

## **The Journey Church**

2019 Annual GENERAL Meeting

June 9, 3pm, Allison Campus

**WELCOME** – Dale shared words of welcome

### **CELEBRATE**

Prayer – Dale opened in prayer

Worship

### **FAMILY BUSINESS**

P Dave inspires the Board reminding us why we are here, what the priorities are.



**Love our neighbours, local and global** - What does it mean to love our neighbourhoods?

**Weekend Worship & Teaching** - 4 services every Sunday morning, a lot goes into these services, equipping comes from all the teaching, connecting and caring, along with hope

**Next Gen** – If we are going to be a church that shines a light in the community, we must be a church that grows younger

**Care & Connect** – Congregational Pastors are huge in our community care areas and our Journey Groups, we have many, many groups, care happens in a variety of ways

**Foundations** – Includes holding events like ALPHA, Belong, Discover Your Design, Leadership training events, one new experience we're offering this year is called, Emotionally Healthy Discipleship. Prayer is essential when we are going through these experiences.

## **SARAH & MICAH**

**Sarah & Micah** – Video – Psalm 78:6 so the Next generation might know. We believe in passing on our faith to know and love Jesus.

- 70% of teenagers hardly ever or never go to church, 10 years ago
- 50% of young adults choose to walk away when they head off to University etc.

So how can we have and build a sticky faith, that they will continue to live out in their lives.

**Micah** – a four-part program called LEAD

**L – eadership** – we have a strong focus on leadership here at TJC. We want to equip teens to help people and help change the world

**E – vangelism** - when we really talk about evangelism, it is going out and talking to people, sharing the love of Jesus in our communities far and near

**A – thletics**– sports are one of the things in the world that people can get their head around. Far and wide, when you put a soccer ball down on the ground, it speaks to everyone. You can get almost 5000 people out to a high school football game. We want to use these to reach people. Our soccer camp this summer is going to be one of those events.

**D – isciplineship** – really is what makes the church go ‘round. Every church needs more discipleship. Having someone invested in you makes a difference for all your life.

We are focused on both the younger generation as well as the next gens and young adults. We need people to invest in these programs with their time, but we also need investments/funds.

- \$60,000/yr for 3 years – we think it’s well within our means to achieve these goals through these programs and through your help.

Participate in our survey as we look for the ways you have on your heart that will help guide us in different directions with a big focus on Next Generations.

Think about it, talk to us, pray.

## **ADOPT THE 2018 AGM MINUTES**

Moved adoption – minutes approved

## **2018/19 BOARD CHAIR REPORT**

Dan Trites and Sharon Francis joined us in the Boardroom this past year, they did an amazing job speaking to the Board throughout the year.

We hear a lot from Dave at these monthly meetings and when we leave, we know exactly what is happening in many areas, what we need to pray about etc.

We have adjusted sections in the Bylaws this year, we will be discussing these a bit later in the meeting.

I have been on the Board for 6 years and I am currently moving off. First and foremost, I have grown in my relationship with God, my prayer life, deepening of my faith and have grown to appreciate the Governance model we follow. It is a very healthy model and it is encouraging to see how it works out in the life of our church. After 6 years, my heart for pastors and ministry leaders has grown so much, I would encourage everyone to be in constant prayer for the leaders of our church. They truly benefit from it.

Introduction of the incoming Board Chair, Caitlin Dawe

Caitlin asked Lynda Hatchard to come up with Dale. "Lynda has supported Dale in his 6 years on the Board as well as the last 3 year as Board Chair. Thanks, so much Lynda." (presentation of flowers)

"Dale, you have been a true example of a servant leader. Thank you so much for your mentorship and advice over the past year to me as the incoming."

Caitlin, to all

"Buckle Up, we are going to be making motions!"

## **2019 OASIS DELEGATES**

Presented by Kim

OASIS is also a time to celebrate what God is doing in our neighbourhoods. This year it is at Crandall and we've made connections so far with Jarvis Lepper, Kevin Steen, Seth Crowell, Danielle Leger, Caitlin Dawe

**Motion:** We move the Board be authorized to duly appoint delegates for 2019 OASIS.

**Rebecca Connell** moved the motion, Seconded by: Rhea van Dommelen. All in favour, Motion carried

*Question:* Seth, how many delegates are we able to send?

*Caitlin:* 10

Motion carried

## **CHURCH LICENSES TO MINISTER**

Presented by Caitlin

*Question:* Rebecca, just curious about how long their studies / when will they be ordained?

**Motion:** We move to renew the church license to minister for Pastor Micah Knowles

**Liette Collier** moved the Motion, seconded by: Penny Fawcett, all in favour, Motion carried

*At least 2 to 3 years for me. Micah*

**Motion:** We move to renew the church license to minister for Pastor Kevin Steen

**Jerry Eisener** moved the Motion, seconded by Rob Caillouette, all in favour, Motion carried

**Motion:** We move to renew the church license to minister for Pastor Sarah Cogswell

**Rebecca Connell** moved the Motion, seconded by Norma Marven, all in favour, Motion carried

*I have approximately 4 years. Sarah*

**Motion:** We move to renew the church license to minister for Pastor Seth Crowell

**Liette Collier** moved the Motion, seconded by Cathy Simon, all in favour, Motion carried

## **BYLAW AMENDMENT – Sections 6 & 15**

Presented by Jerry

Jerry went through the changes the Board is suggesting and then called for the motion.

### **Under Section 6 (Membership)**

#### Original:

Church decisions shall be voted on at the Annual Gathering Meeting or any other Church wide meeting called by the Board.

#### Proposed change:

Church decisions shall be voted on at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) or any other Church wide meeting called by the Board.

### **Under Section 15 (Financial Procedure)**

#### Original:

With respect to finances, the Board will ensure that the spending plan, presented at the Annual Gathering Meeting (AGM),

#### Proposed change:

With respect to finances, the Board will ensure that the spending plan, presented at the AGM,

#### **Original:**

Spending of funds is confined to Church approved programs and projects as outlined by the spending plan. Each contribution directed toward an approved program or project will be used as restricted with the understanding that when the need for such a program or project has been met, or cannot be completed for any reason as determined by the Church, the remaining restricted contributions will be used for a similar ministry initiative. Surplus funds from one budgetary line item or event may be transferred to another budgetary line item or event provided that the transfer of funds does not hinder

or harm the budgetary line item or event from which it was taken. Designated funds will not be redirected from their area of designation unless otherwise approved by a church wide vote.

Proposed change:

Spending of funds is confined to Church approved programs and projects as outlined by the spending plan. Each contribution directed toward an approved program or project will be used as restricted with the understanding that when the need for such a program or project has been met, or cannot be completed for any reason as determined by the Ministry leader(s), the remaining restricted contributions will be redirected to another ministry initiative as determined by a team of qualified people under the leadership of the Lead Pastor. Surplus funds from one budgetary line item or event may be transferred to another budgetary line item or event provided that the transfer of funds does not hinder or harm the budgetary line item or event from which it was taken.

**Motion:** We move to adopt the proposed amendments to Sections 6 and 15 of The Journey Church Bylaws as presented.

**Sharon Francis** moved the Motion, seconded by: Kevin Steeves, Question: All in favour, Motion carried

**Q&A**

Question: When we give, we have 3 categories, general, missions and building. Here we have care, next gen, special projects etc. If we give to missions for example, does that mean we are not giving to Next Gen?

Yes, if you have given to the missions fund those \$'s would go to the missions TJC is supporting.

Your right in that Next Gen is missions in supporting their growth, however, we break them down to be a bit more specific.

Linda, the new reality is that we now have one more fund, or pocket. We are very close in alignment. We've seen people give more specifically to 5 pockets and that why we've expanded.

Question, can you borrow from the general fund if there isn't enough, or what is needed in one bucket?

Yes.

Question, the "team of qualified people", who or how is that team determined?

The Lead Pastor, the Finance Team and possibly people from the Board and people from the ministries that are affected.

Will the congregation be notified if there were changes made to a specific program?

Yes

**MEMBER NOMINATION** (Vote by ballot)

Nominee – Kory Connell

Caitlin presented. Ballots were passed out.

We had 16 people nominated for Board candidates. We had 5 come through the training session. We also had a lady go through the training to learn more about TJC. We had interviews with all who took part, it was wonderful to get to know them each more. Today we are bringing forward one candidate. Caitlin invited Kory to the stage. Tell us about yourself.

Korey Connell

I'd like to say thank you for the opportunity to be here. I come from Middleton, NS, from a mostly single parent family, my father left us, me, my mother, and my sister. My Mom recently passed, and I miss her greatly. I played basketball, that kept me busy and out of trouble. I met a youth pastor, Paul Berry who became monumental to me and shared the love of Christ with me. The roots went deep, I love the Lord and enjoy sharing about Him. Bruce Fawcett was invited to my church and through him, I applied to Crandall to teach. Seth Crowell accepted my application and I am so grateful. It was a humbling experience learning from professors at Crandall. I went to South Korea when I graduated, worked there for 4 years, and came back in 2010. I finished my Master of Education at Crandall and that opened the door to teaching. I got married last year to Rebecca and we have recently welcomed our new baby boy. My life has changed considerably. I appreciate TJC greatly.

Question, where do you see yourself growing within TJC?

I started by helping with Journey Kids, then hospitality. We felt the call to go to RC and work in that community. I have been helping P Jarvis with the beginning of services and that has been working well.

Question, how did you come to this call of being on the Board?

It is still surreal to me that someone nominated me. Why me? My friends and family asked, "Why not me?" There have been very few times in my life where I felt God moving me and this fits into an area where, I didn't feel the call strong, but I also didn't feel it was not a call either.

Question

Micah, you have a big place in your heart for the homeless and prison ministries. Are these still important to you, what are you doing and what will you do?

I went to an orphanage in China and in Korea. I lead the prison ministry at Crandall for a while. I grew up across the road from a senior's citizens unit. I would go visit the ladies who had lost their husbands and do small jobs for them and this provided me a whole new perspective on life.

While I am not doing anything now, I have noticed the homeless growing in our city. I take opportunities as they come, to talk to people I see on the side of the road.

I would like to organize a Prison ministry through this church at some point.

## **2019/2020 SPENDING PLAN PRESENTATION**

Presented by Linda

**Motion:** We move to adopt the spending plan for The Journey Church for 2019-2020

**Linda Hisey** moved the motion, seconded by Lisa McKim, Question: All in favour, Motion carried

Questions

When Sarah & Micah talked about raising \$60,000/yr., is that part of the spending plan?

Yes.

Will the remainder of the \$'s after we paid for the elevator and the drainage go back to the Baptist Foundation?

Susan, it will stay there until we need it.

Missions, how do I know what the missions are?

They are all listed.

### **Current Financial Position**

In draft form, once the books are finalized, they will go to an accountant who will prepare a detailed document.

- General giving went up higher than we anticipated more than 6%
- Our rental income is an incredible help, God provided
- We are thankful for Micah and Sarah to continue to carry the Next Fund Campaign
- Last year we projected a spending plan and we followed it entirely even through the messy transitional year
- \$30K earmarked for the elevator, and \$4K is earmarked for an engineer to come in and investigate the flooding at RC
- We're also paying off two mortgages, one for Allison, one for Brentwood – \$106,000 Allison, complete by 2023, \$117,000 Brentwood, complete by June 2024

Question

Help me understand the Baptist Foundation, does the foundation hold that money involved with RB. The money in the bank with RC where does that show up in the revenue?

\$111,000 spent on renovations at RC, some of the costs are crossed through Journey.

\$110,000 from RBC and we have used all that in renovations and startup.

Missions, fewer missions, bigger impact. Because something is not there this year, does not mean it won't be there down the road.

Worked hard to project our expenditures as accurately as possible as we go through transitions. Transitions last longer than a year.

Debbie Barriault has been the Finance Minister here at TJC for many years. Her spiritual gift is service. Whenever there is a need, she rises and leads. Over the years, this position was 20 hrs. Currently, Debbie has acquired full-time employment and has continued to look after our books, while being a wife and mother to 3 teenage boys. At this point Debbie has decided to look after just one set of books and will therefore, finish her role as FM TJC at the end of June or early July, she has been training Lisa McKim to take over.

Susan Hudson is part of our executive team and is getting her feet wet in our new role as Finance Director. Some of the elements of my job will be transitioned over to Susan and Kim.

We have a Finance Ministry Team, Cathy Simon, Terry Crossman, Susan Hudson, and Jim Dixon. They are incredible. They are doing a fantastic job for us.

### **Results of Ballot Vote**

Kory has been warmly affirmed by all those here.

Thank you so much for all that has taken place today.

Closing Prayer/Song

Sharon Francis prayed.