Heart Lake Baptist Church

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting
Sunday, November 23rd, 2025 @ 12:15 p.m.

Active Members: 192
Quorum: 39
Members: 55 (1 online)
Attendance: 60

Welcome

Chair of Council Adekunle Oduyemi welcomed the members and adherents to our Special Business Meeting.

Establish Quorum & Members Present

Quorum established by Nancy Knecht

Devotion & Prayer - Pastor Wayne

-remind us who we are in Christ 1 Peter 1:13
–set your hope on the grace that is revealed to you in Christ
–called you as Holy, be holy in all that you are with the precious blood of Jesus Christ - your faith and hope are in God
–sincere love for each other
–love one another deeply from the heart
-show encouragement and appreciation for one another

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda for the November 23rd, 2025 Annual General Meeting

Moved by: Paul Mouradian Seconded by: Hilda Cupeta Carried

Review & Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 8th, 2025 Special Report Business Meeting and the Membership Meeting - November 2nd, 2025

Moved by: Lois Hardy Seconded by: Leandro D'Amico Carried

Review of Audited Statement - June 30, 2025

-Yearly audit – way to find out how we are doing with our finances and this is encouraging

-Lois showed the Statement of Financial Position – marked improvement compared to 2024

$17,000 - were able to transfer to Capital Projects

-applying for $10,000 grant for our Food Pantry

-GST rebate – received in the last two weeks

$450,000 – mortgage continues to decrease

-Longterm debt – no mortgages will be renewing until 2027

-Canada Summer Jobs Grant $23,000

-Insurance pay about ~$13,000 per year – have been paying monthly

-Financial Position of HLBC for not-for-profit organizations – all information was provided to the auditors

-operating budget – Budget: $525,725 Actual: $497,028 net income of ~$15,000

Moved by Lois Hardy on behalf of Council that the members of Heart Lake Baptist Church approve the audited financial statements of Heart Lake Baptist Church, an incorporated organization, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Moved by: Lois Hardy Seconded by: Paul Mouradian Carried

Appointment of Auditors for 2025-2026 fiscal year

Moved by Lois Hardy that the members of Heart Lake Baptist Church appoint Norton McMullen LLP as the Auditor for Heart Lake Baptist Church for the fiscal year 2025-2026.

Moved by: Lois Hardy Seconded by: Sue Ott Carried

Capital Projects Update – motion

5 Year Strategic Plan

1st (2025) – Foundation - contend for the faith, apologetics, sustained growth, financial stewardship, impactful ministry
2nd (2026) - Discipleship – life groups, encouraging people to invite people to their home for dinner, lifestyle – continue to do over time
-family, community, Kids Zone
3rd (2027) – Celebration – 50 years – spiritual discipline – year of Jubilee -accomplishments, growth, initiatives, gratitude and inspire us to continue
-special music – reach out to our community - Pastor Terry (possible guest)
4th (2028) - Impacting our Community – service and compassion – going out and doing things – Life groups, youth group, Kids Zone, Community Garden
5th (2029) – Growth – enhancing/changing infrastructure – dream bigger – God's plan for us – members' feedback

~ one hundred people view the first service and about one hundred and ten for the second service

-pavement in the parking lot, fence, our gym walls

-North side of roof – started this week – hoping roof will last for at least twenty years

-Basement renovation – for our youth, met with contractors and architect to draw the plans – electrical and mechanical drawings - three sections – changed the plans for the bathrooms

Question: will we be getting an elevator? – we are looking into getting a grant for an elevator

-will fit – snack shop, youth services, storage

-may be able to rent out this space – don't want to see any damage done by renters

-need to apply for a permit and look for quotes from contractors

-new furnaces are there and haven't been used – will need to add a fresh air exchanger – may need to add a pipe

- Phase 2 – our sanctuary and lobby renovations – carpet, heater for baptismal tank, stage size, change lobby (make it feel larger – get rid of post and add lighting and windows – depends on how much we are willing to spend), café connect and modernization - move Kids Zone sign-in - take out the library or make it smaller
- looking for more people to join this team and would like a project leader -looking for someone gifted in this area – should talk to Adekunle if anyone is interested in this position

–hoping to start in 2026 - 2027 – feasibility study – drawings – stone added and add a screen and new chairs

Motion: It is moved that Council initiate the following actions: To begin getting quotes and apply for the permits from the City of Brampton for the youth centre in the basement identified as Phase 1.

Moved by: Deb Parker Seconded by: Rosa D'Amico Carried

Financial Update – Current status end of October

-North Side of Roof – cost is about ~$36,000 from capital funds

-Recently received HST rebate

-Bank Balance should be around $25,000 – we are at ~$14,000

-after the first four months, we are about $20,000 behind our budget (only $350 more than last year)

-hoping to catch up by end of December

-Monica talked about our Christmas Fundraisers – to help our envelope secretary – Special Offering – write "Gifts For Kids" Fund – Time Limited

Nominating Committee Recommendations

First Motion: Moved by Monica Stocks on behalf of the Nominating Committee that Adekunle Oduyemi be elected to the position of Elder for a second term.

Moved by: Monica Seconded by: Rosa D'Amico Carried
Second Motion: Moved by Monica Stocks on behalf of the Nominating Committee that Abidemi Odetola be elected to the position of Elder for a second term.

Moved by: Monica Seconded by: Ada Agi Carried

Third Motion (Shenali's video was shown): Moved by Monica Stocks on behalf of the Nominating Committee that Shenali De Mel be elected to the position of Council Member.

Moved by: Monica Seconded by: Donna Melnechuk Carried

Fourth Motion (Daniel's video was shown): Moved by Monica Stocks on behalf of the Nominating Committee that Daniel Peterson be elected to the position of Council Member.

Moved by: Monica Seconded by: Sue Gumbley Carried

Fifth Motion: Moved by Monica Stocks on behalf of the Nominating Committee that Adekunle Oduyemi be elected Chair of Council and Ashton Frohn be elected Vice Chair of Council. Both are 1-year terms.

Moved by: Monica Seconded: Jonathan Burritt Carried

Thank you for the recommendations of our Nominating Committee members

and a special thank you to Lois for serving as Chair for the last two years.

Other Business

No other business was declared.

Closing Prayer

Pastor Mario closed in prayer.

Adjournment

Having completed the agenda and there being no more business raised Adekunle declared the meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by: Nancy Knecht