MARKHAM BAPTIST CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date Monday, November 14, 2022 at 7 pm held via zoom

Present 24 Members 24 % of active membership QUORUM PRESENT
0 Adherents

Moderator/Scribe Pat McGee / Gihani De Silva

Opening Prayer Valerie Milligan opened in prayer.

Confirmation of Quorum 24 Members 24 % of active membership QUORUM PRESENT, 0 Adherents

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

MOTION **To accept the agenda for the congregational meeting of November 14, 2022**

Moved by: Glen Houghton *Seconded by: John Riley*

MOTION CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes which were posted on the members website

MOTION **To accept the minutes of the congregational meeting held on June 20, 2022 with change to header date to reflect June 20, 2022**

Moved by: Sheila Stevens *Seconded by: Marion Waldron*

MOTION CARRIED

3. Church Clerk Report ***See Appendix B***
Submitted by Gihani De Silva

Confirmed number of Members as 98 and 64 Adherents as of October 31, 2022

4. Election of Chair of Deacons
Presented by Sheila Stevens

MOTION: "That Paul Stevens be elected as Chair of the Deacons Committee for the remainder of a two-year term beginning August. 29, 2022 to the MBC Annual Congregational Meeting in June 2024 as per MBC General Operating By-Law No. 2, Section 5.03(b)iii"

Moved by: Sheila Stevens *Seconded by: Valerie Milligan*

MOTION CARRIED

5. Moderators' comments **See Appendix C**
Submitted by Pat McGee

6. Business arising from the Minutes

There were no items arising from the minutes

7. ***New Business***

Anniversary 67 year Celebration

Pastor Craig advised that on Saturday November 19th at 7 pm there will be an evening of Praise and Worship presented by the Nigerian Choir followed by refreshments.

On Sunday November 20th at 10.30 am worship service guest speaker will be Rev. Tim McCoy – Executive Minister of CBOQ.

Looking forward to 2023

Those attending the meeting were split to break out rooms to share their hopes and dreams for MBC for 2023.

Pastor Craig requested those participating to consider the following 3 questions,

1. What dreams are you dreaming for MBC
2. What is one hope you have for MBC
3. If a genie were to grant 3 wishes for MBC, what would they be?

Ideas shared are as per **Appendix D** forming a part of these minutes

Committee Reports

8. Deacons
Presented by Paul Stevens

Deacons' Committee comprises of Joy Colphon, Liz Wright, Elisabeth Serio, Lois Fagan as minute taker and Paul as Chair of Deacons.

The Committee has enthusiasm, competence, experience, and commitment.

The Deacons want to assure that they prayerfully approach their role of the care of the Church community. The Deacons have the desire to strengthen the congregation at face-to-face worship while understanding the need of the online ministry. A special thanks to all those who make this happen.

Appreciate and value those who provide music.

Thankful for Pastor Craig who has served this past 10 years, who has ministered during many changes at MBC.

Paul went on to say that as Deacons the Committee does not want to lament on what we do not have but think of the things that could be. Invites the congregation to pray for MBC and to provide ideas, practical help and appealed for volunteers.

Volunteers are requested to make their interest known to Pastor Craig, the Deacons, or the MBC Administrator Alexandra Vega.

9. CE & O
Presented by Tony Serio

Tony mentioned that the Adult Sunday school class is held at 9.30 am on Sundays.
The Edge and Youth groups meet on Fridays.
Sunday school and the toddler class is held during service.
Actively looking for volunteers for various ministries
Thank current volunteers who work hard.

10. Nominations Committee **See Appendix E**
Presented by Sheila Stevens

11. Management Report **See Appendix F**
Presented by John Riley

12. Treasurer's Financial Report **See Appendix G**
Presented by Marion Waldron

MBC's 2022 Offerings meter was discussed. It was noted that current offerings are at $ 152,117. Marion requested that the congregation prayerfully consider how the shortfall is to be met. Stressed upon the importance of reaching the current offerings budget of $ 200,000 which if not received will impact the 2023 budget.

13. Other Directors

Pat thanked Lois and Alexandra for updating the MBC website and keeping it current.

14. Pastor's Comments

Pastor Craig noted that initially explorers became pioneers put down roots and built homes. As Covid hit the mainline Churches were seen as settlers. Post covid the Church needs to become explorers and pioneers again. See the needs of others

Philippians says "I can do all things with Christ who strengthens me"

Pastor Craig requested those gathered to consider,

1. what one thing brought you to MBC?
2. one thing seen at MBC developing?
3. what one thing do you and your family need at this time?

Ask ourselves where do I find my hope? Once this question is answered this will be framework to build what comes next.

MOTION **To accept all reports provided during the meeting:**
Pat McGee

Moved by: Ruth Currie *Seconded by: John Riley*

MOTION CARRIED

Closing Prayer Pastor Craig led in a closing prayer.

MOTION **To adjourn this meeting.**

Moved by: John Riley

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8.30 pm

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Signed by: ..... ……

Pat McGee, Chair **Gihani De Silva**