

INTERNATIONAL WORSHIP CENTRE

VIRTUAL ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

June 29, 2022

6:10 PM – 7:20 PM

1077 St. James St.

The 2021 Annual Business Meeting was conducted virtually again this year via Facebook. The livestream opened for all members at 6:10 pm and formally started at 6.30 pm after determining there was a quorum of minimum 150 where actual attendees was 180 members. The formal meeting for the 2021 IWC Annual Congregational Meeting was declared. Pastor Jerome Basa did the introduction and opening prayer. Pastor Junie Josue, IWC's Lead Pastor, presided over the meeting.

Devotion

Pastor Junie Josue exhorted the members on *2 Corinthians 4:7-18* "But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. ¹² So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you. ¹³ It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken."^[b] Since we have that same spirit of^[c] faith, we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. ¹⁵ All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. ¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

He expounded on the verses saying that as believers, we have Jesus in our hearts and as such were given the privilege to see spiritually those things unseen through visible eyes. Such relationship allows us to know Him better and grow to see who we are in Christ and discover our calling as part of His kingdom on earth. We see differently from others and therefore in the midst of pandemic, IWC members chose to see beyond; they gave, served and worked faithfully for the expansion of God's kingdom, giving their tithes and offerings, leading life groups virtually and reaching out to unbelievers. Against all odds, the people served Jesus and they enjoyed physically and spiritually seeing the fruits and benefits of their faithfulness. Ptr. Junie called them 'modern day apostles' like the Apostle Paul.

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Minutes of Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting for the 2021 Annual Congregational meeting was read by Ptr. Bong Sumayod on behalf of Ptr. Ghigie Gonzales, Council Secretary.

Motion for acceptance of the 2021 Minutes of the Meeting was raised by Bella Madrid, seconded by Erika Joy Cruz and voted upon by the congregation.

Treasurer's Report

Bobby Fineza presented the audited financial statements for the year 2021 with revenues of \$1,320,089 and expenditures of \$1,045,904 resulting into a surplus of \$274,185. The financial performances and share in total revenues for the five sites were: IWC-North at \$233,081 at 17.66%; IWC-Transcona at \$146,799 at 11.12%; IWC-Neepawa at \$68,477 at 5.19%; IWC-Brandon at \$79,386 at 6.01%; and St. James at \$792,346 with 60.02% of total giving. The Pareto principle still remains in terms of giving where 20% of donors have given 80% of IWC's total revenues.

The Motion for acceptance of the financial statements report was moved by Vladimir Tamayo; seconded by Shiella Tuason-Vasquez; and voted upon by the congregation.

Secretary's Report

Pastora Ghigie Gonzales reported on IWC's various achievements of the departments and events throughout the whole year starting with the Digital team that contributed to IWC's increased on-line presence with the goal of reaching as many people as possible thru media and digital platforms; hiring a Creative Director, updated the website and launched the Tithe.ly church app. Kidztown launched its first on-line Vacation Bible School (VBS) entitled 'Anchored'. Uprising gave honor to all the graduates with a 'Drive-by tribute' and an outreach to the Women's Resource Centre. Rendezvous had study sessions, conducted 'How to' student Forum, paint night, and distributed gift bags to struggling young adult families. YDC, in partnership with Athletes in Action conducted 'Multi Sports Camp' attended by 16 participants. Outreaches for all sites were held having their own share of loving the community by doing acts of kindness activities.

The LEAD Department continued to offer year-round sessions on the Leadership Training Track and were facilitated and offered via on-line thru LMS. The Discipleship Department continued to support all Life Groups through the series outlines, introduced the communication with all LG leaders thru 'Life Links' and designed a Tracking Report to be completed by LG leaders after each meeting. The different sites; e.g. Brandon, Neepawa, North, Transcona, and St. James continue to contribute to the overall vision of the church and did well in spite of the pandemic. All the sites thrived even more, thanks to the grace of God!

Motion for acceptance of the Secretary's Report was given by Shiella Tuason-Vasquez; seconded by Gilbert Ortiz; and voted upon by the congregation.

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Pastor's Report

Pastor Junie Josue presented the 2021 Lead Pastor's Report. He expressed that the 2nd year of the pandemic was challenging, challenging us to even pray more for God's guidance and wisdom. We had three corporate prayer and fasting throughout the year to hear God's voice, obey Him, and trust that the Lord opens doors for the great harvest of souls to come. He expressed appreciation to all the church's leadership: the Council, the Site Pastors, Network leaders, the staff, and all ministry volunteers including the support of his wife, Fatty, and his entire family for their unwavering support and walking the extra mile in serving God beyond the call of duty. He thanked all leaders and volunteers who served behind the scenes and jumped at every opportunity to help. And foremost, he thanked the Lord for His grace and mercy in this church as we serve Him by sharing God's love and proclaim the good news to all people.

Motion to accept the Lead Pastor's Report was given by Isaiah Nepomuceno; seconded by Rey Patena; and voted upon by the congregation.

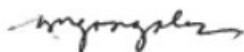
Pastor's Council Appointment

Ptr. Bong Sumayod and Melinda Trinidad will be on a 1-year sabbatical as Council Members. Fermel Distajo was re-appointed for 2-year term. Ptr. Cliff Borres and Marie Gravoso were appointed for a 1-year term.

Motion for acceptance of the Council sabbatical and appointments was given by Isaiah Nepomuceno; seconded by Isaac Nepomuceno; and voted upon by the congregation.

The meeting ended with closing prayer by Ptr. Jerome Basa. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Minutes Taken By:



Ptra. Virginia V. (Ghigie) Gonzales
Council Secretary