

Annual General Meeting Minutes — ZOOM Meeting November 22, 2021 (7:00pm)

Due to continued Alberta COVID-19 public health restrictions, a ZOOM meeting was held online.

Notification of the meeting, Ministry reports, Year-To-Date vs. Annual Budget Jan1-Oct 31, 2021, Balance Sheet Oct 31, 2021, the Proposed 6-month 2022 budget (Jan-June 2022), and other documents were distributed through South Calgary Updates.

Craig Edwards, Elder Chair, opened the meeting with prayer. The Annual meeting was called to order.

Scrutineers were appointed: Les Oliver, Helga Slobodian, Jason Slobodian.

Craig Edwards called for a quorum: *"A quorum at a duly called Membership Meeting shall be 25% of active voting members"* [current membership 89; quorum needed 23]. In attendance - (39) active members. Quorum confirmed.

Affirmation of 2020 AGM Minutes

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting on November 30, 2020 and the Quarterly meetings of March 15, 2021, June 24, 2021, and October 4, 2021 were reviewed.

Moved to accept Annual Minutes

MOTION: *Move to accept the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of SCCC on November 30, 2020 and the Quarterly meetings of March 15, 2021, June 24, 2021, and October 4, 2021 as published.*

Moved. Seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Affirmation of Leadership Office (Treasurer)

We thank Michael Hons for his work as Treasurer throughout 2021. The Leadership office of Treasurer is affirmed annually in the fall. Michael has agreed to continue as Treasurer for the coming fiscal year.

MOTION: *On behalf of the Elders and Congregation of SCCC, we move to affirm Michael Hons to the Leadership Office of Church Treasurer for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2022.*

The role of Treasurer is eligible for re-affirmation.

Moved. Seconded. Vote taken by a show of hands. **Motion Carried.**

Ministry Reports

Craig Edwards

2021 has been a year of challenge and change. Responding to the needs of our time, technology has allowed us to meet together and attend services in person and through live stream and YouTube. Technology has been a tool to reach into our community as well.

Our challenge is keeping social and community connections open and supportive for everyone. We thank you for continuing to stay connected, supporting and reaching out to one another.

Continue to pray for our ministries as we look ahead to both opening up and restarting as we are able. Ministry may not look quite the same, but we anticipate coming together, face-to-face, soon.

We thank God for Pastors Sam and Russ and our staff for their leadership and encouragement through 2021 and the year ahead. Sam and Russ want to share from their hearts about ministry at South Calgary.

Sam Medeiros

We are open and ready to talk to you about our church and our ministries. We want to be sensitive to your needs and we want to hear your comments and impressions of our ministries here.

Your prayers for each ministry are important – online services, worship, discipleship, small groups, and so much more. Churches are experiencing conflict, differences of opinion, concerns about in-person services vs. live streaming services, trying to adapt to the changes we have all been facing over these many months.

There is lots of movement in churches – people coming in, people moving. Others looking for something new, shopping and looking to commit to a local church, find a place to volunteer.

We can ignore the challenges, or we can focus on Jesus and his reconciliation in peoples' hearts and lives. We need to 'look up' with our eyes!

Our staff team has been praying for you, and for new people to connect at South Calgary and embrace the ministry here. Join us in prayer, so together we can seek God's best for ministry.

Russ Falk

John 4:35 *"Don't you say, 'There are still four more months, and then comes the harvest'? Listen to what I'm telling you: Open your eyes and look at the fields, because they are ready for harvest."*

It's easy to get discouraged. But we need to realize a remnant of the church is 'present' and some of our church is at home "unseen". New people have come to the church, maybe only once or twice, but that's okay. Remember to look around and see everyone.

Youth meet every week. We have a good group, some are Christians, others non-Christians, some we haven't seen for a while, others are here every time. Open your eyes to these youth.

Young adults are gathering, learning to pray more, some are non-Christians and part of the group. YA are talking to their friends and co-workers. God is working in the hearts of them all. We see answers to prayer in each life. Open your eyes to the people around us. Welcome them.

Pastor Marg

Here is a special blessing report of a monetary gift we received this year from the estate of Delores

Edmunds, who passed away in 2014. Delores named South Calgary as one of 3 beneficiaries. After some delays, we were blessed with three deposits over 2021.

Some of these funds will be used to repair and upgrade areas of our physical building needing attention. We are blessed! We are thankful for this generous blessing.

Finances and 2022 Proposed Budget

The Elders are proposing a six-month budget for January-June 2022. This gives us some flexibility to re-assess our finances at mid-year and make any adjustments as needed for the July-December proposed budget.

2022 Proposed Budget (January-June)

MOTION: *The Elders move to accept the 2022 proposed budget for January 1- June 30 as published and presented.*

Moved. Seconded.

Discussion followed reviewing the NOTES distributed relating to General Fund Receipts to date, proposed Missions support in 2022, and individual ministry budget needs for January-June 2022. Anticipated Income for the first six-months of 2022 is approximated at \$28,000 monthly for a total 6-month anticipated income of \$168,000. All proposed budget numbers were reviewed.

2 questions were put forward concerning the proposed budget:

1. Who are the 4 part-time staff? (Mike B) Only 2 pastors are full-time staff. (Hispanic Ministry pastor is full-time as well. That salary is covered by the Hispanic ministry.)
2. Anticipating and planning that God will provide, will we need to pull CIF funds to cover expenses? (Mike B). Do not anticipate a need. We have not drawn down from CIF funds for over 3 year.

Call for the Question.

MOTION: *The Elders move to accept the 2022 proposed budget for January 1- June 30 as published and presented.*

"All those who are not in favor of the motion, raise your hands." **Motion Carried.**

Q & A Time:

1. Are we still moving ahead with "simple church"?

It is happening. We are doing ministry that has a heart to bring people in and share Jesus with them. Based on our reading and discussions, there may be a streamlined ministry model that we believe will be more effective for both participants and volunteers.

For instance, discipleship classes will continue but not as we originally thought. Rather we will

offer the opportunity to cover more topics in short-term time slots.

2. On Sundays, if I am watching the service on-line, can I see who is at church? Maybe have a section that will be photographed with a roaming camera?
We are not able to do that as people don't want to be seen on YouTube.
3. Note of interest:
Dr. Chris Brooks retired in November 2021. Chris is the founder of Lifeline Mali (Mali, Africa). Our seniors and doll knitters supported him and the ministry for many years. A new CEO has been appointed and has assumed Dr. Brooks' leadership and responsibilities. The new CEO, Richard Roseboom, is highly regarded.
4. Prayer times have been suspended over the last year. Can we re-engage communication and prayer feedback?
The staff has been moving in this direction, updating the prayer intercessor contacts and will re-launch the intercessor group as soon as possible.
5. Note to pray for one of our families whose father passed away yesterday.
6. Love seeing the worship team on Sunday. Worship was wonderful with more participants.
Thanks to Tawyna for your leadership!

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. Moved. 2nd. Motion Carried.

Our time together was closed with prayer and blessing.