

1) Welcome, Opening Prayer

Moderator Dave Barton confirmed quorum, welcomed everyone, and called the meeting to order at 12:25. As a community of members, Dave thanked those who serve regularly and faithfully. He read Ephesians 4:11 which teaches that God gave His church pastors to equip us for the work of ministry, not to do all the ministry. Dave noted there are many ministries that need more volunteers and encouraged members to consider these opportunities and/or promote within one's circle of influence.

2) Minutes from June 4, 2023 Membership Meeting

**Motion: Church Clerk Janine Carmichael moved that the minutes of the June 4, 2023 Membership Meeting be approved as published. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Van Drunen, motion carried.**

3) Nominations

- New members

**Motion: Chair of Deacons Irene Toews moved that the following individuals be accepted into membership. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ab Chudley, motion carried.**

- i) Ralston and Sharmane De Zilva
- ii) Harry Hirsch


- **Motion: Chair of the Nominating Committee Michelle Schmidt moved that Gerald Kornelsen be affirmed as Finance Chair for a full three-year term (until the end of December 2025). 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenny Chudley, motion carried.**

- **Motion: Chair of the Nominating Committee Michelle Schmidt moved that Jennifer Major be appointed as Church Clerk. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maria Gonzalez, motion carried.**

4) Financial Report

Finance Chair Gerald Kornelsen provided a year to date update.

2023 Year to Date Financials  
(Jan - Oct 2023)



Funds	Receipts	Disbursements	Surplus / (Shortage)
General	\$873,000	\$924,500	(\$51,500)
Benevolent	9,400	7,300	2,100
Capital Asset	140,000	244,000	(104,000)
Missions Trips	36,300	47,100	(10,800)

Notes:  
1. GF Income \$91,000 more than Jan-Oct 2022  
2. GF Expenses \$20,400 more than Jan-Oct 2022  
3. Capital Asset disbursements went 100% to pay down mortgage principle  
4. Missions Trips fund had \$16,300 at the start of the year

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Fund Balances as of Oct 31, 2023

Fund	Amount
General Fund	\$33,500
Capital Asset Fund	\$0
Special Savings	\$25,200
Fix Rate Mortgage (original \$3M)	(\$2,164,500)
CEBA Loan (Canadian Emergency Business Account)	(\$40,000)
Missions Trip Fund	\$5,200
Benevolent Fund	\$7,900

Notes:  
1. General Fund will be use to pay the CEBA loan  
2. Mortgage has been paid down by \$348,211  
3. Special Savings \$25,000 to be used for small capital projects in 2024 and or to help out with cash flow if needed

### 5) Budget 2024

Gerald explained key features of the proposed 2024 budget, which was available to members digitally and in hard copy in advance of the meeting. Gerald explained some key details:

- In 2024 and onwards 100% of the costs of missions trips will be accounted for in the Missions Trip Fund. In the past, staff travel costs for missions trip came out of the General Fund.
- Expenditures on staff salaries will rise to account for inflation growth.
- In 2024, we will be using a set percentage of our receipted income for our giving to MBA and Camp Nutimik. Within that amount, we will give more to Camp Nutimik in 2024 as they have significant needs and the MBA currently has reserves.
- While giving to NBA appears down, this is in line with the expectation of member congregations.

A question was noted about missions trip planning. Gerald explained that the trip to Bolivia in 2024 will be an exploratory trip. Beyond that, nothing has been confirmed. There may be an opportunity for youth in 2025.

**Motion: Finance Chair Gerald Kornelsen moved that the General Fund 2024 Budget for Receipts totalling \$1,274,000 and Disbursements totalling \$1,274,000 be accepted as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Van Drunen, motion carried.**

**Motion: Finance Chair Gerald Kornelsen moved that the Missions Trip Fund 2024 Budget for Receipts totalling \$21,000 and Disbursements totalling \$21,000 be accepted as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janet Laldin, motion carried.**

Dave expressed thanks to Gerald, Finance Team, and staff (particularly Karen and Krista) for all their hard work on the budget.

### 6) Proposed amendment to WRBC Bylaws

Dave explained a proposed change to the Bylaws. After much consideration and discussion, the Board and staff will be recommending the following changes at the February 2024 Membership Meeting as a formal motion with electronic voting:

- Within Section 3: Members of the Board, remove Article 3.2 Chair of Deacon Ministries. The reason for this proposed change is that Deacons are a ministry under pastoral leadership, not directly responsible to the Board.
- Amend article 3.5 Members at Large to read “A minimum of two (2) and maximum eight (8) additional Board members”.

A question was asked about how this change impacts governance and congregational care. Specifically, would the Board of Church Governance be missing a key perspective when making decisions on behalf of the congregation? Dave acknowledged that the Chair of Deacons does bring a valuable perspective to the Board. However, as a ministry under Pastor Kevin, Deacons are not a direct report to the Board of Church Governance. While only the Lead Pastor is the conduit to the Board, the Board can request any staff member to attend a Board meeting to address specific ministry updates.

### 7) Upcoming Conference Events

The MBA Spring Conference will take place April 12-13, 2024 at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Morris, MB. The theme is “Coming Together”, and Wayne Stapleton, VP of Cross-Cultural Engagement of the NAB will speak on restoring and building unity in our churches. All are welcome. Dave noted that Al Donald has been a long-time member of the MBA Executive, and that Dan Burton will also begin to serve on the MBA Executive.

The NAB Triennial Conference will take place July 11-14, 2024 at the River Centre in St. Paul MN.

Early bird registration ends January 31, 2024:

<https://nabconference.org/triennial/>. Members are invited to speak to Dave Barton if they are interested in attending.

### 8) Closing Prayer

Attendees gathered in small groups to pray for the following, guided by Scripture.

Prayer:

- That we would increasingly become a people of prayer
- That we would acknowledge God’s presence, power and influence over us individually and collectively

Service

- That we would be good stewards of the gifts God has given
- That we would encourage one another to serve in areas of need, to which He has called us

Discipleship

- That we would seek personal spiritual growth

# *Whyte Ridge Baptist Church*

## *Membership Meeting*

*Sunday, December 3, 2023 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM, WRBC*

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- That we would encourage one another towards increased spiritual maturity, sharing the hope of our faith with others

### 9) Adjournment

David Wynne motioned to adjourn and the meeting ended at 1:30.