



Minutes from the Congregational Annual General Meeting held at Grace Presbyterian Church on May 28, 2023 at 12:45 pm.

Attendance: 65 people attended in person.

Opening Scripture Reading: Moderator

Moderator, Rev. Greg Smith, read from Acts 2:1-21.

Opening Prayer: Moderator

Rev. Greg Smith opened the meeting with prayer. He declared the meeting to be constituted and competent to deal with any business that comes before it.

Land Acknowledgement: Moderator

Moderator, Rev. Greg Smith, read the land acknowledgement.

Election of Recording Secretary: Moderator

Moved by Mary Lil Rozsa de Coquet, seconded by Janet Hyde, that Barbara Henson be elected Recording Secretary for this meeting of Grace's Congregation. Carried.

Adoption of the Meeting Agenda: Moderator

Moved by Mary Rozsa de Coquet, seconded by Ian Robertson, that agenda for the meeting be adopted. Carried.

Approval of Minutes from the Last Meeting: Moderator

Moved by Mary Rozsa de Coquet, seconded Jim Campbell, that the minutes from the meeting held on November 27, 2022, be approved. Carried.

In Memoriam: Clerk of Session

Len Wolstenholme read the names of the Grace Church members who died in 2022: William Barclay, Rev. Jack Stewart, Norma Dunn, Janny DeJong, Dr. Keith Evans, John, (Jack) Owen, Martin Blake, John (Tony) Anthony Howard, Patricia May Johnston, Elizabeth McGuffin, Elizabeth Taylor, Elizabeth Ringoir, Brian Henson, Bernard Burnand, Elizabeth Louise Lamb, Verna Jean Fairbass, Arthur Rae Campbell and Steven (Stephan) Faust.

Report on the Roll of Professing Members

	<u>December 31, 2021</u>	<u>December 31, 2022</u>
Number of Members	404	389
Number of Adherents	<u>186</u>	<u>161</u>
Total Number of Adults	590	550
Children and Youth under 18	193	186

Worship Participation

Average attendance per week: 130 in person and 94 online.

Online Congregation and Community

Online 2,229 users, website 955 users, social media 66,000 users, 229,000 appearances

Church Facilities

1,069 events, meetings, and activities in 2022.

Session Elders (with term)

2024: Mark Durieux, Joanne Kellough, Shirley Philips, Ian Robertson

2026: Janet Hyde, Mary Jardine, Okwayi Obong, Jim Campbell, Jiebieni Nyajwok,

2028: Mary Lil Rozsa de Coquet, Cindy Stephenson, Len Wolstenholme, Anne Mohtadi

Service Elders

Dave Caldwell, Fran Cormack, Bill Cruickshanks, Marlene Doherty, Bob Ernter, Carol Evans, Bonnie Noyce Faust, Margot Kellough, Richard Kim and Les Wilson.

Committee Conveners

Finance: Dave Caldwell **Human Resources:** Barbara Henson, **Facilities:** Robin Telfer,

Governance and Planning: Mary Lil Rozsa de Coquet, **Pastoral Care:** Nancy Connors,

Spiritual Growth: Lorna McNeill, **Engagement and Service:** Mike and Darlene Jones,

Minister Resource: Jim Campbell, **Lead Minister Search:** Clark Hanna and Janet Hyde,

Ad Hoc Stewardship: Cindy Stephenson.

Deacons:

Nancy Connors, **Deacon for Hospital and Health Care**

Elizabeth Cressman: **Deacon for Bereavement Care**

Margot Kellough, **Deacon for Homebound Care**

Vacancies: **Deacon for Mental Health Care** and **Deacon for Family Care**

Ministry Updates:

Rev. Jake van Pernis, Associate Minister Engagement and Service

Jake expressed gratitude for the time and space provided for him in the spring of 2022. He learned the importance of self-care and well being during his leave.

Jake has sensed a growing optimism about Grace's ministries and life together as reflected in Grace's Vision, Mission and Values.

Jake expressed gratitude for Grace hosting a listening circle with local Indigenous leaders, members of the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod, and the moderator of the General Assembly, Rev. Bob Faris about the repatriation efforts by Indigenous peoples about the Manitou, Iniskim, / Tsa Xani Stone, and support from PCC.

He also expressed appreciation for the staff support and weekly planning meetings. The number of community groups using Grace Church has increased.

Jake and Kate are looking forward to becoming first-time parents in July. Jake will be on parental leave until spring 2023. 2 Corinthians 4:16 from The Message: "God is making new life, not a day goes by without God's unfolding grace".

Minister Resource Report: Mary Lil Rozsa de Coquet

There has been significant change in the ministers' team at Grace Church in 2022 and 2023. After bidding farewell to Rev. Maren and Rev. Christian in May, Grace is grateful that Rev. Jake will be with us until the end of June, before his parental leave.

Pro tem minister, Rev. Wendy Adams will start on June 23 and Rev. Geoffrey Simmons on September 1, 2023. Chaplain Terry Fach and Rev. Ross Lockhart will be guest preachers during the summer. Our thanks to Rev. Greg Smith, Interim Moderator, who will be stepping down on May 31, 2023.

Update from the Lead Minister Search Committee: Janet Hyde, Co-Chair

During 2022, the committee was disappointed that two candidates declined the invitation to preach for the call.

The committee has renewed advertising in Canada and the USA. It may be necessary to revise the position requirements. The committee will start to reach out to suitable candidates in a more direct recruiting manner. Grace's profile has been updated.

Congregation and Community Impact:

Connaught School: Marlene Doherty

Marlene and Dalia Nafel, from Connaught School, reported on the many ways Grace Church supports the students and staff at Connaught School. The students speak 42 difference languages, and many are from refugee families.

English Language Learning (ELL): Julie Clayton

Julie and an ELL student, Marilo Jimenz talked about the positive impact ELL has had on her life. The program restarted after COVID closures. There are currently five volunteers and 15 students. Our thanks to Julie, who is stepping down after running the ELL program for several years.

Operational Perspective

Stewardship Report: Cindy Stephenson

God who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. (2 Corinthians 9: 10).

Time: 21,000 volunteer hours equal to 10 full time positions

Talent: 190 volunteers, 280 volunteer roles

Treasurer: Giving trend: increasing; rentals doubled over last year to \$30,00 over budget

Stewardship at Grace

- Nurturing a culture of gratitude to God.
- Encouraging all to recognize their gifts of time, talents, and treasure and to use them as good stewards.
- Giving thanks for the many ways the "priesthood of all believers" is present.
- Making the most faithful use of all resources (volunteers, staff, finances, and property) that God provides continued.
- Increasing unrestricted revenues through offerings of time, talents, and treasure.

- Creating a Legacy Endowment Fund to enable individuals to contribute to the long-term financial sustainability of Grace.
- Communicating transparently on all that is being done and the use and state of Grace's assets.

Facilities Report: Alan Facey

Chapel Renovations

The Ad Hoc Chapel Renovations Committee has made recommendations to Session which have been approved. The Committee has been dismissed and the project has been turned over to the Facilities Committee. Please take your ideas to your elder.

The cut glass window in the chapel is in urgent need of restoration. An interested donor has stepped forward.

Front Steps

An engineering firm has been engaged to work with Grace Church in restoring the front steps.

Stained Glass Windows in the Sanctuary

Nine stained glass windows in the sanctuary require restoration. The last restoration project was completed in 1976.

Financial Report 2022: Rob McDonald

Approval of the 2022 Financial Statements

Moved by Rob McDonald, seconded by Dave Caldwell, that the 2022 Financial Statements be accepted as presented. Carried.

2022 Total Treasure:

Revenue

Tax Receiptable Contributions	\$431,450	
Recognition of Deferred Contributions	\$605,257	
Non-Tax Receiptable Contributions	\$254,672	
Rental Revenue	\$72,542	
Investment Interest	\$73,707	
Designated Programs	\$6,498	
Other	\$4,161	\$1,448,287

Use of Funds

Keeping things Running	\$819,078	
Reaching out	\$166,246	
Worshipping	\$154,452	
Caring and Connecting	\$132,887	
Learning	\$139,729	\$1,412.393

After a few years of significant drops in givings, the trend is changing.

Year to Date: Disbursements to April 30, 2023 are under budget.

Questions: Dave Todd asked when the audit would be done?

Answer: An audit has been discussed with the Finance Committee.

Neither PCC nor CRA requires Grace to have an audit.

The issue has been referred to Session.

Question: Why is Ridge Rentals not included?

Answer: Ridge Rentals is held as an investment, not a subsidiary.

Question: Dave Todd asked to see a financial statement.

Answer: Ridge Rentals is in a break-even position.

Communications Specialist: Amy Dunn Moscoso

Amy presented an update about sharing Grace's story within the congregation, the community, and through change.

Approval of Information Reports

Moved by Mary Lil Rozsa de Coquet and seconded by Richard Wilson that the reports for information be approved as presented. Carried.

Other Business

Adjournment and Benediction

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Moderator, Rev. Greg Smith closed the meeting with a Reflection, prayer, and Benediction.

Minutes recorded and transcribed by,

Barbara Henson

Rev. Greg Smith
Moderator

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