

FRASER VALLEY GLEANERS SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JUNE 15, 2021
85 WINSON ROAD, ABBOTSFORD, B.C. V2S8E8

1. Ed Klassen opened the meeting and welcomed all those present.

2. Invocation and prayer – Dave Traub shared some of his personal experiences with Covid19. Living in a care home had its restrictions but Dave was very grateful that Gleaners gave him the task to phone volunteers and ask how they were doing and if they needed prayer. Dave called the volunteers a second time when Gleaners was getting ready to open again and just let the volunteers know what the Health mandate would be if they were coming to Gleaners. Dave was so very grateful to be able to have this connection with the volunteers and He thanked God for being in control. Dave read Psalm 145 and we were reminded that Jesus was sent into the world to love the world and grant us eternal life. God loves us and wants the best for us. His love endures forever! He is good to all and has compassion on us all. Dave opened with prayer.

3. The **Agenda** was approved as presented. MSC: MVriend/HJanzen

4. **Minutes of 2020 AGM:** Motion was made to accept the minutes as written.
MSC: CVanMuyen/EGoosen

5. **President's report** – Ed Klassen presented this report. Gleaners was shut down in the middle of March and all volunteers had a break but the staff continued to do a lot of maintenance work. Ed also thanked the board for all the work they do and thanked Vic, Mark and Marilyn whose terms on the board are done. Ed informed the members that Teen Challenge had bought acreage in Surrey which cost them \$2 million and they managed to pay it off within 6 months. This is again our reminder that God is in control and this is His ministry.

A motion was made to accept this report as presented. MSC: EKlassen/NKranitz

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. **Financial Report and Internal Review Report for 2020 and Proposed budget for 2021.** Bill Spyksma thanked Andy Baak for doing the review he also thanked Mel Penner who faithfully each week volunteers to do the financial work that needs to be done. Contributions continue to come in but because of covid19 we have not spent as much money as we would have if we had continued being open with full volunteer compacity. It is our desire to continue to feed as many people throughout the world that we possibly can and we thank God for his many financial blessings to Gleaners.

It was moved to accept the Financial Report as presented. MSC: Bill Spyksma/JVriend

Proposed budget 2021 – Bill indicated that the only real change to this budget was the ability to buy some produce if we needed to.

It was moved to accept the Proposed Budget for 2021 as presented.

MSC: Bill Syksma/AvdMeulen

7. Plant Manager's Report – Carl Goosen shared with us that each day his prayer is that He is in charge of Gleaners and that we are trusting God for his faithfulness each day. These prayers are being answered and we witness miracles in all we are doing. Carl thanked all the volunteers who come faithfully and forwearing masks as we have been mandated to do. Soon we will be done with this. We will continue to work as a team and thank God for His goodness.

A motion was made to accept Carl's report as presented. MSC: CGoosen/DTraub

Ed thanked Carl, Elaine and Joel for their dedication. Ed also noted tht volunteer hours were cut in half but we still were able to sent out 12 million servings.

8. Facility and Maintenance Report – Case Van Muyen gave this report. Carl, Ben and Jim are also a part of this committee. Carl knows what needs fixing and who to call on to do it. Maintenance and repairs continue to be done as they come up.

It was moved to accept Case's report as presented. MSC: CVMuyen/Vern Adrian

9. Celebration and Hospitality Report – Ann VanderMeulen gave this report. Ann informed the members that she loves working here but does not like this part of her 'job'. ☺ We have been able to have coffee all together as some of the volunteers have coffee outside. Ann also mentioned her disappointment that due to Covid 19 we had to cancel our annual banquet again. We trust in 2022 we will be able to enjoy that once again.

It was motioned to accept this report as presented. MSC: AVDMeulen/NKrannitz

Ed thanked the committee for all the great treats and delicious coffee that we receive each day.

10. Kitchen/Recycling Report – Ann VanderMeulen also gave this report. We are grateful to all those who donate their bottles etc. for recycling. The report indicates that we raised \$6,730.95 in 2020!

It was motioned to accept this report as presented. MSC: AVDMeulen/CVMuyen

Thank you to Brian for all the re-cycling he looks after. We appreciate his endeavours in this area.

11. Public Relations Report – Bob Neufeld shared that the hymn To God be the glory, great things He has done! Is very meaningful to him. He indicted tht Gleaners is an amazing place to work. He thanked Elaine for all the work she does concerning Public Relations.

A motion was made to accept this report. MSC: BNeufeld/JVriend

12. Liaison Report for Adult & Teen Challenge (Patricia House) Report – Bob Spyksma gave this report. Many wonderful things are happening at the house. The following is a quote from his report: ‘This past year has seen significant change at Patricia House; with the granting of zoning exemption by the ALC to allow Adult and Teen Challenge continued use of Patricia House as a shelter for women. (A real answer from the prayers of the people). The purchase of a new facility in Langley by Adult and Teen Challenge, the moving of women’s addiction counselling to the Langley facility and the re-purposing of Patricia House as a post counselling and disciplining facility for women. The Fraser Valley Gleaners and Adult and Teen Challenge are working together closely as this new mandate for Patricia House is being developed.

A motion was made to accept this report as presented. MSC: BobSpyksma/BNeufeld

13. Nominations Report and Election of Directors – Marilyn Vriend presented the following motions to the members:

That Ed Klassen and Case Van Muyen be re-elected for another 2 year term.
MSC: MVriend/AVDMeulen

That Don Sears be elected as a director to the board for a two year term.
MSC: MVriend/NKrannitz

That Jim Vriend be elected as a director to the board for a two year term.
MSC: MVriend/BNeufeld

14. Human Resources Report – Bob Spyksma thanked our management team for all that they had to endure during the past year with Covid 19. They have guided us through this pandemic and we say THANK YOU! Bob also read of the names of those volunteers who have been called home in the last year. We thank God for them and pray for their families.

A motion was made to accept this report as presented. MSC: BobSpyksma/AVDMeulen

15. Sourcing Report – Carl shared this report. God continues to supply us with vegetables needed for the soup mix and for that we are grateful. Last year we sent out 12 million servings of soup inspite of the pandemic. We are blessed!

A motion was made to accept this report as written. MSC: CGoosen/JVriend

17 Carl introduced our speaker Peter Breederland. Peter was one of the first people to get involved in the establishing of Fraser Valley Gleaners. Peter owned a pepper farm and it bothered him when he had to grade his peppers and the seconds were no good for market. He would have to compost them and he realized he had to think of a way to make good use out of

all those peppers and not compost them. Along the way Peter was introduced to John Martens from Oliver Gleaners and that began the discussion of sending all those peppers and other vegetables gleaned in the Fraser Valley to Oliver. In the meantime MCC owned the land that Gleaners currently sits on and were watching what this group of people were thinking of doing. MCC then offered the use of this land for 15 years at a dollar a year. After that Gleaners bought the land at fair market value and a fundraiser was had and the land was paid off within a year. Peter, with several other volunteers who had a vision for Gleaners, became a member of the Board and the last 20 years have been years of seeing Gods goodness and faithfulness in this ministry. Peter used the analogy that each of us has a piece of the puzzle and our pieces fit into that puzzle and so we continue completing this puzzle. He also referred to 2 Kings 4 where the woman's oil never ran out. At gleaners we have never run out of produce and at times have had to pray for frozen food/pulses etc and we always have had these products provided. God is good! His faithfulness endures forever!

19. Closing comments and prayer by Carl.