

## ONECHURCH.TO / AGINCOURT PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

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### MINUTES: ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2019 (1:00 PM)

1. The Praise and Worship Team led the APC membership in a time of singing and Pastor Keith Smith opened the meeting in prayer.

*The Board of Deacons appointed Pastor Jonathan Smith, Acting Chairman, Board of Deacons, to act as Chairman at the Annual Business Meeting held on Sunday, September 29, 2019. The Chairman will refer to Pastor Jonathan Smith hereafter in the meeting and in the recorded minutes.*

2. **CALL TO ORDER** At 1:15 pm, Pastor Jonathan Smith, Chairman, called to order the 2019 Annual Business Meeting and announced that a quorum was present.

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| i) | <u>Attendance</u> | Total membership                     | 904 |
|    |                   | Quorum required                      | 136 |
|    |                   | Number of members present at meeting | 187 |

- ii) Voting Bar **Moved/Seconded/Carried** to establish a Voting Bar.

- iii) Appointments Secretary- Mark Varvas

Parliamentarian - Angel Morales

Head Scrutineer - Robert Chung

Scrutineers - Ryan Ishmael, Lianne Neumann, Margit Pukonen, Sherrol Shand, Bonnie Thomas, Samantha Williams

**M/S/C** a motion to approve the above appointments.

3. **MINUTES** **M/S/C** a motion by Mark Varvas, Secretary, to approve the Minutes of the 2019 Annual Business Meeting of the incorporated Agincourt Pentecostal Church held on Sunday, February 24, 2019.

4. **RATIFICATION VOTE FOR THE DEACON BOARD**

The Chairman explained the process of the ratification vote for the 2019/20 Nominees for the Deacon Board: Charmaine Francis, Joe Shum and Junior Weir. Members completed their ballots and these were collected to be compiled.

5. **MEMBERS SURVEY**

The Chairman thanked the membership for taking part in the recent survey and supporting the collection of data for future planning. He also thanked the Elders for their spiritual discernment and prayer for upcoming opportunities. Metrics that were touched on included weekly attendance, serving in the church, giving of tithes and offerings, membership in community groups, and invitations to others.

6. **TEACHING PASTOR'S LOOK AHEAD**

Pastor Keith Smith began his report by citing *2 Timothy 4:2*, speaking on the importance of preaching the word both in and out of season. Pastor Keith gave a review of the series that were covered since the last Annual Business Meeting in February: *Let's Skip the Small Talk*, *Choosing Your Mood*, *Biblical Comeback Stories*, *You Only Live Once (YOLO)*. Pastor Keith also gave a foretaste of a new series that will begin soon – *The Jesus Project*, where we will be spending a year with Jesus, including video footage shot in Israel. The Pastor asked the members to pray that through this video series, peoples' lives would be changed.

7. **2019 CHURCH LIFE REPORT**

The Chairman spoke on how to determine if the Body of Christ is healthy as we have been travelling through a season of change with declining Canadian Church attendance and engagement, and aging spiritual communities. He stated the importance of what God is saying to our church right now, citing the need to study both anecdotal and numerical data such as the Elder and Member Surveys and the application of these metrics to our planning.

The Chairman invited Pastor Matthew Smith to share the current metrics on attendance and giving (January-June 2019). Numbers were especially encouraging for the first year of the online campus, which has the potential to reach many more people beyond Toronto's boundaries. IT was also reported that there has been a slight decline in total number of givers with the average giver giving just under \$1K per year.

The Chairman also invited Jerry Sen to share information in terms of level of engagement at the church. There has been an increase in numbers of people serving within the ministries of the church, and of note is the "I'm New" guest ministry which has increased exponentially in numbers. Jerry mentioned that the ease of access and location of the Big Blue Wall has helped much in this regard.

The Chairman gave a word of thanks to the church pastors and staff, the Deacon Board and the Elders for their prayers and support of the many ministries of the church. Time was taken for member questions to the presented information.

The Chairman also reported the results of the Ratification Tally that the Deacon Nominees received 94% agreement and will join the Deacon Board for the upcoming term.

## **8. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Joel Smith, Treasurer, presented the January-June 2019 Financial report. He outlined financial highlights, major expenditures and expense recap. Power Point graphics were used for greater emphasis and clarity.

The Treasurer reported that while total revenue was down slightly when compared to the previous year, APC remains on sound financial footing. Thanks were given to the congregation for their sacrificial giving and to the Lord for His faithfulness to APC in 2019 and over the years.

M/S/C a motion to accept the January-June 2019 Financial Report as presented.

M/S/C a motion to appoint auditors of Agincourt Pentecostal Church and to hold office until the close of the next Annual Business Meeting of the members or until a successor is appointed, at such remuneration as may be fixed by the Board of Deacons, and the Board of Deacons are hereby authorized to fix such remuneration.

The Treasurer thanked the Chairman, the APC Finance and Risk Committee, the APC Deacon Board, and the church membership for their faithful giving through the year.

## **9. REMEMBERING CHURCH FAMILY**

Pastor Jan Mokund read the names of those members who have gone to be with Jesus from January to June, 2019. Pastor Jan led in a prayer of thanks for their lives and a prayer for those friends and family members who are mourning.

## **10. GIVING THANKS TO DEACONS**

Rohan Appadurai thanked the retiring Deacons – Lorne Chapman, Debbie Sinnatamby and Mark Varvas - for their term of service. Tony Als led in a prayer for the Deacon Board, both past and present.

## **11. GOOD GOVERNMENT ACT AND ONTARIO CHARITIES ACCOUNTING ACT**

M/S/C a motion by Mark Varvas, Secretary, to approve the actions and decisions of the Agincourt Pentecostal Church Board of Deacons since the last Annual Business Meeting of the members, held on Sunday, February 24, 2019, as required by the General Operating By-laws of

Agincourt Pentecostal Church (a federally incorporated company) and in accordance with the Good Government Act and Ontario Charities Accounting Act.

**12. ADJOURNMENT AND PRAYER**

**M/S/C** a motion by the Chairman to adjourn the September, 2019 Annual Congregational Business Meeting.

The Chairman led in a Prayer of Closing.

The Congregation sang “*To God be the Glory*” and the meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

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| Rev. Jonathan Smith - Senior Pastor | Lorne Chapman              | Mark Varvas                 |
| Acting Chairman, Board of Deacons   | Chairman, Board of Deacons | Secretary, Board of Deacons |