

# Minutes of the church gathering of Kew Baptist Church held in the church hall on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 11:20am

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## **1 Opening and prayer (James)**

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James opened the meeting in prayer and welcomed attendees at approximately 11:20am. James noted that the attendance book was circulating.

## **2 General Items of Business**

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### **2.1 Circulation of attendance book.**

### **2.2 Minutes church meeting, 13 August 2017 (James)**

Passed as accurate record of August meeting.

### **2.3 Membership Matters (James)**

Jennalyce Pickering – Visited by David and Mari Atkinson

Ben and Bec Ramsay – Visited by James Docking

Membership applications – Passed unanimously

### **2.4 Finance Report (Michael Nguyen)**

Michael provided an update which covered the following: As per circulated reports

- *October loss of \$1635, surplus currently okay*
- *Income is slightly down, and be tracking downwards with time*
- *KBC needs to find ways to increase giving as expenses are well in hand*

## **3 Elections (James)**

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### **3.1 Deacons**

Deidre Wiliis – Retiring and not seeking reelection

James Docking – Overwhelmingly elected

David Atkinson – Overwhelmingly elected

### **3.2 BUV Delegates**

Ben Cronshaw and Paul Pallot have volunteered to be delegates.

Passed - Unanimously

## **4 Seeking God's guidance: prayer and discussion**

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### **4.1 Property Steering Group (David Constantine)**

David Constantine deputised for Casey Tan who is overseas at present. Casey has done a big job to move the process along. PSG initially meeting weekly, now less often but ascertaining clear guiding principles and what can be practically be achieved. A thorough analysis of the financing based on the Studio B proposal has been undertaken. The main unknown at this time is the heritage status for the House.

### **4.2 10am Service Review**

What should we be thinking and praying about for the future in how to position the 10am service. Trying to reimagine the church for the future.

Motion: A 6 month trial of 10AM service in Hall with once a month communion service in the church building. (E.G. 3 services per month in the Hall) Moved: James Docking, Seconded: Phil Prior.

Key Feedback:

Data projection and music have been a bit awkward during trials thus far, this needs to be corrected. Need more training and planning to facilitate services properly.

Clarification required: one in four services in the church.

Further comments on music needing to be good. Focus to be on worship not on small groups or dialoguing around tables.

Hard to make changes but understand the necessity.

Hall has many advantages but must not lose focus on worship.

What does participatory mean? (in relation to services in the Hall)

The motion was passed by a large majority. (A No vote was not requested)

## **5 Other matters – Questions**

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### **5.1 Questions**

### **5.2 Suggested Meeting Dates for 2018**

March 25, July 29, November 25

## **6 Prayer and Close**

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The meeting was closed at 12:25pm