**MARKHAM BAPTIST CHURCH**

**CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Date** Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 7 pm held via zoom

**Present** 27 Members 27 % of active membership QUORUM PRESENT 0 Adherents

**Moderator/Scribe** Pat McGee / Gihani De Silva

**Welcome** Pat opened the meeting and invited Paul Stevens to open in prayer

**Opening Prayer** Paul Stevens opened in prayer.

**Confirmation of** 27 Members 99 of active membership QUORUM PRESENT 0 Adherents

**Quorum**

1. **Agenda *See Appendix A***

**MOTION To accept the Agenda for the congregational meeting of May 10, 2022**

*Moved by: Elisabeth Serio Seconded by: Lois Fagan*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2. Acceptance of New Member**

*Presented by Barb Lake*

**MOTION TO ACCEPT NEW MEMBER**

**MOTION** On behalf of the Deacons, I move that the Carmela Colluci Serio be accepted into Membership at Markham Baptist Church:

*Moved by: Barb Lake Seconded by: John Riley*

**MOTION CARRIED**

Pastor Craig indicated that the Deacon’s will formally welcome Carmela at the next communion service.

**3. New Business**

*Presented by Pat McGee*

**Relief For Ukraine**

Pat informed all those present of a Ukrainian Family who had attended MBC on May 1st for Sunday service.

We have four opportunities to offer assistance for Ukraine.

1. We can donate money and the donation will be matched dollar for dollar up to $1000. As approved by the management committee. This money will flow through Canadian Baptist Ministries.
2. Secondly, we can fill relief kits which will be sent through the Mennonite Central Committee. Sam Fronte and Alexandra will be posting information about what the kits should contain. Estimated cost $100 per kit.
3. The Ukrainian family is looking for jobs. Daniel has lots of skills, so if you know anyone who is looking for employees, please let them know. They say “we will do anything”
4. Please pray for Ukraine, especially for our sisters and brothers.

Sam Fronte spoke regarding the assembling of relief kits for the Mennonite Central Committee. An end of June targeted for collections.

Pastor Craig briefly shared the Ukrainian family journey coming to Canada.

Prayers are requested for the Ukrainian Baptist Church in downtown Toronto currently housing refugees.

It was suggested that an email be sent to MBC congregants appealing for funds to the benevolent fund – specifically for Ukrainian relief.

**Final Decision**

1. Donations may be made to CBM directly indicating that it is for Ukraine Relief OR to MBC Benevolent fund but clearly marked for Ukraine Relief. MBC funds will be matched dollar for dollar up to $1000.

2. fill relief kits which will be sent through the Mennonite Central Committee. Sam Fronte and Alexandra will be posting information about what the kits (9 items) should contain.

3. Ukrainian family require assistance with jobs, specifically in the construction field, a lap top and a car .

1. Pastor Craig to reach out to the Ukrainian Baptist Church downtown Toronto to find out ways of helping.

**Closing Prayer Pastor Craig** led us in a closing prayer.

**MOTION To adjourn this meeting.**

*Moved by: John Riley*

**MOTION CARRIED**

 **Meeting adjourned at 7.53 pm**

**Signed by: ........................................................ ……………………………………….**

 **Pat McGee, Chair Gihani De Silva**