

**Manitoba Baptist Association
2023 Annual Business Meeting
Agenda**

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer – Barry Thiessen
2. Seating of Delegates
 - a) 68 Present there is a quorum
3. Minutes of the December 6th - 2022 AGM.
 - a) MOTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MOVED Brad Quiring SECONDED Terry Janke that the MINUTES for the 2022 Manitoba Baptist Association Annual Business Meeting be approved as adjusted. CARRIED
4. Business arising from the Minutes.
5. Approval of Agenda.
 - a) MOVED Barry Thiessen, SECONDED Doug Legall that the agenda of the 2023 Annual Business Meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED
6. Presentation of the 2024 Budget – Al Donald
 - a) December 31, 2022 Financial Statements
MOTION Al Donald SECONDED Doug Legall that the 2022 Financial Statement be accepted as presented. CARRIED
 - b) 2024 Budget
 - i. Budget Notes
 - ii. 2024 Budget Proposal
 1. A number of churches are facing financial difficulties, therefore the contributions from churches to the MBA has fallen, thus there is financial strain on the MBA.
 2. One of the biggest budget challenges is supporting the Regional Minister because of the exchange rate and inflation.
 - c) MOTION Al Donald SECONDED Marno Klein by Stephen Moir that the 2024 MBA Budget be accepted as presented. CARRIED
 - i. QUESTION: Is it prudent to reduce the RM's portion from \$75,000.00 to \$67,000.00? Can it be returned to \$67,000.00?
 1. ANSWER: Cost of living has risen sharply. This increase reflects financial reality. Both the North Central Association and Manitoba sides are behind and need to use savings to

meet budget requirements. There is nothing in the budget that can be realistically reduced.

- ii. QUESTION: How much money is in the bank?
 - 1. ANSWER: reviewed the bank accounts.
- iii. QUESTION: Southdale Church and Central money, how long is it restricted?
 - 1. ANSWER: Indefinitely, it is assigned to outreach, church planting and pastoral training.
- iv. QUESTION: What is the “mortgage receivable”?
 - 1. It is from the Central Baptist Church sale.
- v. COMMENT: There was an indication from NAB that 2-3% be given to MBA.
- vi. QUESTION: Is it time to free up restricted money?
 - 1. ANSWER: The problem with restricted funds: it is difficult to switch restricted funds to non-restricted. Agreements were made.
- vii. QUESTION: in 2022 Financial Statements there is a large amount of money in unrestricted accounts?
 - 1. It was a labelling error the from accountants.
- viii. QUESTION: We have restricted funds that can be released.
- ix. QUESTION: Can we pay 40% of RM in Canadian funds and up vacation time?
 - 1. Agreement states we must cover 40% of real costs.
- x. QUESTION: Benefit to the salary fund being in a US Dollar account?
 - 1. ANSWER: You have to first buy US dollars before putting into the US account. Most of the time it is difficult to find a good exchange.
- xi. Can we renegotiate agreement?
 - 1. ANSWER: We would have to break current agreement and renegotiate.
- xii. QUESTION: Why are there no funds allocated to MBYA?
 - 1. ANSWER: Up until July 23 there has been no activity from MBYA. A special event was planned and paid out. \$3000.00 has been allocated for 2024 events.
- xiii. COMMENTS: MBYA in past had a combination of budget and self-funding. We know there are options to unrestrict funds.
- xiv. QUESTION: What is the relationship between the RM and the MBA churches? Should we consider expanding or changing the boundaries of the region?

1. ANSWER: The regional model we have now is a result of a change in the NAB to move the RM's to the Regional Leadership Teams. Changing regions is something to be done by the Regions.
- xv. QUESTION: How is the AGM paid for?
 1. ANSWER: Self-funding.
- xvi. QUESTION: Can the cost of the Pastors' Retreat be reduced or split?
 1. ANSWER: It can be split.
- xvii. QUESTION: Special fundraisers? Are there limitations?
 1. ANSWER: No limitations beyond planning and executing. The executive doesn't have the manpower, but others stepping up to do this would be good.
- xviii. COMMENT: Adding Saskatchewan to the region is worth pursuing as a growth.

7. Reports –

- a) Regional Ministers Report – Randy Jaspers
 - i. Refer to attached report.
 - ii. There are good news stories: New pastor at Moosehorn, children coming to church there, newcomer ministries in Waverley and Whyte Ridge.

8. Motion to Approve the Actions of the Executive in 2023

- a) Problem: 2023 has not been completed, cannot continue.

9. Nomination of Directors and Officers for 2023-2024

- a) SCRUTINEERS: Robert Fandrich, Lorraine Barton

10. Election of Directors and Officers

- a) Executive members: Dan Burton and Steven Pearson.
- b) MOTION Jerry Neufeld SECOND Terry Janke that Al Donald be affirmed as Treasurer for a 3 year term. CARRIED
- c) MOVED Steve Moir SECONDED Daphne Keck that the ballots be destroyed. CARRIED

11. Appointment of Auditors for 2023.

- a) MOTION Doug Legall SECONDED Adam Wiebe that Parker Clark Accountants be appointed for the financial statement for 2023. CARRIED

12. Other Business

- a) Thank you to Al Donald for administration of the health plan and the pastors' retreats.
- b) MBA Conference, April, 2024 – Curtis Halbemsa
 - i. Curtis gave a presentation on the upcoming conference.
- c) Moderators' Report
 - i. MBA Relevance Committee: Steve Pearson now responsible for the MBA Relevance study and discussion. An interim report has been issued.
 - ii. Post-COVID: many churches have suffered negative effects. Some churches are experiencing loss, some are growing. The key is to not recreate the past, but we need to move forward.
 - iii. COMMENT: Need to emphasize mission and outreach in the relevance of our churches and denomination.

13. Next Meeting –

- a) Special General Session – June 2024
- b) Annual Business Meeting – November 2024

14. Closing Prayer

15. Adjourn – 8:40PM