

Jacob's Well Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes
543 Powell St., Vancouver, BC
Jacob's Well in-person/ Online hybrid meeting April 16, 2024
7:00-8:00 pm

We are a faith-based community located in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver. We seek mutually transformative friendship with people on the margins of society and equip others to do the same in their own context.

Attending in person: Tanya Auton – Strolz, Julia Baylis, Bill Beauregarde, Joben David, Denise Decloux, Cornelius Dyck, Jett Lau, Jay Lindsey, Jonathan Ng, Matt Rusnak, Jérôme Salamoni, Will Schren, Chris Sundby, Charlotte Taverner

Attending online: Beverley Kochuk, Greg Kochuk

Welcome and Call to Order – Jon (outgoing chair)

Jon called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm. Quorum was met.

Approval of Agenda – Jon

Joben motioned to approve the agenda, Denise seconded, all were in favour.

Approve and File Previous Annual Meeting Minutes – Julia (secretary)

Denise motioned to approve the 2023 AGM minutes, Jon seconded, all were in favour.

Board Member changes – Jon

Jon introduced board members who have joined in the last year: Charlotte Taverner, Bev Kochuk (not able to attend), and Cornelius Dyck. Jon has stepped down from his role as chair of the board but will remain a board member. Thank you to Jon for his leadership.

Staff Updates – Joben (executive director)

Current Jacob's Well staff members are Joben, Chris, Heath, Joyce, and Khitam. Aaron is on extended leave.

Executive Director's Report/Stories – Joben

Joben presented the 2023 annual executive director's report, describing weekly rhythms at Jacob's Well, highlights of the past year, reflecting on the community members who passed away in 2023, and looking ahead to the coming year.

Please see the 2023 Community Report for details.

Annual Financial Report – Denise (treasurer)

Denise provided a general review of Jacob's Well's finances. Jacob's Well has adequate revenue and some funds in the bank, but expenses have increased. The biggest source of revenue is online donations. Jacob's Well needs to increase its donations and fundraising to avoid depleting the bank account. Jacob's Well plans to work on increasing donor contact and expanding fundraising with the Raise for the Well fundraiser and Door & Table concert series.

Financial Goals for 2024 - Introduce 2024 Capital Campaign - Joben

Given the ongoing instability of the building being for sale, it is time to raise money to buy a building. Jacob's Well needs to have a sustainable meeting place if we are committed to being in this neighbourhood. Over the next 4-8 months Jacob's Well will be building a group to help raise the capital. Stay tuned for more news on the capital campaign!

Any other business - Joben

Thank you to everyone who comes through the doors of Jacob's Well. Thank you also to the churches who support Jacob's Well, to our Board, staff, and many others.

Singing – Jon

The group spent some time singing in honour of Jacob's Well's usual Tuesday evening worship night, and ended with The Whole World and the Leaving Prayer.

Adjournment – Jon

Bill motioned to adjourn the meeting, Joben seconded, and all were in favour. The meeting ended at 7:58 pm.

49 minutes total running time