chair: Rod Miller
 Present: 27 people of which 26 are members

Item	Person Responsible
1) Welcome 1 Samuel 7 and Exodus 36 – There is a desire from the leadership to have a waiting list of willing volunteers as illustrated in Exodus 36.	Chair Rod Miller
2) Praise and thanksgiving for the past year a) for the leadership at TBCO b) for who God is and the grace He gives us c) for the souls God has saved this year d) for Pastor Shawn, for his teaching and his God-given abilities e) for giving us real purpose in our lives; for God’s love, for His correction, for His direction f) for answering our prayers for our children and for Yetta Dekker; for helping us to keep our eyes fixed on God	Chair Rod Miller
3) Prayer	all
4) Establishment of Quorum for Meeting There were 26 out of 59 members present constituting a quorum for the meeting.	Chair Rod Miller
5) Reading of Minutes of 2007 AGM The minutes were read aloud by the Secretary of the Board. Ken Ferguson moved to approve the 2007 AGM minutes. Dave Gourlay seconded the motion. The motion was carried. Gord Mosher asked a question about our Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) initiative with Scotia Bank. Rod Miller noted that he and Dave Gourlay have been working with Scotia Bank. Rod believes we are close to implementing PAR.	Secretary Bryan Tinlin
6) 2008 Program Reports from Ministry Leaders a. Fellowship – A. Miller or M. Sheldrick	Deacons

Anne Miller read John 13:34-35 and noted that Godly love has been shown to members and visitors. The Fellowship team appreciates those who have shown love to members and visitors to the church.

Anne Miller moved to accept the fellowship report. Glenda Mosher seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b. Worship – M. Zinck

M. Zinck absent. Rod Miller moved to accept the Worship report. Wayne Allin seconded. Motion carried.

c. Discipleship –

i. Adults – K. Brown

K. Brown absent. Gord Mosher was asked by Keith Brown to move that the Discipleship report be accepted. Wendy Allin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ii. Children and Youth – N. Giesbrecht

N. Giesbrech was present but has unfortunately lost her voice. Nikki Giesbrecht (through Rod Miller) moved to accept the Children and Youth report. Frank Hallam seconded the motion. Motion carried.

d. Outreach – D. Kuz

D. Kuz absent. Rod noted on behalf of Dennis how thankful he is for the many TBCO folks who have helped with outreach this year and how he looks forward to God growing this ministry. Rod Miller moved to accept the Outreach report. Dave Gourlay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

e. Property – A Ferguson

Andrew Ferguson noted the paint job in sanctuary, work done in the Kidz Work room, that the facility is safer and more efficient. Andrew graciously accepts input and prayer throughout the year. Andrew moves to accept the property report. Wayne Allin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

<p>members in early April.</p> <p>Kevin Ferguson noted that we are still in a good financial position.</p> <p>It was noted that givings have doubled since Pastor Shawn arrived.</p> <p>Dave Gourlay motioned to approve the financial report. Ken Dekker seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p> <p>There was a last opportunity for other questions. None were asked.</p>	
<p>8) Appointment of Auditor Treasurer</p> <p>Rod Miller presented a motion that TBCO appoint an internal auditor for 2009. This person would be a volunteer. The rationale is to ensure that TBCO has an independent ongoing review of our policies and records.</p> <p>Any questions or comments. Ken Dekker asked whether an internal auditor would do away with the need for external auditor. Rod Miller answered no.</p> <p>Gord Mosher asked for a definition of 'independent'. Rod Miller answered that the person would not sit on the board and would not be a deacon.</p> <p>Frank Hallam asked if by 'financial' it includes policies and procedures. Rod Miller answered yes as is the case with the Child Protection Policy. We want to ensure that we are in compliance.</p> <p>Rob Downs seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Chair Rod Miller</p>
<p>9) Report by Project Committees</p> <p>a) Pastor Shawn asked what is our business at the church?</p> <p>Answer: Working with God to take people who are far from Jesus and to bring them to Jesus. After introducing them to Jesus we then want to help bring them to a Christ-centered life.</p> <p>Last year Shawn asked who are we connecting people to Jesus Christ? Are we looking around the church for people we don't know to ensure they get to know Jesus?</p> <p>Shawn read an excerpt from Page 7 of the Annual General Report for 2008.</p>	<p>Shawn Ketcheson</p>

“In September we hired Catherine McLaughlin to help us prepare our children’s and teens program. The primary deliverable for Catherine is to develop a solid framework for a new position that will ultimately be responsible to identify, recruit, equip, and deploy children/youth leaders who will intentionally co-operate with God to produce committed disciples of Christ”.

Shawn noted that it takes a lot of work to take move someone who is far from Jesus to close to Jesus. It was noted that children are the key.

Souls Saved:

- i) 45 children in Vacation Bible School
- ii) 7 children in Kidz Works
- iii) 3 children during Apollos week.

Shawn stated that he is grateful that the congregation has been willing to invest in the kids.

Pastor Shawn asked how are we doing in our business?

b) Children’s and Youth Work

Phase 1 -- Our insurance was null and void because of a lack of a child protection policy. The Program Development Project Manager (PDPM) for Children’s/Teen’s Ministries made recommendations and much of it has been put in place.

Phase 2 – The PDPM researched what other churches are doing for best practices; what is working with respect to children’s ministry and what isn’t.

A number of churches across North America have been contacted. The PDPM shadowed churches in Florida and Ottawa, Orleans, Los Angeles , and Vancouver. All those expenses were incurred by the staff person. This person also attended a conference in Toronto.

Phase 3 – The PDPM will spend time with TBCO leaders from Foundations, Kidz Work, and Junior and Senior youth groups. The PDPM will act as a consultant. The PDPM will share their experience and assess the current programs’ effectiveness. Finally a report will be produced having had lots of consultation with the leadership of the church.

There was an opportunity to ask questions. None were asked.

Shawn
Ketcheson

<p>c) Nominations Committee – Committee Chair</p> <p>Walter Schwabe reviewed the nomination and selection process for deacons and elders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Last November a nominations committee was formed. ii) The committee was formed according to the constitution, then prayer was sought for names to be brought to them. iii) The committee met for prayer and a list was proposed. iv) A list was eventually submitted to the elders. Prayer was sought by the elders. v) The elders then met and made a short list. The short listed people were contacted and those candidates were asked to pray to see if they were being called by the Lord to serve. vi) A questionnaire was given to the candidates followed by an interview. vii) The nominating committee selected Wayne Allin for elder and Theresa Poirier for Deacon of Communication. <p>Rod Miller noted the names were published in the bulletin as stated in the by-laws. The board received no messages from any of the membership regarding the proposed candidates. Therefore the candidates will be accepted at this AGM.</p> <p>Pastor Shawn and the elders prayer over Wayne and Theresa.</p>	<p>Walter Schwabe</p>
<p>10) Elders and Deacons</p> <p>Acknowledgement of those who stepped down during the year</p> <p>Rod Miller noted that Dave Gourlay stepped down as an elder and moved to the treasurer’s position. Rod Miller thanked Dave for his years of service and looked forward to his work as the church treasurer.</p>	
<p>11) Items or comments from the floor</p> <p>Janice Phillips asked about the results of the recent poll taken last week on the change in worship time from 11am to 10am. Rod Miller noted that we will poll the congregation this Sunday in order to capture those folks who didn’t vote last Sunday.</p> <p>Amanda Schwabe asked if the poll could be filled out at the end of service. Pastor Shawn noted that polls results are highest when they are conducted in their seats at a dedicated time not at the end of service when people are leaving and are likely to forget to fill it out or take it home with them.</p>	

<p>Ken Dekker noted that the offering is being collected while the kids and parents are already upstairs. He noted this makes it difficult for those who want to contribute to the offering. Rod Miller noted the comment will be taken under advisement.</p>	<p>Rod to take Ken's question under advisement.</p>
<p>12) Closing remarks from Pastor and prayer</p> <p>There are challenges to growing God's kingdom. Knowing what is going to help people far from Christ can be difficult when most of us are close to Christ. When our mission is to connect people who are far from Christ, we have to understand that a lot of decisions we make will be uncomfortable. For some reason we are not connecting people to Christ.</p> <p>Let us pray that the children's report in September is unsettling because we are willing to do what is necessary to bring more people to Christ.</p> <p>Final prayer.</p>	
<p>13) Motion for adjournment</p> <p>Ken Dekker moved to adjourn the 2008 AGM. All were in favour. Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.</p>	