

# BRIDLE TRAIL BAPTIST CHURCH

## Bi-monthly Members Meeting Minutes April 24, 2022

**Date:** April 24, 2022  
**Time:** 1:15 pm  
**Place:** Google Meet On-line  
**Attendance:** 37  
**Chairperson:** Deacon Hubert CHU  
**Meeting Secretary:** Freddie YIP

**1. Opening Prayer:** Deacon Hubert CHU

**2. Reading and Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting - Secretary**

There is no correction or amendment to the minutes of the last meeting.

Motion: Lorraine Lew

Second: Florence Lin

Motion carried

**3. Reports:**

3.1 Pastors – No report

3.2 Deacon Board – Deacon Chanse Kwok

- 1) Copyright annual fee for Hymns: The board reviewed the copyright organization list provided by the Cantonese Worship Ministry and approved the relocation of Cantonese Worship Ministry budget for less than \$1,000 to cover the presented copyright license fee.
- 2) BTBC Constitution: It has gone through many revisions in the past. However, we have yet to finalize all the changes and have it approved. The Board assigned Willy Jeung, Deacons Chanse Kwok, Ken Tai, Robert Lee and Cary Marr to finalize the working copy and will have it approved this year.
- 3) Process of Hiring a Pastor:
  - a) We have been trying to search for pastors especially the Cantonese Pastor including the Senior pastor. Recruiting pastor is the role of Personnel Committee, which comprises the Deacons and the Senior Pastor. We have received an application for the Cantonese Pastor position in Oct 2021. The process of Personnel Committee in considering this candidate for the role of Cantonese Pastor did not go as smoothly as we would have expected. Deacon Cary documented the process the Personnel Committee has taken in respect of this matter and presented it to the Board. Deacon Chanse, being the Chair of Deacon Board and also the Chair of the Personnel Committee shared the report with the church members in this meeting.
  - b) Rev. Kwong explained that this was the very first time he saw this report and he was very surprise that the contents related to him were not accurate and he was not aware of this. He did not involve in any of this process and some of the discussions and he did not know why it happened. He did not agree with that.

- c) Deacon Hubert Chu, as the secretary of the Deacon Board, pointed out that this report together with the Deacon Board meeting minutes have been distributed to all the Board members and the report was recorded according to the fact.

3.3 Ministry Council – Deacon Michael Wu

Usually, we have a spring cleanup in May. Due to the pandemic, this year we will not have this activity but the church will continue hiring a garden service company to do the cleaning.

3.4 Treasurer – Deacon Robert Lee

Deacon Robert reminded the members that if they do their offering through e-transfer, they must remember to put down their offering number and the congregation that they attend to help the team in recording the e-offering.

3.5 Mission Committee – Deacon Chanse Kwok

- a) This year's Mission Conference will be held on October 14-16. Rev. Jacky Lau (劉得貴牧師) is invited as the guest speaker.
- b) Give thanks to our God for the generous offering from brothers and sisters that we have a surplus from last year's budget on Mission. As a result, we proposed to increase the amount to the organizations and missionaries that we support. A revised budget for the increment will be submitted to the Board for approval when details are finalized.

3.6 Others

Church Retreat

1) Deacon Richard Ngai

- a) All three congregations will have its own retreat and we may call it a revival meeting.
- b) Cantonese Congregation's retreat will be in the church sanctuary accepting in-person and on-line participants. The date would be the coming Victoria Day long weekend from May 20 to May 22. There will be four sessions:
  - 1st Session: May 20 Friday 8:00p.m.
  - 2nd Session: May 21 Saturday 10:00a.m. – 11:30a.m.
  - 3rd Session: May 21 Saturday 2:00p.m. - 3:30p.m.
  - 4th Session: May 22 Sunday 11:15a.m. Sunday Worship service

Guest speaker is Rev. Daniel Lau. We will need to have some registration mainly for the child care and for the lunch. Starting from next week, we are going to set up booth and collect money for the lunch and also, we will send out a link to brothers and sisters to do the registration for child care and lunch only. We do not need to register for attending the sermon. A poster for Cantonese retreat will be posted at the church website later.

- c) Mandarin Congregation retreat will be held in the church basement the same time as the Cantonese. It does not have lunch but there will be snacks provided on Friday evening and breakfast on Saturday morning during the Q&A session with the speaker. It will also have four sessions: Friday evening, Saturday morning, Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Rev. David Wang is the guest speaker.
- d) Deacon Robert reminded to always Check the new church website for the latest information

2) Rev. Wayne Huen

English congregation will be having an in-person retreat at Redeemer University

College on May 21 to May 23. A survey was done earlier and we have about 25 or more people willing to go but we do not have any number yet for the retreat. The retreat will be held as usual and we will have dinner on site. Pastor Joel Tang from North York Chinese Baptist Church is invited to be the speaker.

#### 4. Discussion Items:

- 4.1 Deacon Board proposed to accept the request of the Ordination Committee to provide a budget of \$5,000 to cover the following costs:
- Gifts to the ordained pastor and all officiating ministers
  - Banquet fee for the invited guests
  - Miscellaneous costs such as printing and mailing of invitation cards and banquet tickets.

This proposal, approved by the Deacon Board, is subject to the retroactive approval by the members meeting.

Action: Motion accepted

Motion: Deacon Michael WU                      Second: Lorraine LEW                      Motion carried

- 4.2 To decide on the date of the next meeting

Deacon Michael Wu suggested the next meeting to be held at 1:00pm on June 19, 2022, seconded by Victor Tan

Action: Motion accepted

Motion: Deacon Michael WU                      Second: Victor TAN                      Motion carried

- 4.3 To elect the Chairperson of the next meeting

Deacon Chanse Kwok suggested Deacon Michael Wu to be the Chairperson, seconded by Deacon Cary Marr

Action: Deacon Michael WU will be the chairperson for the next meeting.

Motion: Deacon Chanse KWOK                      Second: Deacon Cary MARR                      Motion carried

#### 5. Members' Enquiry and Suggestion

- 1) a) Mrs. Rachel Kwong questioned that in the Personnel Committee report shared by Deacon Chanse in the meeting that her name was mentioned several times. She thought that, according to her understanding, it was her private life to have meal with someone. She complained that she was not informed of putting her name there and she felt that she was not respected by the church to reveal her privacy. She requested the Board to apologize to her.
- b) Deacon Chanse Kwok said that the report was just mentioning the fact, nothing added and nothing removed. If a Pastor who is under the employment with the church met with an applicant with his wife, it was his responsibility to let church know and he should inform the Personnel Committee or Deacon Board, his behavior was very disrespectful to the Personnel Committee, especially this did affect the final hiring decision of the pastor as we are in the process of intending and trying to hire the applicant.
- 2) a) Chung Hoe Tang queried that it is noticeable that a BTBC ordained staff did not appear in Pastor Wayne Huen's ordination ceremony and celebration. He thought it is quite disgraceful for not participating in the event and is a shame to the church. The church has to condemn this.
- b) Deacon Chanse, as the Chair of the Ordination Committee and the Chair of the Board, answered that when we invited the officiating ministers for the ordination ceremony, Rev. Kwong was in the list. We did invite him three times to be the officiating minister. We had done all the right procedures and followed everything according to CBOQ's guidelines but Rev. Kwong still did not accept and kept declining our invitation. It would be better to have Rev. Kwong explained this to the members himself. The Board has tried very best to have a good relationship with our Cantonese Lead Pastor. Please pray for the Board and the deacons to have wisdom to handle this difficulty issue and pray for unity of our church.

6. **Reading of the Meeting Minutes:** Freddie YIP
7. **Closing Prayer:** Rev. Wayne HUEN



### 3.4 司庫—李嘉樂執事

李嘉樂執事提醒會友，如果他們透過電子轉賬進行奉獻，請不要忘記填寫他們的奉獻編號和他們是那一堂的會眾，以助我們記錄有關奉獻。

### 3.5 差傳委員會—郭燦承執事

- a) 今年的差傳年會將於 10 月 14 日至 16 日舉行。主講嘉賓為劉得貴牧師。
- b) 感謝主！藉著弟兄姊妹的慷慨奉獻，讓我們去年的差傳預算能有所盈餘。因此，我們提議增加我們所支持的福音機構及宣教士的支持金額。有關細節確定後，我們會向執事會提交增加後的修訂預算，以供他們批核。

### 3.6 其他 退修會

#### 1) 魏永銓執事

- a) 所有三個堂會各有自己的退修會，我們亦可以稱之為培靈會。
- b) 粵語堂退修會將會在教會禮堂舉行，並接受現場和在線參與。日期是在維多利亞日長週末，從 5 月 20 日到 5 月 22 日。退修會將分為四節：
  - 第 1 節：5 月 20 日星期五晚上 8 時
  - 第 2 節：5 月 21 日星期六上午 10 時 - 上午 11 時 30 分
  - 第 3 節：5 月 21 日星期六下午 2 時 - 下午 3 時 30 分
  - 第 4 節：5 月 22 日星期日上午 11 時 15 分主日崇拜講員為劉樹森牧師。我們主要會為托兒服務和午餐登記。從下週開始，我們將設置攤位，收取午餐費用，並會發送鏈接給弟兄姊妹報名註冊托兒和午餐。只參加聽講道則不用註冊。粵語退修會的海報會於稍後在教會網站上發放。
- c) 國語堂退修會將會與粵語堂同一時間在教會地庫舉行。其間不會供應午餐，但在週五晚上及週六早上，與演講者的問答環節中，會分別提供小吃和早餐。此退修會亦會分為四節：週五晚上、週六早上、週六晚上和周日早上。講員是王成偉牧師。
- d) 李嘉樂執事提醒會友經常查看新的教會網頁，以獲取最新消息。

#### 2) 禰泳豪傳道

英語堂將於 5 月 21 日至 5 月 23 日在 Redeemer University College 舉行實體退修會。他們於早前進行過一項意見調查，大約有 25 人願意參加實體退修會，但至今尚未有實際參加的人數。

退修會會照過往一般舉行，會在現場享用晚餐。特別邀請了北約華人浸信會的 Joel Tang 傳道擔任講員。

## 四. 討論事項

### 4.1 執事會提議接納按牧委員會之要求，提供 \$5,000 的預算，以支付以下費用：

- 致送禮物予受按牧師和主禮牧師團
- 受邀賓客的晚宴費用
- 其他雜項費用，如打印和郵寄邀請卡及晚宴門票等。

經執事會通過，現提請月會追認接納案。

議決：通過接納

吳瞻執事：提

劉艷芳姊妹：和

通過

#### 4.2 商討下次會議日期

吳瞻執事提議 2022 年 6 月 19 日下午一時正舉行雙月會，譚偉滔弟兄和。

議決：通過接納

吳瞻執事：提

譚偉滔弟兄：和

通過

#### 4.3 選出下次會議主席

郭燦承執事提吳瞻執事為下次雙月會主席，馬雋廷執事和。

議決：吳瞻執事為下次雙月會主席。

郭燦承執事：提

馬雋廷執事：和

通過

### 五. 會友諮詢或建議

- 1) a) 鄺師母(Rachel)質疑，在這雙月會上郭燦承執事分享的人事委員會報告中，她的名字被多次提及。照她的理解，她認為跟別人飯聚是她的私生活。她投訴說她沒有被告知她的名字放在那報告上，她覺得教會透露她的隱私是不尊重她，並她要求執事會向她道歉。
- b) 郭燦承執事說，報告只是提到事實，沒有添加，也沒有刪減。如果一位受僱於教會的牧者和他的妻子與應徵者會面，他有責任讓教會知道並應該通知人事委員會或執事會，他的行為是對人事委員會極不尊重，特別是這確實影響到該牧者作出的最終決定，因為我們正在打算並試圖僱用申請人的過程中。
- 2) a) 鄧仲豪弟兄表示，注意到有一位愛證的按立員工沒有出席禰泳豪傳道的按牧典禮和慶祝活動。他認為不參與此活動是相當可恥的，亦是教會的恥辱，教會應于譴責。
- b) 郭燦承執事以按牧委員會主席兼執事會主席的身份，回答說，當我們邀請主禮牧師團參加按牧儀式時，是包括鄺牧師在名單上的。我們確實曾經三度邀請他擔任主禮牧師。我們亦已經遵循了兩省浸聯會(CBOQ)的指示及依照了所有正確的程序辦理一切，但鄺牧師仍然沒有接受並繼續拒絕了我們的邀請。最好是讓鄺牧師能親自向會友解釋此事。執事會已盡了最大努力與我們的粵語主領牧師建立良好的關係。請為執事會和所有執事祈禱讓他們有智慧來處理這個難題，並為我們教會的合一祈禱。

### 六. 書記宣讀今次會議紀錄 — 葉偉忠幹事

### 七. 結束祈禱 — 禰泳豪牧師