

INTERNATIONAL WORSHIP CENTRE

International Worship Centre VIRTUAL ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

June 21, 2023
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
1077 St. James St.

The 2023 Annual Business Meeting was conducted virtually this year via Facebook. The livestream opened for all members at 6:30 pm and formally started at 6:54 pm after determining there was a quorum of minimum 160 where actual attendees was 232 members. The formal meeting for the 2023 IWC Annual Congregational Meeting was declared opened. 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 *Romans 8:31-37*, "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." ³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." He exhorted the members that we, as a church, have survived the pandemic and that nothing can separate us from the love of God. In fact, we are more than conquerors in Him, destined to thrive, succeed, produce fruits that God ordained us and make changes in the lives of others. He encouraged everyone to have a 'missional mentality' and not just wait for Christ's coming; that we all occupy till He comes as God is eternally with us. Our mandate as a church is to share the gospel, disciple others and maximize one's potentials in the harvest field. God has given us the grace and the Holy Spirit to become effective witnesses. We are called to His purpose.

Minutes of Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting for the 2021 Annual Congregational meeting was read by Marie Gravoso 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 Marian Cagang and voted upon by the congregation.

Treasurer's Report

Bobby Fineza presented the audited financial statements for the year 2022 with revenues of \$1,437,348 and expenditures of \$1,266,664 resulting into a surplus of \$170,684. The financial performances and share in total revenues for the five sites were: IWC-North at \$234,999 at 16.35%; IWC-Transcona at \$156,497 at 10.89%; IWC-Neepawa at \$89,439 at 6.22%; IWC-

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Brandon at \$80,613 at 5.61%; and St. James at \$875,799 with 60.93% 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 2022 Treasurer's Report was moved by Alfredo Ocon; seconded by Marilyn Butingan; and voted upon by the congregation.

Secretary's Report

Pastora Ghigie Gonzales reported on IWC's various achievements of the departments and events for the entire year starting with the Digital team that made IWC a stronger on-line presence in several platforms using technology in the new normal. Kidztown welcomed new volunteers and on-line teachers who created 40 kids' videos. The Vacation Bible School returned with the theme "Heart of a Champion" attended by 90+ children. Uprising started their weekly in-person meeting and the UYC camp entitled "Paradigm" was attended by 72 youth, where 50 surrendered their lives to Christ and 45 were water baptized. Rendezvous' monthly meetings had an average attendance of 30 YAs. They engaged in various outreaches such as serving at Lighthouse Mission and distributed packages to children through the Angel Tree project. The YA retreat was attended by 42 individuals. YDC, the sports arm of IWC in reaching others, had open gyms, free basketball clinics, badminton and taekwondo classes. The Neepawa site held their Sportsfest in the facility. The Pursuit Ministry, catering to young couples, had their Paint Night event, summer fellowship and a Couples' Retreat entitled "Kindling" attended by 40 people. Outreaches for all sites were held having their own share of loving their communities by doing acts of kindness activities.

The LEAD Department continued to offer year-round sessions on the Leadership Training Track and were offered via on-line; hybrid sessions and in person. The Discipleship Department continued to support all Life Groups through the series outlines and conducted "Jesus on Leadership" training to new leaders. A team building entitled OMG (Oh my Life Group) was held and training for specific ministries such as Worship was conducted. The five different sites composed of Brandon, Neepawa, North, Transcona and St. James continued to contribute and worked together towards our vision. All the sites thrived even more welcoming newcomers who were later assimilated to the life groups. They were being disciplined to grow in Christ and eventually serve the local churches. Thanks to the grace of God!

Motion for acceptance of the Secretary's Report was given by Marissa Hunt; seconded by Ferdibelle Julian; and voted upon by the congregation.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Junie Josue presented the 2022 Lead Pastor's Report. He started by thanking all the Site Pastors, the Network leaders, the Council members, the staff and his family for all their support and faithfulness in leadership. Most of all, he expressed his gratefulness for all the members who calls IWC their home church and the hundreds of volunteers who heeded the call to

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prayers, generous giving and serving who had been instrumental in helping the church move forward in our God-given vision. IWC is what it is today because of faithful men and women who are standing and working side-by-side with him towards our mission to 'go and make disciples'. He concluded that he is looking forward to many fruitful years ahead as we follow the Lord's leadership.

Motion to accept the Lead Pastor's Report was given by Hailene Magtuloy; seconded by Roland Liwanag; and voted upon by the congregation.

Pastor's Council Appointment

Ptrs. Jerome Basa, Jojo Cochon and Bella Madrid will be on a 1-year sabbatical as Council Members. Ptr. Bong Sumayod and Melinda Trinidad are returning as Council Members. Ptr. Cliff Borres and Marie Gravoso were extended to 2-year term.

Motion for acceptance of the Council members' sabbatical and appointments was given by Ramila Batac; seconded by Robinson Castaneda; and voted upon by the congregation.

Adoption of the 2022 Local Church Constitution and By-laws

Motion for acceptance of the Local Church Constitution and By-laws was given by Hailene Magtuloy; seconded by Rey Patena; and voted upon by the congregation.

The meeting ended with closing prayer by Ptr. Jerome Basa. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Minutes Taken By:



Ptra. Virginia V. (Ghigie) Gonzales
Council Secretary
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