

# DFBC Annual Meeting September 21st, 2025 Agenda

- 1. WELCOME Prayer
- 2. ENCOURAGEMENT
- 3. 1:00 pm CALL MEETING TO ORDER suggested time of adjournment:
- 4. AGENDA MOTION TO ACCEPT
- 5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS (June)MEETING MOTION TO APPROVE
- 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
  - a. Congregational Meeting dates: February 8 and June 14, 2026.
  - b. Other?

#### 7. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Fiscal Year End Financial Report MOTION TO ACCEPT
- Proposed Budget (Amended) **MOTION** TO ACCEPT
- AUDIT Audit completed by Mark T and Scott K Nominate auditors
- 8. CLERK Report (for Jan 2024 Dec 2024)
- 9. REPORT HIGHLIGHTS AND DISCUSSION
  - LEADERSHIP TEAM
  - STEWARDSHIP TEAM
    - o Treasurer/Bookkeeper
  - MISSION AND MERCY TEAM
    - Community Liasson
    - Global Missions
    - Meet Your Neighbour and Fireside Ministry
    - o GriefShare
    - o MOMCO
  - SUNDAY MORNING TEAM
    - Music and Sound
    - o Kid's Church
  - PASTOR REPORT



### **MOTION** TO ACCEPT REPORTS AS PRESENTED

10.NOMINATIONS REPORT (Amended) - **MOTION** TO ACCEPT

- 11.NEW and ONGOING BUSINESS
  - Fall and Christmas plans
- 12.PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING
  - MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

## **DFBC Semi-Annual Meeting June 22, 2025**

Moderator: Karin Fendick

32 people in Attendance \* Adherent

Ash, Abbie Kish, Scott Northrup, Mark\* Bergen, Mary Kish, Vanessa Paziuk, Mary\* Lind, Cordell De La Mare, Wendy Rempel, Evelyn Fendick, Rick Lind, Dylan Strang, Carla Fendick, Karin Lind Loralyn Tiefenbach, Mark\* Friesen, Dale McCallum, Gloria Van Otterloo, Rebecca

Friesen, Medora McLean, Emilee\* Wowchuk, BJ Hart, Bill Meidl, Lee Wowchuk, Faye Humberstone, Bob Meidl, Ray Yeo, Marg\*

Humberstone, Heather Northrup, Marie

1. Welcome and Prayer: Karin Fendick

2. Encouragement: Karin Fendick

- 3. Call to order at 1:00 PM and suggested time of adjournment at 2:00 PM.
- 4. Wendy De La Mare made the motion to accept the agenda. Seconded by Carla Strang –carried
- Cordell Lind motioned to accept the previous minutes. Seconded by Rick Fendick carried (corrections: McCullam corrected to McCallum)
- 6. Rebecca gave update on the Refugees, and Carla gave update on Parkland Crossing.
- 7. a. Treasurer Report \$13,406.00 monthly goal. We are at 75% of our budget right on track. Abbie motioned to approve proposed budget. Seconded by Dale Friesen carried
  - b. Ministry Team Report Emilee will help lead as Communion Steward, we are still looking for Hospitality Coordinator. Cordell motioned to approve teams as presented. Seconded by Vanessa carried
  - c. Delegate reports: Loralyn presented Debra Cwir's report (will be in the June 28, 2025 email bulletin). Dale Friesen presented his report. Encouraged everyone to go to Assembly. It was a great experience. We are a part of something bigger. Loralyn

presented report: 4 ordinands this year, 24 possibly lined up for next year. Pray for new executive minister.

- 8. No questions for Pastor
- 9. a. New Business Summer Plans: Job Share, Summer Sundays still 11:00 am, bring snacks for after services, and MYN Firesides are all on provided the weather is good.
  - b. Fall Plans: Encourage everyone to invite friends to Church Prayers of Thanksgiving: Lee M thankful for Granddaughters healing. Dale F prayed.
- 10. Next meeting: Annual Meeting September 21, 2025
- 11. Rick Fendick motioned to adjourn. 1:54 pm adjournment

Thanks to Ed and Wayne for washing dishes!!

Minutes taken by BJ Wowchuk

## **8. CLERK:** Ed Froese (The ever-available signer, encourager, fix it guy)

## Roll changes from January 1st, 2024 to December 31st, 2024

New Members:	9
Baptisms:	0
Decrease in Membership:	1
Members Deceased:	1
Members withdrawn:	0
Totals on December 31st, 2024	
Active Members:	49
Non-Active/non-resident Members:	15
Adherents:	26
Total Attending: (over 16 years old)	75

## 9. REPORT HIGHLIGHTS AND DISCUSSION

## **LEADERSHIP TEAM:** Karin Fendick (Chair)

As I sit down to reflect on this past year, I'm filled with gratitude—for the faithfulness of God, the dedication of our leadership team, and the resilience of our church family. This year was rich with growth, grace, and moments that reminded us why we serve.

## A Year of Prayer and Listening

Our leadership team met regularly throughout the year, not just to make decisions, but to pray, listen, and discern. We approached each meeting with humility, knowing that leadership in the church is not about control—it's about listening to

the Lord and guiding from His prompting. It's about holding space for others to flourish, and about being attentive to the Spirit's leading.

"let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance" Proverbs 1:5



We welcomed a new voice to the table this year, and I was deeply encouraged by the way leaders mentored each other. There was a beautiful rhythm of wisdom and fresh perspective, and it gave me hope for the future of our church.

### **Moments That Mattered**

Some of the most meaningful moments weren't found in spreadsheets or agendas—they were found in quiet conversations, disagreements handled with grace, prayer texts, and the quiet ways our team showed up for one another. Whether it was rejoicing in some church members being part of an area wide project to assist a refugee family, supporting our pastor, or simply celebrating small wins together, we lived out the gospel in tangible ways.



We also took time to reflect on our mission and vision, asking hard questions about where we're headed and who we're becoming. That process isn't always easy, but it is necessary. And I believe we'll emerge with a clearer sense of purpose and a deeper commitment to being a church that loves well and leads wisely.

### **Challenges We Faced**

We had to rethink how we engage people—not just in programs, but in relationships. We learned that leadership isn't only about managing—it's about cultivating.

We faced practical challenges: budget constraints, facility needs, and the everpresent tension between tradition and innovation. But through it all, our team remained united, rooted in prayer, and committed to serving with integrity.

## **Looking Ahead with Hope**

As we step into a new season, I'm excited about what's ahead. We're exploring new ways to love each other and our community, investing in leadership development, and dreaming about how we can be a greater blessing to Dauphin and beyond.

### **Final Words of Gratitude**

To each member of our leadership team: Brett, Carla, Vanessa and Wendy - thank you. Your prayers, your presence, and your perseverance have made a difference.

To our congregation: thank you for trusting us, praying for us, and walking with us. And to our God: thank You for being our Shepherd, our Friend, and our Source of all things.

"Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain." — Psalm 127:1 With love, prayers and gratitude,





## **STEWARDSHIP TEAM:** BJ Wowchuk (Team Secretary)

1. Report

Assigned to: BJ/Loralyn Target date: Sept 8 Completed: yes no

2. Some other completed items:

Offerings counted, deposited, distributed and recorded; recycling and new garbage bin cement pad (in green space); salt and sand delivery confirmed for winter parking lot; bought new rope lights for steeple; key lock box in Admin closet; computers upgraded; fire extinguishers maintained; oven pilot light cleaned and re-lit; custodian contract written and signed; red and brown office chairs rebuilt (yeh BJ); got some snow off roof; researched snow guards for roof; put out warning signs; purchased new doorknob for elevator; efficient monthly meetings; new chair person; built new budget; kitchen tap



tightened; parking lot graded and graveled; new camera installed at back; many more fix-its around this large, ageing, God-given building in thanksgiving and joy.

### **Treasurer:** Abbie Ash

I feel blessed that I've had another year working alongside our amazing bookkeeper, Angie, to take care of our finances. I pray that we continue to share our generosity and faithfulness through financial giving and that the lord continues to provide everything we need to take care of our building and congregation. I look forward to what the lord has planned for our church this next year. May we continue to be a source of inspiration and blessing to those around us! Abbie

## **Bookkeeper:**

Wow! TEN years as DFBC's bookkeeper has flown by! It continues to be a privilege and honour to see firsthand how God not only takes care of DFBC financially but blesses so many—near and far—through the generosity of this congregation! God continues to show Himself faithful as we partner with Him through our 'firstfruit' offerings. As I've said many times over the years, THANK YOU for sharing



in the ministry of Dauphin First Baptist Church – it is a JOY and a BLESSING! Phil 4:19 - And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

## MISSION AND MERCY TEAM: Carla Strang (Chair)



Mission and Mercy Team continues to be a dream to lead. They are dedicated and faithful and I am so thankful for them all!

We continued in May with our third annual Meet Your Neighbour BBQ which was another huge success and lots of people stopped by for hot dogs and refreshments. We have also continued to Bless the community with homemade treasures from our Stitch n Stuff Group. Mark N and his Musketeers have continued to bless the PCH with

melodies they love to clap and sing along to. A highlight for sure was once again praying for the Churches in our community during the month of March, as Jesus calls us to do. We were also able to Bless Dauphin and District Ministerial that month with a pizza lunch at their meeting. The Community Meal has been able to continue even with the selling of Parkland Crossing in January. The hot meal is a Blessing to all those accessing Food Bank every second Thursday. We are so very thankful to God for trusting DFBC with this wonderful outreach ministry and we ask all of you to pray for Dauphin and District Food Bank and The Community Meal as God leads in their uncertain (to us 1) future in 2026. Thank You,

### **Community Liaison and Community Meal**

It's hard to believe another year has flown by already! It's been a busy year for DFBC in our community for sure. Each month all of you help us to Bless those in our community with prayer, support and many needed items and we Thank You for your generosity . One highlight for sure is that we were able to Bless 5 families with Christmas Hampers this year instead of 3. Many thanks to Mary P for once again



leading up this endeavor and seeing it through to completion.

The Community Meal has done a lot of planning and replanning over the last year,

since the sale of Parkland Crossing Building. Currently we are permitted to stay along with Food Bank in the building until the end of January 2026. We have secured a cook and sponsors until the end of 2025 now and we are giving all the THANKS TO GOD, for continuing to look after this meal the way only He can. Big thanks to Dave for all his help in leading this food security program! Praise be to God!

Carla Strang

#### **Global Missions**

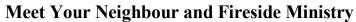
Mark 16:15 "Go into all the world and preach the gospel" We can do that right here in our community. We can also support Global partnerships through prayer, financially and with communication.

Our Global partners in Bolivia are **Tim and Kallie Hutton** along with their daughter Malina.

I enjoyed joining the Brandon First Baptist Church for their Sunday morning service on June 28<sup>th</sup> of this year where Tim and Kallie spoke. They shared about their work in Bolivia and Kallie shared the word. Her theme was on community. I enjoyed a brief visit with them after the service.

In their recent fall newsletter, they shared the results of the country's election. Because the vote was so close, another

Bolivian election will be held in October. The two frontrunners are good choices. Mary Bergen



It has been a joy to host these two events weekly in our park behind the church.

I see them being an effective outreach to the community with a direct connection to the church building.

We have had many great weather days and good discussion as we sat in a circle.

Thank you to Mark and Marie, Mary B. and Eva for their consistent attendance and goodies to share. Thank you to others for coming out to join us.





Thank you to Dale and Medora for hosting us at the lake. The Firesides will soon end for the year and the MYM will move inside for the winter but keep praying for those we meet and to whom we minister. Mark Tiefenbach



### Stitch N Stuff

It has been a very busy and productive year here at Stitch and Stuff. We sent a lot of Afghans and Scarves and Hats and other miscellaneous things to The Women's shelter and to the Palliative care. We have also lost 4 people in our group who have all moved. I am hoping to find more people to start up this year God Willing. Please keep us in your Prayers as to what God wants the direction for us is.

Yours faithfully in Christ, Lee Meidl

#### GriefShare

After nearly a decade of faithful dedication to this ministry, Bill will no longer be facilitating the GriefShare program. Many have been helped through difficult seasons in their lives and we are so thankful for Bill, his helpers and all those who participated through the years.

#### **MOMCO**

With grateful hearts we move into a new year of MOMCO at Dauphin First Baptist Church.

This past MOMCO year we had 13 Monday morning sessions. We had 16 moms attend and 27 children which included welcoming 4 new babies!!! We also hosted a moms movie night and play sessions in the church basement. Our theme was "Wild Hope" where we focused our conversations on being Open to Receive, Building Endurance and Living Passionately.

One highlight of our year was building a connection with the Country Coordinator (Global Ministry Developer) for MOMCO Canada. In doing so we received exciting ideas and wisdom for ensuring continued longevity and success of MOMCO in Dauphin. This connection with the larger MOMCO family included being invited to a MOMCO summit in Winnipeg where 5 of the Dauphin steering team members were able to travel to Winnipeg and attend. This opportunity provided priceless team building as well as beneficial insight into growing strength and faith in our current program. Thank you, Dauphin First Baptist Church, for supporting this opportunity.

As we move into this new year at MOMCO we are excited to welcome the moms and children back where we will continue to build our relationships with one another and God. Our MOMCO Theme this year is "Make it Awkward" where we will dive into being "real", fostering personal growth and deeper connections.





Thank-you to steering team members Kylia VonBargen and Colleen Sulatyski who won't be joining us at MOMCO this year. We are grateful for their hearts and will miss them on the team.

Once again, we have endless gratitude for Vanessa Kish (KidCo coordinator) and the volunteers who take the time to care for our children. Our mornings would not be successful without them.

Thanks as well to MOMCO Mentor Nicole Schwartz. Nicole's wisdom helps guide our hearts. Her prayers and hugs are so very appreciated.

And last but not least we give thanks to Dauphin First Baptist Church and Loralyn who allow us the opportunity of offering MOMCO. We know MOMCO benefits moms, families and the greater community, and we thank you for trusting us with this mission.

Current MOMCO Steering team:

Shandi Ives- Co-CoordInator Loni Todoruk- Co-Coordinator Christine Thiele- Treasurer Sam Panko- Communications MOMCO Mentor- Nicole Schwartz KidCo Coordinator- Vanessa Kish

Thank you All ♥ Loni Todoruk

### **SUNDAY MORNING TEAM**

## **Music & Sound Report**

It's been another year of working alongside wonderful people. As we prepare for joining with the whole congregation we get to share some life anecdotes, laughs, concerns, ideas and prayers. So grateful for all who participate.

The song, Holy Forever, inspired parts of the advent and Christmas services and ones during the Easter season. A couple versions of Joy to the World were sung with enthusiasm during the town parade. A line dance was adapted for Joy to the World and it was fun to learn the steps with many willing participants!

In early April, just before the Easter season we welcomed the music group who led the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Praise Night at our church building. It was well attended including several young families. Crafts and snacks were available for the children, organized by the mom of one of the musicians. The children sang, danced, crafted or snacked throughout the evening.



It was so appreciated to have the Kids Church class introduce the Holy Lord song, including actions, and accompanied on the piano by one of their very own classmates.

The new sound board has been working well. We appreciate being able to make sound adjustments while we practice, using the ipad remotely. It was requested to trial a lyric program that is connected with CCLI. Although it has a couple features that are appreciated, we are still deciding on which program to use. As time allows, other user-friendly lyric program options may



be tried. Scott is researching options for boosting sound to congregants with hearing aids, and so he would like to know which hearing aids people use.

Again, thank you!!... musicians, singers, sound technicians, service leaders, church family. Trusting in God's leading for the year to come and wanting to walk, sing and play our songs, in His good way.





Vanessa and Scott Kish

#### **Kids Church**

In Kids' church for the 2024/25 year, we used the Shine Curriculum to guide our Sunday mornings. This included praying together, hearing a Bible story, and doing a related game or activity. We had an average of ten kids, from kindergarten to grade 6, attend kids' church on a weekly

grade 6, attend kids' church on a weekly basis. We had had an offering every week. For

the first half of the year, we donated our money to a "Kids at Risk" program through the Canadian Baptist Ministries. For the second half of the year, we donated our money to the Community Meal program organized through our

church. For Palm Sunday, the kids practiced for several weeks and presented a skit and song to the congregation – it was a joy to see the kids play their parts. We also enjoyed some time together bowling in the winter, and at our windup barbecue in early summer. We hope and pray that God's love will grow within each of these precious children. We are blessed that we can be a part of it! Rebecca van Otterloo, Mary Paziuk, and Eva Purdey

### PASTOR REPORT

If you followed me around this past year, you might have found me:

- planning meetings in my office
- making coffee, washing dishes, rearranging chairs in our church building
- driving
- deep in conversation with our leadership
- waving to the crowds from an incredible float in the Dauphin Parade of Lights
- standing at the front of our church sanctuary on most Sunday mornings
- sitting around the table with the DDMA (Dauphin and District Ministerial Association)
- having a picnic with the Westman Cluster (Canadian Baptists of Western Canada Western Manitoba Pastors)
- singing along in the congregation at Assembly (the gathered decision-making church reps of the CBWC) in Calgary

I almost always have my phone and computer nearby. I almost always am engaged in or a breath away from my life conversation with the lover of my soul, the maker of the universe, the giver of all good gifts, my reason, joy and comfort. I don't want to make decisions contrary to His heart. I see Him everywhere. Especially in the hopes and commitments of His people.

Are we closer to our God, do we know Him better today than last year? I trust we are closer and do know Him better because I believe what He has asked/called me to do and be reflects His love to everyone I meet. And He accomplishes what He sets out to do. I'm learning He's like that. Faithful, kind, generous — I for sure see that in the people He's gathered around me.

And in His Word. This past year we studied Pictures of Salvation, The Holy Spirit, Habakkuk and the jobs God has given us to do.

As this is an historical document that future congregants of DFBC might chance upon, I should mention a few things not reflected in the previous reports.

- The "Den" is used weekly by Alanon all year and by WOE (Words of Encouragement) youth Bible study through the school year
- The building is always lovingly decorated with live plants and the creative genius of Vanessa. Vanessa also maintains a high degree of organization in the storage attic and multiple other storage rooms as well as paints and fixes tables and things
- We own lots of tables but never enough tablecloths
- Laundry gets done by assorted folk always secretly appears clean and folded in the kitchen drawers

- Norm faithfully led services at Loray Manor (organized by our own Mary Bell) and at PCH but has now retired.
- Sam shoveled our snow during the week.
- The elevator still works but is getting old.
- Palm Sunday included the kids/guys doing emergency flood help at Paziuks'
- We had 2 really fun, loud, games nights this summer. I love those kids
- Gerry, our neighbour, gifted the church with some amazing art pieces that we used at Christmas and Easter.
- BJ is a master of acquisition, finding deals and treasures (like donated fireplaces) with joy and enthusiasm

This report is officially too long, even though I left so much out. I'll finish off with some more pictures and a prayer.









Lord, for this faithful, amazing group of Your beloved, thank you. For each new face seeking You, for the treasures in the back row, for the joys and sorrows we get to live together, thank you. And so we continue with You, together. Amen

With much love, Loralyn

