

MINUTES

**For Crescent Heights Baptist Church Society
Annual Celebration Meeting
Sunday, February 28, 2021**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – 11:50 am *Tim Goodwin - Moderator*

This meeting is being recorded and will be made available by request.

2. **CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM** (30% of 58 or 17.4) – *Tim Goodwin*

Confirmed 28 of 58 members totalling 48%.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - *Tim Goodwin*

Jack F. / Kim C. - Carried Unanimously

4. **OPENING PRAYER** – *Pastor Tyler Graftaas*

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** - *Tim Goodwin*

- a. **Congregational Meeting of November 29, 2020**

We the members of Crescent Heights Baptist Church Society accept the minutes of the November 29, 2020 meeting.

Sunnye K. / Weyers D. - Carried Unanimously

6. **PRESENTATION OF PASTORAL AND LEADERSHIP REPORTS**

[*See the Annual Report for more details.*](#)

- a. **Word of Encouragement** - *Pastor Cornel van Eyk*

Pastor Cornel read his words from the annual report.

Questions - *none*

- b. **Lead Pastor** - *Pastor Tyler Graftaas*

Tyler shares a quick story about himself and a friend getting off track during a run in Kananaskis, where they ended up cutting across the wilderness to reach the path they should be on. However, in the process, they ran into a field, where bears had recently been. Tyler found himself very scared. This year felt similar. On a trail, you did not expect to be on. But through good decisions and bad, we are reminded of Romans 5:2 “*we boast in the hope of the glory of God*”. Thank you for your grace and patience as we broke new ground. Thank you to our leadership team and the church family. We will persevere and our character will continue to be formed because we know “the one” we can rely on.

Questions - *none*

c. **Board of Elders** – *Angie Day (Leona Cardinal & Weyers)*

Thank you to the staff, leadership, ministry teams, & media team. 2020 made us seek and re-evaluate plans including our worship in-person and online. It has been hard work and under God's guidance.

We have appreciated Alpha and the resting place the church has been for people during this time of COVID.

Questions - *none*

d. **Deacons & Ministry** – *Lisa Goodwin*

With COVID everything became learn-as-you-go. Leadership transitioned to meeting online via Zoom (twice a month, once for learning & the other for matters of business) and ministries took to online platforms. Our small groups were limited due to not being able to meet in-person so they quickly fizzled. However, the Northwest Care group persevered meeting on Zoom and continues to meet every Sunday. Welcoming Jack F. and James T. to the group in 2020 and as always they are open to others to join.

We had an online retreat this past summer, which was a great time for all who participated. We encourage you to check out the YouTube channel where there are numerous videos from that event and others. A highlight of the retreat was visitors from Texas, the Khule's, that would not have been possible in-person. The Covid pandemic has allowed us to expand to areas otherwise not reached.

The use of recorded music for worship was helpful during restrictions. We look forward to our worship team leading us once again through pre-recorded music.

Jaclyn's art was a blessing for CHBC this past year and can still be accessed online.

As a leadership team, we are calling all of the congregation members once each month. If you have not been called and would like to be contacted, please let us know.

A special thank you to GoodTree for the renovations to the Sunday school ministry spaces this year.

Questions - *none*

e. **Family Ministries** – *Jaclyn Loewen*

It was an interesting and encouraging year to step into a one year position of ministry here at CHBC. We put many ministries on hold, however, we also added many new online ministries, such as “Crafting with Jaclyn” which included relationship building and mentorship. We continually look for new directions, analyzing how we can engage and what the return to in-person will look like. We are currently looking at starting an online Sunday School ministry, likely to take place on Sunday Afternoons. Jaclyn is working on an art project as a gift for the families that will be ready later in the year.

Questions - *none*

f. **NextGen** – *Weyers & Alette Du Plessis*

NextGen is short for the “next generation”, those in high school through people in their early 30’s. We started the group focussing on socializing and gathering together to get to know each other. When we moved everything online, the group shrunk a little, but we continue to gather via Zoom. A highlight from the year is watching “American Gospel”, sparking a desire to get into the word and know the truth. So taking action we started with the gospel of Mark meeting monthly, then biweekly, then weekly. Lisa led us through a series “Ignite your passion for God” and coming out of that (when restrictions are lifted) we hope to participate in community outreach.

Questions - *none*

g. **Community Outreach** - *Sunnye Kay*

With the year’s challenges, many areas of need opened up and we were able to participate in outreach to the community. Here are a few highlights:

- The youth received a grant for a community garden earlier in the year and when the harvest was ready, produce was shared with people connected to the church community and the Community Fridge on centre street.
- The Grocery Card Gift Fundraiser funds went to students for activities they might not otherwise be able to participate in. \$550.00 raised to help students from CHBC.
- The Christmas display and storyboard was enjoyed by neighbours, many were seen stopping by to read the story and look at the trees.

Questions - *none*

h. **Church Clerk** – *Angela Graftaas / Tim Goodwin*

Please keep in mind that every time a name moves from one place to another, there is a story.

1. Membership:

Sadly the passing of Trevor Trott in February and Laurel Suchomel in April.

We were excited to welcome Jack Fitzsimmons by way of transfer in June and congratulate him and Laurel on their wedding.

Jeff Switner has returned to active membership and has met with Pastor Tyler numerous times this year.

Membership is a total of 58 active participants.

2. Adherents:

We congratulate Jessica Griffiths (nee de Kluver) on her wedding and wish her well at her new church. We will miss Margie Turner as she moved to Cochrane to be closer to family.

We are excited to welcome Jessica, she has been attending NextGen on Zoom and the service online on Sundays.

And we celebrate the births of Stefan in January and Sophie in September.

We have 60 adherents who are connected here at CHBC.

3. Inactive:

Those on the inactive list remain for two years prior to being unlisted. All 8 will come off of membership in 2021 unless they re-engage this year. Bruce and Louise recently transferred their membership to Brentview Baptist, so they will be listed as transferred on the 2021 report.

4. Attendance:

With COVID the in-person numbers obviously dropped, however, our online presence was quite substantial, with friends, families, and some strangers joining worship, from many different locations.

If you are interested in membership or baptism, or any of the functioning aspects of the church, you are welcome to talk to Pastor Tyler or any of the leadership.

March 28 Tim Goodwin will be preaching - Maybe a great day to be baptised 😊.

Thank you for your involvement, you are CHBC!

Questions - *none*

i. **Finance – George Day**

To note: In the budget set at the November meeting funding for Tim Goodwin's educational support was labelled as a "Tuition support / Tim Scholarship". Tim is still receiving our support for his education at CSBSC in the same dollar amount as budgeted however, to accommodate proper taxation procedures, we have hired him for the position of Pastoral Intern.

Thank you everyone for your faithful giving. God is good and has provided

Questions -

- Audrey B. - Question - *Page 26 - How was the money in the budget line for the picnic spent as we did not have a picnic? Answer: Money was used for the online retreat expenses.*
- Tim G. - Comment - *He has been floored in the past where money has been really tight, and the situation looks bleak, but then the exact amount needed has been provided (ie. the Lathem estate). We have almost a ¼ of a million-dollar budget and we came out 23 dollars ahead. We can see that God is in this.*

7. MOTION TO ACCEPT 2020 YEAR-END UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

– *Tim Goodwin*

We the members of Crescent Heights Baptist Church Society accept the unaudited 2020 financials as presented.

Cornel v E./ Jen S. - Carried Unanimously

8. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS AS PRINTED IN THE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

– *Tim Goodwin*

We the members of Crescent Heights Baptist Church Society accept the reports as printed in the 2020 Annual Report.

Evelyn W. / Phil C. - Carried Unanimously

9. VISION FOR 2021 “CALLED | GATHERED | SENT” – *Pastor Tyler*

Staff and leadership are communicating continually. He wants to be like the Avengers who have all the tools, technology and talent to deal with problems, but that is simply not possible. However, what we discover through this is that we need to rely on God and plan on doing so through:

- Corporate prayer - beginning with Tuesday nights, and Sunday morning prayer gatherings.
- Development of new small groups - beginning with Alpha - two small groups may form from those meetings.
- Engagement with High School - ongoing provision of snack bags.
- Support leader training - Beginning with Tim in an MCS degree at Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary & College. We have heard directly from the Dean that Tim is doing well.
- Camp Style Ministry for Youth and Children. Though on hold due to gathering restrictions, at the very least the youth have started meeting Friday afternoons. They will begin the Youth Alpha series soon.

My hope and prayer is that each of us would engage and grow in our love for God, our neighbour, and ourselves. For some this will mean continuing to do what you do, for others it will take a step or a leap beyond your current routine. When we allow the Holy Spirit to guide our path often things are turned upside-down and what seems impossible becomes reality. May each of us engage in the opportunities God grants us, and as we do, we will grow in personal faith, and in the number of faithful.

Questions -

- *Alette D. - Comment - God is Good*
- *Laurel - Question - What is the status of the financial aid application from the November meeting? Answer: Gord our bookkeeper found that our drop in income did not qualify us to apply.*
- *Tyler - Comment - GoodTree has carried the weight of expenses related to COVID (equipment), they have been able to apply for grants, hopefully, the money will come through for them.*

10. CLOSING PRAYER – *Pastor Tyler*

11. MEETING ADJOURNED – 1:00 pm