

## PARTNERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022

AT 7:00 PM

### 1. Welcome and prayer

Colin Dickinson welcomed the attendees to the business meeting and opened in prayer.

### 2. Celebrate 2022

Lucas Roberts provided highlights from 2022, which included:

- The average attendance at Sunday in-person gatherings from January - June was 71, and from July to November was 102, a 43% increase. On five occasions since August, there were over 110 people.
- 94 families are considered regular attenders, and 74 additional families visited in 2022.
- Kids ministry on Sunday mornings averaged 21 kids, with peaks of up to 34 kids. Youth gatherings averaged 10 kids, with peaks up to 20.
- The Block Party Outreach event was attended by over 200 people and included two bouncy castles, piles of hotdogs, and a reptile show.
- There are 7 active Life Groups, and two Followers Made cohorts in progress.
- Several ministry teams have added new members during 2022, including the Worship Team, Production Team, and Welcome Team.
- The Compassion Fund is on track to donate \$7000 to the Kanata Food Cupboard this year.
- Two major day-long vision retreats were held with board and staff.
- Two people were sent on a mission trip to evaluate Casa Hogar as a potential international ministry partner.

### 3. Devotional

Pastor Greg MacRobbie shared a devotional based on Isaiah 43:15-16, 18-19. God talks about what he has done for Israel, but then says “do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!” We are encouraged to celebrate the past but not to get stuck there. We need to look forward, and not assume that the future will be the same as before. We should look for what God is doing now, because we don’t want to miss it.

Three shifts we started to make a couple of years ago are still in progress:

- Make the mission the mission
- Lay out a simple disciple making plan
- Set a clear roadmap to the future

Greg prayed that we would be able to see the new thing God is doing in each of us and at Brookside.

### 4. Business

#### ***a. Establishment of quorum***

Wendy Fergusson, Assistant Church Clerk, reported that 25 members were present at the time attendance was taken; quorum is 12.

#### ***b. Adoption of minutes from last business meeting***

Minutes of the May 30, 2022 business meeting were made available to Brookside partners for review in advance of the meeting.

**Motion:** Wendy Fergusson moved that the minutes from the May 30, 2022 business meeting be accepted as presented. Heather McKenzie seconded. The motion was carried.

#### ***c. 2023 Budget***

The 2023 budget was discussed at the Town Hall on November 21, 2022. At the business meeting, Ken gave a quick overview of the budget and confirmed that nothing in the budget had been changed since the Town Hall meeting. Some

suggestions that were made during or after the Town Hall will be considered for next year.

**Motion:** Ken Allison moved that the 2023 draft budget be approved as presented. Destiny Trigg seconded. Yes votes: 23; No votes: 1. The motion was carried.

#### ***d. Update on Partnership Engagement Process***

Wendy Fergusson gave an update on the Engagement Process. Two new Partners have been added via the Engagement Survey, Angus and Rachel Short. Invitations have started to be sent for the second annual Engagement Survey, to those who did their first survey last November through May.

During the next few months, people will be invited to participate in the survey who are significantly involved at Brookside but have not been Partners before. Development of video content for a new Partnership course will also begin.

#### ***e. Update on officers and ministry directors for 2023***

Eric Reed named the officers for 2023, as listed below.

##### **Officers for 2023:**

- Board Chair: Jon Frolander
- Lead Pastor: Greg MacRobbie
- Treasurer / Assistant: Shelley Hodgkinson / vacant
- Clerk / Assistant (non-Officer): Karen Castro / Wendy Fergusson
- Receipting Secretary (non-Officer): Mandy Yuen

##### **Ministry Directors and Team Leaders for 2023:**

- Director of Youth and Worship: Lucas Roberts
- Finance Team Lead: Ken Allison
- Life Groups Team Lead: Rob Hodgkinson
- Outreach Team Lead: Julie MacRobbie
- Welcome Team Lead: Heather McKenzie
- Engagement Team Lead: Wendy Fergusson
- Production Team Lead: Jim Fergusson
- Compassion Fund Director: Gerrie Stevens

- Children's Ministry: vacant
- Missions Team: vacant
- Operations / Admin: vacant

People were encouraged to consider the vacant roles in light of their own gifts and calling, and to pray that God will provide new leaders.

A question was asked about approval of expenses for ministry teams without a director. Children's ministry team leaders can approve their own team's expenses, in other cases talk to Pastor Greg.

***f. Election of messengers to attend the FEB Conferences - FEB Central & FEB National***

Greg MacRobbie noted that the FEB Central Regional Conference will take place at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Barrie, on May 1-2, 2023. The FEB Central Annual General Meeting, which is the business component associated with the FEB Central Regional Conference, will be held via Zoom on May 16, 2023. The FEB National Conference will take place in Toronto, on Nov 6-8, 2023. In consideration of financial constraints, messengers were chosen for the FEB Central Annual General Meeting on Zoom and the FEB National Conference in Toronto, but not for the Regional Conference in Barrie.

For the FEB Central Regional Conference (Annual General Meeting component), Ken Allison nominated Greg MacRobbie and Mary McKenzie nominated Lucas Roberts.

**Motion:** Ken Allison moved to elect Greg MacRobbie as messenger to attend the 2023 Regional Conference. Colin McKenzie seconded. The motion was carried.

**Motion:** Eric Reed moved to elect Lucas Roberts as messenger to attend the 2023 Regional Conference. Ken Allison seconded. The motion was carried.

For the FEB National Conference, Ken Allison nominated Greg MacRobbie.

**Motion:** Ken Allison moved to elect Greg MacRobbie as messengers to attend the FEB National Conference. Heather McKenzie seconded. The motion was carried.

***g. Election of representative to participate in OVA ordination councils for 2023***

We can send the Pastor plus two delegates to ordination councils.

Mary McKenzie nominated Lucas Roberts.

**Motion:** Mary McKenzie moved to elect Lucas Roberts as a representative to participate in any ordination councils or OVA business that occurs in 2023. Ken Allison seconded. The motion was carried.

## 5. Adjourn

Eric Reed moved to adjourn the business portion of the meeting.

## 6. Honduras Missions Trip Update

Wendy Fergusson gave a report on the missions trip to Casa Hogar in Honduras, taken by herself and Karen Castro in November 2022. Discussions and decisions regarding whether to establish an ongoing partnership with Casa Hogar will happen after Karen returns home in early December.

## 7. Vision Update

Pastor Greg MacRobbie provided an overview of the 2035 Vision being developed by the leadership team. There will be more discussion about the vision in the new year but he wanted to raise awareness of it and encourage us to think and pray.

Foundations:

- Isa 43:19 - "I am doing a new thing... do you not perceive it? I am making a way" - God wants us to join him
- Ps 1:3 – "They are like trees planted along the riverbank" – Brookside is the tree beside the brook
- Ez 47:8-12 - movement of God pictured as a stream flowing from the Temple, "Life will flourish wherever this water flows."

Big Picture:

- we are not the river but we are rooted in it, bearing fruit for the blessing of all
- our region is dry and thirsty, desperate for freedom and meaning, to be known, accepted, and loved
- new people are coming into our region at an astonishing pace, God calls us to reach everyone in our neighbourhood currently and everyone who will come in the future

Broad Strokes:

- Disciple-making - fully engaged followers of Jesus act as everyday missionaries wherever they live, work, learn, and play
- Community saturation – we will establish 4 satellite locations by 2035, supporting a network of 50 small groups serving on mission to bless every person in West Ottawa and beyond
- Main site development – the main site leads and supports growth, provides a home for 400 people and a production site for ministries and support systems that enable satellite locations to thrive

## 8. Gratitude & Prayer

Colin Dickinson invited people to share some things they're grateful for, and then closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Fergusson

Assistant Church Clerk