

Oakridge United Church

2024 Annual General Meeting

Agenda for Mar 10, 2024 12:00 PM

Oakridge United Church Sanctuary

1. Opening – Rev. Heather Joy James
 - a. Call to Order and Opening Prayer
 - b. Land acknowledgement
2. Time for Remembrance – Rev. Heather Joy James
 - a. Isobel Main, Kathy Phillips, and Shirley Sharf
 - b. Tongan Church: Fukonoshima Vikilani and Pinioni Diricibau
3. Appointment of meeting Chair and Secretary:
 - a. Chair: Cheryl Hutchcroft
 - b. Secretary: Jacob Black-Lock
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval 2023 AGM Minutes
6. Corresponding Privileges to Non-Members
7. Acceptance of 2023 Annual Report
8. Approval of 2024 Budget – Avery Beardmore, Treasurer
9. Acknowledgement of Outgoing Members of Board
 - a. Daniel Chung
 - b. Joseph Rahim
10. Appointment of Board & Ministry Teams
 - a. **Board:** Cheryl Hutchcroft, Jacob Black-Lock, Avery Beardmore, Louise Smith, Steve Simms, Iris Platt, Janessa Luth, Don Wyllychuk
 - b. **Roll Secretary:** Sharon Morrow
 - c. **Trustees:** Kelly Fesenmaier, Daniel Chung, Don Wyllychuk, Avery Beardmore, Steve Simms, Jacquie Moon
 - d. **Property Team:** Steve Simms, Ken Fesenmaier, Stevan Mirkovich
 - e. **Finance Team:** Avery Beardmore, Don Wyllychuk, Gloria Schenk, Josie Fesenmaier, Daniel Chung
 - f. **Ministry & Personnel Team:** Louise Smith, Cheryl Hutchcroft, Fiona McInnes
 - g. **Worship Team:** Janessa Luth, Cheryl Hutchcroft, Elishia Beardmore, Kelly Fesenmaier
 - h. **Pastoral Care & Outreach Team:** Iris Platt
 - i. **Stewardship Team:** ?
 - j. **Christian Education Team:** ?
11. Prayer for Board & Ministry Teams – Rev. Heather Joy James
12. New Business
 - a. Future Visioning
13. Adjournment of the Meeting
14. Closing Prayer – Rev. Heather Joy James

OAKRIDGE UNITED CHURCH

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Rev. Heather Joy James

Dear Oakridge United Church,

As we look back with gratitude for all that God has done in our church community in 2023, I am mindful of how much God is doing to build a good foundation for the future here.

I am especially grateful for the ways that God has been at work, renewing our hearts and giving us a vision for our church's witness to love in our neighbourhood and in the city of Vancouver.

The Oakridge neighbourhood continues to be in a state of constant transition. With towers going up all around us, the reality of single family homes with yards is shifting into condos, townhomes, and apartments.

Our faithful presence as a house of worship, a community space, and a welcoming place for people to find belonging is a beautiful witness to God's enduring, unconditional love.

The United Church of Canada has a clear mission and vision for the future: As disciples of Jesus, we seek to be a hope-filled community, united in deep spirituality, inspiring worship and daring justice.

Some highlights for 2023:

- We raised money for First United, serving people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness by participating in the 'Coldest Night of the Year' walk.
- We received 10 new members and performed two adult baptisms in 2023.
- Our children's ministry tripled its' regular attendance from 1 to 3 regular attending precious little ones.
- We walked in solidarity & love with LGBTQ2S+ folks as a Faithful Presence at the Vancouver Pride Parade.
- Our music ministry is flourishing, new choir members joining, and an increased average of 8-12 singers.

- Our Healing Touch ministry attended a refresher course and came back inspired by the Spirit to bring Healing ministry to the congregation.
- We continue to host Feast & Fallow Café, a vital and vibrant part of our neighbourhood witness to connection and belonging.
- Spiritual growth opportunities from ‘Contemplative Prayer for Beginners’ to our weekly Bible Study community flourished.
- We hosted Sacred Jazz events as outreach to our neighbourhood.
- Volunteers gathered over 70 full Health Kits for Powell Place Women’s Shelter and other donations.
- From Potluck Parties to Christmas Carols & Crafts, we enjoyed fun and food together, around the table and making joyful noises in song!

As we look ahead to the next year, I wonder what might happen as we continue to allow God to use this community of faith to be a faithful presence in the city of Vancouver. When we meet people where they are and invite them into a place of belonging, a deep connection to wholeness and flourishing in life abounds.

I expect our ‘behind the scenes work’ as a church in 2024 will be somewhat logistical, organizational, and structural. We are a church firmly planted in this community: with deeply rooted spiritual practice, invitational faith-sharing, generous welcome, and a desire for reconciliation and renewal of all things. To continue to do this well, we need our shared vision to be enacted by empowered leaders, good communication, and a trust that God is at work first.

Together, when we follow the lead of Jesus, we join God in working for justice, for the common good, and for above all, love to reign. As we gather together each Sunday, I am committed to the flourishing and wholeness of all people, and welcome those seeking to join in following the way of Jesus. I am grateful to each of you for being here. This is joyful, beautiful, and good work—to reconcile and make new, all things—in love.

In humility and service to Christ,

Rev. Heather Joy James

IN MEMORIAM

Oakridge UC: Isobel Main, Kathy Phillips, and Shirley Sharf

Tongan Church: Fukunoshima Vikilani and Pinioni Diricibau



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Prepared by Cheryl Hutchcroft, Board Co-Chairperson

On January 1, 2023 the former Oakridge United Church and Wilson Heights United Church were officially amalgamated. What a joyous day that was! Since then, the Board worked diligently to culminate the records, finances, and belongings of both congregations to represent the new Oakridge United Church as a friendly, loving and supportive community of faith.

The most challenging duty we were faced with this past year was that of the issue of the Wilson Heights Church property being declared as surplus by the Pacific Mountain Region (PMR). After a long process of determining the feasibility of development of the Wilson Heights Property that was undertaken by Wilson Heights United Church, it was realized that development would not be possible without significant financial contribution from other sources.

The Board felt it was important to fight for the right of OUC to continue the utilization of this property for our ministry endeavours and set about drafting a Ministry Plan outlining how the Wilson Heights Property would be instrumental in continuing and bringing about opportunity for us to forward our ministry. Many hours of discernment, discussion, and writing were devoted to the making of our Ministry Plan and on June 27 OUC submitted its completed Ministry Plan to the PMR.

Unfortunately, even after providing our Ministry Plan along with supplemental support documentation from us and from those using the Wilson Heights Property, it wasn't until October that the PMR finally advised the Board of its decision to make the Wilson Heights Church property surplus. We as a Board were mournful and dejected with this outcome. However, we know that God has some great plans for Oakridge United Church even if we won't have the asset of the Wilson Heights Property any longer.

Some of God's great plans have already come to fruition. We have been blessed this year to welcome several new members through baptism and membership transfer. We have consistently seen new people brighten our sanctuary and become friends of OUC.

We have also had to overcome some other challenges this year. These included some issues around our technology. In this fast-changing world, keeping up with technology and keeping it running smoothly can be difficult at times. We are thankful for Elishia Beardmore, Zach Li, and Stevan Mirkovich for their assistance with this and we look forward to being able to utilize our technology to its fullest.

Another challenge this year has been maintaining the security of our building. This is an ongoing concern but the Board has been working towards some solutions to help keep our building and belongings secure.

We were happy to be able to secure some new cleaning personnel this year. A huge thank you to Steve Simms in suggesting and hiring Sean Breadner to handle our weekly cleaning needs. The building has become a cleaner, safer and more "sparkly" place to be with Sean's diligent work.

Finally, we want to extend a big thank you to everyone on our Board this past year. There were some meetings that seemed to go on forever when important and difficult conversations needed to take place. Along with the challenge of facing the property surplus decision of the PMR, it made for some hard work. This was all faced with care and understanding for ourselves, the congregation, the staff, the Pacific Mountain Region, the United Church of Canada, and the path that God has set for us. The dedication of the Board of Oakridge United and the service they each give so selflessly was a true blessing to all and reflective of their love of Jesus Christ.

STEWARDSHIP, OUTREACH & PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE

Prepared by Iris Platt, Board Member

As we prepared for winter in 2023 our church and congregation got ready to do Outreach work to help people in our community less fortunate than us. Powell Place Women's Shelter is in the downtown east side and they support women in many ways. There are 52 beds in the shelter and they are always full. With everyone in the congregation's help and work Oakridge United was able to supply Powell Place Women's shelter with:

- 70 Winter Health Kits which included- toothpaste, toothbrush, bar of soap, shampoo, small Kleenex, socks, gloves, washcloth and a brush or comb.
- 11 Coats or Jackets, 31 toques, 6 extra pairs of gloves, 3 scarves and 3 sweaters.
- 6 quilts and 2 boxes of extras.

When Steve and I took the 11 boxes and 10 bags downtown the shelter staff were so grateful. Thank you all very much for helping with this important Outreach work. I know the women receiving any if these items would really appreciate them.

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Prepared by Louise Smith, Ministry & Personnel Chair & Cheryl Hutchcroft, Board co-chair

We are very happy that Yi-Chun Chen had been our Music Director this past year. She provides an essential and loving service to our congregation and keeps the music fresh and wonderful each week. Yi-Chun's dedication to working with the choir has enhanced our worship each week and helped those in the choir gain more confidence in their singing.

Fiona McInnes is designated as Yi-Chun's support person. As such, Fiona asks everyone to direct any concerns about the music at OUC to her and she will discuss the concern or wish with Yi-Chun. We would like to remind anyone who is taking part in worship and needs music support to give Yi-Chun the printed music by Tuesday or Wednesday so that she can be adequately prepared for our Sunday service each week.

Our Office Administrator, Eliza Gracia, has been a blessed addition to our team at OUC. Gracia works in the office on Monday, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. She attends Vancouver School of Theology on Wednesdays in her studies towards her MATS. Among her many duties, Gracia prepares and ensures that the weekly newsletter gets out to everyone and keeps the schedule for the Sunday volunteer positions. She also secures, organizes, and keeps track of all our rentals and use of space throughout the church.

Cheryl Hutchcroft is designated as Gracia’s support person and any inquiries, concerns or suggestions regarding our office support can be directed through Cheryl.

Rev. Heather Joy James and her husband, Rev. Stevan Mirkovich, have had a challenging year with viruses and medical concerns with their immediate family and their respective parents. They are always in our prayers for health and wellness for all of them.

Rev. Heather Joy James has ongoing studies with Dr. Gabor Mate who focuses on healing and addiction. She is also taking a course from Vancouver School of Theology on Supervision in Ministry. We are blessed to have a minister with these connections.

We feel the need to have more clarity and structure in our organization at the board level. Hopefully we can work toward this goal in the coming year which may enhance Heather Joy’s ministry among us.

OAKRIDGE UNITED CHURCH MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Sharon Morrow, Roll Secretary

Membership as at December 31, 2022	31
Membership as at January 1, 2023	70*
<i>*increase due to amalgamation</i>	
Added by Transfer	2
Added by Profession of Faith	7
Added by Baptism	<u>+ 1</u>
	80
Removed by Death	<u>- 3</u>
Membership as at December 31, 2023	77



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Called by God, as disciples of Jesus, The United Church of Canada seeks to be a bold, connected, evolving church of diverse, courageous, hope-filled communities united in deep spirituality, inspiring worship, and daring justice.

FEAST & FALLOW CAFÉ MINISTRY UPDATE



“Hi - friends”

This is how we greet all of our cafe guests

“Rather than distinct individuals inhabiting the sealed containers of our bodies, we are profoundly woven together with all that exists in an infinitely complex “meshwork.”

– Norman Wirzba *The Agrarian Spirit*



SOME STATS THE FIRST 18 MONTHS

Conversations
16,994



Hours Open
2598 hrs
371 days



Revenue
\$229,336



Patrons
15,976



Spilled Lattes
8



“Study” Hours
12,890hrs



Cinnamon Rolls
2166



Sandwiches
3591



“All flourishing is mutual. Understanding one’s place as deeply entangled in the lives of all that exists—from microbes to bees to dandelions—should lead one to become “a companionable and caring presence wherever one is.”

– Robin Wall Kimmerer *Braiding Sweetgrass*

	Current Year
ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Royal Bank Chequing	\$24,679.20
BC Conference Investments	5,984,465.86
	<u>6,009,145.06</u>
Subtotal Current Assets	6,009,145.06
FIXED ASSETS	
Buildings	1,391,289.19
Accum. Amortization	(121,735.24)
Furniture & Fixtures	133,052.17
Accum. Amortization	(23,181.30)
Audio Visual Equipment	14,778.92
Accum. Amortization	(3,614.17)
	<u>1,390,589.57</u>
Subtotal Fixed Assets	1,390,589.57
OTHER ASSETS	
GST Refund	1,003.99
	<u>1,003.99</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$7,400,738.62</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
Wedding Deposits	\$300.00
	<u>300.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	300.00
FUND BALANCES	
UNRESTRICTED	
GENERAL FUND	\$7,393,271.85
DONOR RESTRICTED	
MISSION & SERVICE FUND	2,882.00
FIRST UNITED CHURCH	385.00
MEMORIAL GARDEN	3,899.77
	<u>7,166.77</u>
Subtotal Donor Restricted	7,166.77
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u>7,400,438.62</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u><u>\$7,400,738.62</u></u>

Oakridge United Church Income and Expense Statement General Fund for YE 2023. & 2024 Budget					Operating Fund	Capital Fund
	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2023 Variance	2024 Budget	2024 Budget	2024 Budget
INCOME						
Offerings						
Donations - Envelopes	33,000.00	28,549.17	(4,450.83)	30,000.00		
Par-Givings	23,000.00	21,727.99	(1,272.01)	22,000.00		
Subtotal - Offerings	56,000.00	50,277.16	(5,722.84)	52,000.00	52,000.00	
Investment Income	0.00	598,579.00	598,579.00	600,000.00		600,000.00 Capital
Misc. Income						
Saviour of the Nations		28,400.00	28,400.00	14,400.00		
Building Use Income	50,000.00		(50,000.00)			
Wilson Heights Rentals		16,189.00	16,189.00	8,094.50		
OUC Rentals		12,963.60	12,963.60	13,000.00		
Broadview-Subscriptions			0.00			
Wage Subsidy			0.00			
Refund by PMR				34,000.00		
Wilson Heights Donations			0.00			
Sub-total Misc. Income	50,000.00	57,552.60	7,552.60	69,494.50	69,494.50	
TOTAL INCOME	106,000.00	706,408.76	600,408.76	721,494.50	121,494.50	600,000.00
EXPENSES						
Pastoral staff						
Lead Minister Salary	90,552.00	89,351.76	1,200.24	97,000.00		
Minister Auto Allowance	500.00		500.00	500.00		
Education/ Book Allowance	5,143.00	4,347.21	795.79	1,640.00		
Minister's Honararium	1,750.00	2,950.00	(1,200.00)	3,000.00		
Sub-total Pastoral Staff	97,945.00	96,648.97	1,296.03	102,140.00	102,140.00	
Support Staff						
Office Administrator	45,000.00	29,651.30	15,348.70	30,000.00		
Administrative Assistant			0.00			
Music Director	19,000.00	19,123.19	(123.19)	20,000.00		
Music - Honorarium	1,050.00	2,125.00	(1,075.00)	2,275.00		

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	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2023 Variance	2024 Budget	2024 Budget	2024 Budget
Custodian (WHUC)	25,080.00	25,082.88	(2.88)	25,080.00		
Cleaning Service Contract	7,200.00	8,699.00	(1,499.00)	11,520.00		
Projectionist	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00		
Sub-total Support Staff	107,330.00	84,681.37	22,648.63	98,875.00	98,875.00	
Employer Expenses						
WCB	332.00	331.82	0.18	449.00		
CPP Expense	9,300.00	7,593.93	1,706.07	6,000.00		
EI Expense	2,500.00	3,089.13	(589.13)	2,500.00		
Staff/Volunteer Training	1,000.00	720.00	280.00	1,000.00		
Pension & Group Insurance	40,000.00	24,834.91	15,165.09	20,000.00		
Sub-total Employer Expenses	53,132.00	36,569.79	16,562.21	29,949.00	29,949.00	
Sub Total Wages and Benefits	258,407.00	217,900.13	40,506.87	230,964.00		
Administrative Expense						
Bank Charges	400.00	253.16	146.84	400.00		
Mgmt. Fees on Investments	0.00	36,822.00	(36,822.00)	38,000.00		38,000.00 Capital
ADP Charges	800.00	724.61	75.39	800.00		
Office Supplies	1,000.00	955.54	44.46	1,000.00		
Coffee Hour Supplies	1,000.00	565.78	434.22	1,000.00		
Postage	200.00	140.28	59.72	200.00		
Printing	400.00	238.98	161.02	400.00		
Sub-total Admin. Expenses	3,800.00	39,700.35	(35,900.35)	41,800.00	3,800.00	
Internet & Telephone						
Website	550.00	56.83	493.17	550.00		
Telephone/Internet	5,040.00	5,879.34	(839.34)	3,200.00		
Internet Access			0.00			
Sub-total Internet & Telephone	5,590.00	5,936.17	(346.17)	3,750.00	3,750.00	
Computer Expense						
Computer Hardware	360.00	0.00	360.00	1,000.00		
Computer Software	1,000.00	390.38	609.62	1,000.00		

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	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2023 Variance	2024 Budget	2024 Budget	2024 Budget
Sub-total Computer Expense	1,360.00	390.38	969.62	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Utilities						
Electricity	8,000.00	9,008.42	(1,008.42)	7,000.00		
Gas	12,000.00	10,534.05	1,465.95	4,000.00		
Water & Sewer		262.16	(262.16)	2,000.00		
Property Taxes	1,300.00	2,788.14	(1,488.14)	0.00		
Waste	3,000.00	809.75	2,190.25	1,100.00		
Sub-total Utilities	24,300.00	23,402.52	897.48	14,100.00	14,100.00	
Building Maintenance						
Janitorial Supplies	1,000.00	3,103.04	(2,103.04)	2,000.00		
Repairs & Maintenance	6,000.00	2,167.69	3,832.31	4,000.00		
Property Management			0.00			
Building Insurance	8,000.00	15,343.46	(7,343.46)	16,000.00		
City Utilities / Shared Costs	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	16,000.00		
Supplies		396.89	(396.89)			
Landscaping	7,200.00	4,056.43	3,143.57	3,000.00		
Sub-total Building Maintenance	30,200.00	25,067.51	5,132.49	41,000.00	41,000.00	
Christian Education						
Children Sunday School		39.41	(39.41)			
Adult Program		412.49	(412.49)			
Ministry Programs	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	1,500.00		
Sub-total Christian Education	3,500.00	451.90	3,048.10	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Music						
Music Supplies	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00		
Copyright Licensing	300.00	157.00	143.00	180.00		
Sub-total Music	400.00	157.00	243.00	280.00	280.00	
Worship Expense						
Flower / Gifts	1,000.00	421.85	578.15	1,000.00		
Church Supplies - Worship	1,500.00	165.50	1,334.50	1,000.00		

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	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2023 Variance	2024 Budget	2024 Budget	2024 Budget
Books/Literature/Library	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00		
Sub-total Worship Expense	2,650.00	587.35	2,062.65	2,150.00	2,150.00	
Other Expense						
Misc. Expense	1,000.00	804.63	195.37	1,000.00		
Audio / Visual Equipment	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	10,000.00		
Kitchen Dishes	0.00		0.00	0.00		
Charitable Donations	0.00		0.00	0.00		
United Church Assessment	10,910.00	18,744.00	(7,834.00)	15,020.00		
Broadview	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00		
Organ and Piano Repairs	450.00	175.00	275.00	450.00		
Review Engagement			0.00			
Legal Fees			0.00			
Accounting Fees	2,000.00	1,730.00	270.00	2,000.00		
Ukraine Relief			0.00			
Grant to Lakeview United		0.00	0.00	0.00		
Amortization		42,912.80	(42,912.80)	43,000.00		43,000.00 Non Cash
Sub-total Other Expenses	16,410.00	64,366.43	(47,956.43)	71,520.00	28,520.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	346,617.00	377,959.74	31,342.74	409,064.00	328,064.00	81,000.00
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	(240,617.00)	328,449.02	(109,247.78)	312,430.50	(206,569.50)	519,000.00
MISSION & SERVICE FUND						
INCOME						
M & S Contributions		4,530.50		5,000.00		
M & S Par		4,476.00		5,000.00		
TOTAL INCOME	0.00	9,006.50	0.00	10,000.00		
EXPENSES						

Oakridge United Church Income and Expense Statement General Fund for YE 2023. & 2024 Budget					Operating Fund	Capital Fund
	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2023 Variance	2024 Budget	2024 Budget	2024 Budget
M & S Disbursements		6,304.50		10,000.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES	0.00	6,304.50	0.00	10,000.00		
EXCESS INCOME / EXPENSES	0.00	2,702.00	0.00	0.00		
FIRST UNITED CHURCH						
INCOME						
FUC Contributions		959.50		1,000.00		
FUC Par						
TOTAL INCOME	0.00	959.50	0.00	1,000.00		
EXPENSES						
FUC Disbursements		574.50		1,000.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES	0.00	574.50	0.00	1,000.00		
EXCESS INCOME / EXPENSES	0.00	385.00	0.00	0.00		

Minutes of OAKRIDGE UNITED CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 am with prayer led by Rev. Heather Joy James.

Time for Remembrance

Norma Holmes, Neville Pemberton, Moalia Avigol, Pangai Va'ivaka and Mele Panisi were remembered in silence and commended to God's care by Rev. Heather Joy James.

Appointing of Chairperson and Secretary

IT WAS MOVED by Iris Platt and **SECONDED** by Fiona McInnes that Daniel Chung be appointed as Chairperson and Cheryl Hutchcroft be appointed as Secretary for the 2023 Annual General Meeting. **CARRIED**

Approval of Agenda

IT WAS MOVED by Louise Ngu and **SECONDED** by Sheila Little that the agenda be approved as amended by adding the 2021 and 2022 Financial Report for Wilson Heights United Church. **CARRIED**

Approval of Minutes

IT WAS MOVED by Josie Fesenmaier and **SECONDED** by Sharon Morrow that the Minutes of the 2022 Oakridge United Church AGM held on March 27, 2022 be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

IT WAS MOVED by Iris Platt and **SECONDED** by Sheila Little that the Minutes of the 2022 Wilson Heights United Church AGM held on October 3, 202 be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

Corresponding Privileges to Non-Members

IT WAS MOVED by Win Waterhouse and **SECONDED** by Ken Fesenmaier that corresponding privileges be provided to Non-Members. **CARRIED**

Acceptance of the 2022 Annual Report

IT WAS MOVED by Iris Platt and **SECONDED** by Louise Ngu that the 2022 Annual Report be accepted as reported. **CARRIED**

Tongan Fellowship Report – Emma Chalmers

- Emma reminded us that the Tongan Fellowship is not quite considered a church as yet.
- Emma thanked everyone for the support of the Tongan community.
- Emma gave a quick review of some happenings before settling at Wilson Heights United Church.
 - They would sleep there and eat there.
 - The 1st Sunday of May was called White Sunday where all the children would wear white.
 - There was a midnight service from 10pm – 12am to celebrate the new year, which is followed by a meal together.
- Emma reiterated the names of those of the Tongan Fellowship who had passed away; Emma's cousin, nephew & niece.
- The members of the Fellowship live in many different communities in the Lower Mainland which makes it difficult for them to meet at Oakridge United Church. Emma would like to be a member of Oakridge United.

Financial Report for 2022 and 2021 & 2022 for WHUC – Daniel Chung, for Avery Beardmore, Treasurer

Daniel highlighted the WHUC 2021 Financial Statement

Daniel highlighted the WHUC 2022 Financial Statement

- Balance \$43,0000
- Income 91,307
- Expenses \$250,439.00
- Deficit \$153,101

Oakridge Donation 73,000 (3500 per month from May – December) \$45,000 was presented at year end but cheque was not deposited until January 2023 so it will be reflected in the 2023 Financial Report at the next AGM.

Daniel shared that WHUC had over 100 years of time together as a church.

It was **MOVED** by Fiona McInnes and **SECONDED** by Gloria Schenk that the 2021 and 2022 Financial Statement and Report be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

Louise Ngu shared the figures of the Oakridge United Financial Statements as Avery Beardmore was absent.

Loss of \$660,562 from our investment

Total Income \$ -613,603.03

Total Expenses \$389,349.00

Total Deficit: \$ -1,002,952.00

(Put in report about the donation to the Lakeview Project, \$56,000 of which has been distributed)

There was a question about exactly how this worked. Cheryl Hutchcroft helped to explain about the loss that was realized by the investment. There were comments and discussion about the offerings given by congregants and that they are not covering the regular expenses of the church.

There was a question about whether the loss shown in OUC report included the WHUC deficit. Daniel deferred this to the Budget discussion.

It was **MOVED** by Kelly Fesenmaier and **SECONDED** by Louise Ngu that the Oakridge United Church 2022 Financial Statements be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

Approval of 2023 Budget

Daniel explained how things were going and may work with respect to the WHUC property and if we are allowed to keep it or it has to be referred to the PMR.

There was a question about whether or not we will be providing a charitable donation of any kind on behalf of the church. A request was made for a donation of \$2000 be made to the Downtown East Side Building Fund. This request will be taken to the board and a decision will be made there.

There was clarification given regarding the Technician/IT budget.

IT WAS MOVED by Iris Platt and **SECONDED** by Fiona McInnes that the 2023 Budget be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

Acknowledgement of Outgoing Members of Council

Thanks to Fiona McInnes, Grace Chandy, Ken Fesenmaier, Louise Ngu, Mary Lyne Jorgenson, and Olave Schultz for their past service.

Nomination Report & Election of Officers

The nominees for the Board and a list of Committees were provided to all meeting attendees and is a part of these minutes.

TRUSTEES

Avery Beardmore, Kelly Fesenmaier, Don Wyllychuk

Daniel Chung and Avery Beardmore will be the co-chairs of the Trustees in order to keep continuity.

IT WAS MOVED by Iris Platt and **SECONDED** by Marion McLarty that the nominations for Board Members, Trustees and Feast & Fallow Liaison be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

Daniel Chung and Avery Beardmore will be the co-chairs of the Trustees in order to keep continuity.

Adjournment of the Meeting

IT WAS MOVED by Gloria Schenk that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 12:28 pm.

Closing Prayer

We were closed out in prayer led by Rev. Heather Joy James.

The following people have agreed to allow their names to be put forward as members of the 2023 Board of Oakridge United Church:

Amanda Payne	Avery Beardmore
Cheryl Hutchcroft	Daniel Chung
Iris Platt	Jacob Black-Lock
Joe Rahim	Louise Smith
Sharon Morrow	Steve Simms

The following people have agreed to remain as Trustees of Oakridge United Church:

Avery Beardmore	Daniel Chung
Don Wyllychuk	Jacque Moon
Joe Rahim	Kelly Fesenmaier
Sheila Little	Steve Simms