

# Nov. 2018 Meeting Minutes

## Welcome and Prayer

- Winston welcomed everyone and opened in prayer
- Worship in Music / Prayer
- James Fast led the congregation in two worship songs
- The congregation read together the words of Psalm 63:1-11

**Moderator: Winston Churchill**

**Minutes: Pam Fast / James Fast**

## Financial Review (Q&R)

- Jim Bell took the congregation through the highlights of the financial statements for the year ended July 31, 2018, prepared by Eastview's accountant, Del Halliday, CPA
- He referred to the package of information distributed in advance to the members
- Assets – cash position is down significantly (decrease of \$112,000) – long-term debt associated with 188 Princess has decreased by approx. \$106,000
- All other line items are comparable to the previous fiscal year
- Internally restricted net assets - \$28,000 designated as funds to be transferred to 188 Princess
- Statement of operations – total revenues exceed the budget
- Tithes and offerings exceeded budget
- Expense items – all expense categories came in under budget
- 2018-19 YTD – Q1 shows expenses and revenue are on track – cash position is healthy
- Jim Bell opened up the floor to questions; there were none
- Jim thanked Lori Thomas for her assistance and support

## One88 Update (Q&R)

- Dave Fulawka, Ron Dacombe (member of lead team) and Greg Armstrong (pastor/Chaplain) provided an update on the 188 Princess ministry
- Greg Armstrong interrupted to say a big thank you for the Eastview family
- Greg talked about how the 188 Princess community is changing – some utilize the community as a drop-in and others truly want to serve and contribute among that community; the drop-in part of the community is growing, especially as the weather gets colder; Greg said they want to be more intentional about the programming; 188 now holds Sunday services
- Ron Dacombe spoke about how Pastor Dave Ens is visiting various local churches to start building a relationship with them and encouraging them to walk alongside the 188 ministry; the goal is to also develop a partnership with a number of churches, similar to the partnership with Eastview; presentations to seniors groups is also being done to encourage partnership
- Mission, vision, goals and objectives – pursuing this step to develop these things in order to promote this ministry and help it grow – there is a new board member who has experience doing this with charitable organizations and they have been a big help
- CRA charitable status paperwork is completed and has been received in Ottawa
- A marketing plan is being developed
- Challenge is to try and live out the vision
- There is a small core group and yet more volunteers are needed
- Dave Fulawka asked Pastor Greg how can Eastview pray for 188? – Greg said to pray for the lost souls – that the people would come to a recognition that they are lost and that the Spirit of God would meet them; another prayer request would be that the staff (and volunteers) would not grow exhausted in their work and be given the strength that could only come from on high
- The 188 team also thanked Lori Thomas for her assistance
- Cullen Klassen was called up to pray for the 188 team
- The floor was opened for questions for the 188 team
- One question was asked about why there is not a female worker at 188
- The response given pertained to the lack of funds – there had been a female from Robertson career college who did volunteer some hours for her practicum

## Eastview Facilities

- Alvin Klassen addressed the meeting and spoke about various repairs that have been undertaken and that still need to be undertaken to the church building
- Future enhancements – replacement/upgrade to lighting, screens in sanctuary
- In the past, there has been many volunteers doing various jobs (cleaning/repair) etc. and taking care of the physical building is a mammoth task for one person (currently only one person is employed to do this)
- We are interested in speaking with anyone who has a "pail full of cash"!!

## **Missions Update**

- Cullen and Chelsea Klassen addressed the meeting – they shared a little bit about themselves and explained they have been attending Eastview for about 3 years; they have been involved in the youth program as well as a life group; they further explained that being involved in the Missions & Outreach committee aligns well with their passions and their experience

## **Elders & Deacons**

- Winston spoke about the topic of elders and deacons
- Headship of Jesus Christ: Psalm 118:22, Eph. 1:20-23. Colossians 1:17-20
- Lordship of Jesus Christ: Philippians 2:9-11, Philippians 3:7-11
- Submission that exalts Jesus Christ and builds up the body: Ephesians 4:11-12, 1 Thess. 5:11-13, Hebrews 13:7, Hebrews 13:17
- Teaching and conversation series will begin on Sunday, Jan 20, 2019 – the documents drafted by the leadership board on the topic of elders and deacons will be discussed openly
- Winston opened up the floor for questions or comments
- Shawn, member – excited to go forward with elders/deacons
- Laura Kalmar, member – expressed her question about women in leadership – asked “what about the position of a teaching pastor” – response from Winston was that we are not addressing this at this time;
- Weldon Neufeld, member – feels the Holy Spirit moving and feels encouraged – shared from Romans 12:4; has been encouraged by what has been spoken from the pulpit this fall; extended gratitude to Delbert but also for his willingness to share his pulpit with others;
- Norbert Bergen, member – always thought at Eastview that things were equal; disturbed by the move to eldership model (leadership board) for married men only and excluding women; response – we are still praying into this and welcome further discussion beginning on Jan 20th
- James Hay, member – there will be lots of opinions on this topic and felt compelled to lead the congregation in a prayer of unity and peace; he read from Psalm 19
- John Schmidt, member – commended the leadership board for the work they have been doing; encouraged us all to bring this before the Lord and continue to examine the Word and pray
- Heidi Spletzer, member – encouraged the LB to listen to the community and the different views that are being expressed; encouraged that LB would look at both sides and open up their hearts and minds
- Tania Neufeld, member – read from Luke 6 – has no problem going against the culture if it is in keeping with God’s world; fear should not govern our decisions; we need to trust God; we live in an upside down kingdom that does not make sense; she challenged us to be prayerful and to examine ourselves
- Rob Penner, member – loves the way the Holy Spirit moves; Proverbs 3:5-6
- Laura Kalmar, member – concerned that those who are expressing disagreement are being labeled as those who don’t trust God; recommended that an external resource be brought in (ie. From a seminary) with an egalitarian view of scripture to help us discern this topic
- Winston encouraged all of us to pray and fast

## **Vote & Collection of Ballots**

- John Schmidt, member – MOTION: to temporarily waive the by-law of Article 4(1.5) for tonight only to allow voting to take place
- SECONDED by – Alex Schmidt
- Ernie Wiebe, member – requested that we consider NOT voting today just so that over the next couple of weeks members who are not here tonight can have a chance to review the voting items
- Rob Penner, member – the congregation should be asked to “is there an opposition to a vote by hands?”
- John Schmidt, member – withdraws his motion
- Secunder – does not agree to the motion being withdrawn
- Alex Schmidt, member – MOTION: That we would set aside article 4 (1.5) so that vote can occur for affirmation
- SECONDER: Steve Dick
- Winston asked if there was any opposition to voting by a show of hands? There was none
- Show of hands vote for allowing the vote to happen this evening – passed by MAJORITY
- 120 members present
- ballots were cast and handed in – all nominations affirmed

## **Closing Message**

- Terrence Wiebe closed in prayer