**Emmanuel United Church**

**Congregational Budget Meeting December 3, 2023**

**Minutes**

**Called to order:** 12:05 pm

**People in attendance:** approx. 56

**We Gather in the Spirit of Christ**

**1**.  **Call to order and opening remarks by Mario Finoro**

**2. Opening Motions**
**2.1 *MOTION*: Move that Mario Finoro will chair, and Jean Ford will act as Board Secretary of today’s meeting.**
**Moved by –   Diane Aikman**
**Seconded by – Karen Carruthers**

**Motion Carried**

**2.2 *MOTION*: Move to allow adherents to vote.**
**Moved by – Nancy Huntley**
**Seconded by – Helen Malcolm**
 **Motion Carried.**

**2.3 *MOTION*: Move to approve the agenda as  circulated.**
**Moved by – Don Ford**
**Seconded by – Vilia Fera**

**Motion Carried.**

**2.4 *MOTION*: Move to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2023 Annual General Meeting as circulated.**
**Moved by – Diane Aikman**
**Seconded by – Karen Carruthers**

**Motion Carried.**

**3. 2024 Budget Questions and Answers about 2024 budget with Don Ford**

**3.1 *MOTION*: Move to approve the 2024 Budget as circulated.**
**Moved by – Carolyn Coggins**
**Seconded by – Don Ford**

 **Discussion – Error in spreadsheet. Expenses are $750 higher than reported in actual spreadsheet**

 **Motion Carried.**

**3.2 Motion for 2024 Mission and Service Goal**
**The mission and service goals for the past 4 years were set as an exact dollar amount in order that the congregation could track their goal and to enable General Council staff to effectively budget this amount and continue supporting important and life-giving ministries; locally, nationally and globally.**

***MOTION*: That our Mission and Service objective/target for 2024 will be set at $12 000.**
**Moved by – Helen Malcolm**
**Seconded by – Shirley Campbell**
  Discussion: None

 Motion Carried.

**4. Installation of new Treasurer**

**3.1 *MOTION*: Move to approve John Gignac as the new church treasurer.**
**Moved by – Don Ford**
**Seconded by – Helen Malcolm**

Motion Carried.

**5. New Business**

1. **BINGO Fundraising**
* We may have the opportunity to volunteer at a Bingo Hall once a month and use the proceeds as a fund raiser for the church. Are we interested in this venture? If so, it will go back to the board for final approval.

Discussion:

* Difficulty getting people to volunteer?
* Who will do this?
* Association with gambling is a problem. Gambling can be an addiction. Uncomfortable with church being associated with that.
* Don’t like taking money from those that are struggling in their daily lives.
* No comments in favour of proceeding
1. **Memorial Fund**
* Currently a little over $10 000 in fund. Board approved future memorial donations will go to local fund.
* Could it be directed to M&S? not currently an option for directed donations.
1. **AED purchased using donated funds and installed.**

**We Give Thanks to God and Go Forward to Serve in** **His Name**

**Closing Prayer: Rev. Tom MacNeil**

**Adjournment: Moved by Diane Aikman at 12:16 pm**

Signed:

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Mario Finoro, Chair Jean Ford, Secretary