

Lakeside Church
Partner Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2020

Opening

Meeting called to order at 7pm. It was held in the Auditorium at Lakeside Church and was called to order by Rose MacQueen.

Present

Lakeside Partners and some guests (both in person and online).

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by Ken Brooks; seconded by Laurie Armstrong. Approved by majority. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from Partner Meeting on Oct. 23, 2019

Motion to approve Oct. 23, 2019 minutes by Jim Collins; seconded by Dave Enns. Approved by majority. Motion carried.

Executive Pastor's Report

Jeff explained the bigger picture of our Lakeside vision. We have four goals:

1. Building a Team that will lead us into the future of the church. A team that will focus on recruiting & developing future leaders at Lakeside. Changes in staffing over the last year were highlighted as being part of this.
2. Stabilize the Way we Operate in a Sustainable Way. Sale of the Norfolk building, lower operating expenses, lighting upgrades were highlighted as well as excellent financial and administrative leadership in place.
Side note: there is a plan to change Central's name to Lakeside North.
3. Spiritual Health of Lakeside. How we plan to accomplish this: a) focus on developing the ministry of the Holy Spirit b) Renewing our worship culture. c) Dedication to prayer.
4. Renewal of Younger Leaders and Families while still highly valuing our older congregants.

Many changes are happening in our culture and Lakeside is determined to embrace them to reach our community. It is time to renew and reinvent everything we do to help people connect. We need to embrace uncertainty as our new normal, and prepare for a new move of God.

No Covid-19 issues reported so far in the eight weeks of having services in both buildings. Small groups are starting up in person and online. Revised Class Order will require face coverings be worn at all times in religious institutions as of September 18, 2020.

Motion to accept the Executive Pastor's report by Ed Ross; seconded by Rachel Guthrie. Majority were in favour. Motion carried.

Pastoral Prayer

Damon Davis prayed for our church community.

Audited Financial Statements (2019)

Jeff presented the audited financial statements from 2019. There are two sets of statements - one for the church and one for the Lakeside Childcare Centre.

Motion to accept the 2019 audited financial statements by Jim Alexander; seconded by Arnold Ludwig. Majority approved. Motion carried.

Motion to Empower the Elders to Determine the Auditor for 2020

Motion by John Dobbie; seconded by Ken Brooks. All were in favour. Motion carried.

Revised Lakeside Bylaws

The new by-laws were revised by the elders in cooperation with our legal counsel Miller Thompson. Governance has been strengthened at Lakeside with clear roles for elders, partners, and staff. Church policies formally included in bylaw have been removed to a policies document. Ensuring that the voice of the minority is heard but also that the majority have a right to govern is a guiding principle.

Questions were addressed to clarify bylaw and policies.

Motion to ratify and approve the by-laws as presented by Jane Moore; seconded by Laurie Armstrong. Majority approved. Motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn

Put forward by Sherri Enns; seconded by Marcia McClintock. All approved. Motion carried.

Note: Quorum was reached with a combination of those in attendance live (49) and those online (42).