

Minutes of the church gathering of Kew Baptist Church held in the church hall on 26th March 2017 at 11:20am

1 Opening and prayer (James)

James opened the meeting in prayer and welcomed attendees at approximately 11:15am. James noted that the attendance book was circulating.

2 Attendance

Circulation of attendance book.

3 Minutes church meeting, Nov 2016 (James)

Passed as accurate record of November meeting.

4 Membership Matters (Sheila)

Joe Short from Tasmania would like to become a member. Recommended by Sheila, Passed Unanimously.

S & A Chatelier, the current KSR managers leaving KBC, but would like become members of hostel association. Passed. Unanimously

5 Finance Report (Michael Nguyen)

Michael provided an update which covered the following: Ephesians 2:8-10 as an introduction.

- As report which has been circulated. Net loss of \$12,800 so far this year
- Offering is only down \$5,500.
- Some expenses are up, Studio Be, Global Mission, Personnel costs
- Giving by night church congregation
- Dip in congregation of Christmas continues to be an issue.
- Average offering is \$34 per person per week. Need to get average of \$40-\$50 per week.
- James moves, Lauren Pickering seconded that the Finance report be approved. Passed

6 BUV Delegates (James)

2 People need to attend 2 meetings each year. No volunteers at present.

7 With a Mission Update (Christina)

Christina from the VNC congregation shared about "With A Mission" for 2018.

Need to raise \$20,000 for next mission trip. Helping people in Vietnam. Have built houses and provide medical check for hundreds of people. In 2018 3-10th of January, 4 hours from Ho Chi Minh city. About 12,000 believers mostly ethnic minorities. Government is trying to shut down small churches.

Fundraising events, lunches and other events plus regular sponsorship needed.

8 Recommendation to appoint Khoi Doan as Pastor (Nicholas)

Diaconate has approved the re-appointment of Khoi Doan as Pastor for the Vietnamese congregation. Khoi is working towards accreditation with the BUV. Ratified by the church. Moved, Nicholas Tuohy. Seconded, James Docking Passed unanimously

9 Highbury Common Update (Nicholas)

Space has been created. What to do with the fence – need to discuss with Council. Due to heritage overlay a permit is required to change the fence.

Made contact with CamCare a community group which provides organic food to the community. We are seeking to donate vegetables to this organisation.

KBC is getting more inquiries for use of the space.

10 Student Residence Update (Peter Todd)

S & J Chatelier moving onto China in later July. Need to celebrate their service and ministry. Process to seek new managers started some months ago. Very high quality applicants. A recommendation has been formed and will be brought to the deacons on Tuesday 28th. If it moves forward it will then need to be approved by the church.

11 Leadership Retreat Update (James in lieu of Sarah Vernon)

Time of reflection and what is God wanting to call us to. In the past building has dominated but more open this time.

- Prayer
- Interconnectedness between congregations and generations

- Property Masterplan
- Community outreach
- How to develop the 10AM ministry for the future

12 Ministry Team Reports (Nicholas Tuohy)

A community of volunteers. We want to support members to use initiative and build ministry opportunities.

General questions. Mel Hill. Was in South Sudan now in Uganda at refugee camps. Identified a need for a portable ultrasound machine. Now two machines have been made available due to gifts from Churches including KBC.

13 Property Development (James)

Where we have been, where we are now, where we are going.

Road Map was presented

Key Action item is to appoint committee (Steering Group) and develop processes for the future.

Very important to have a sustainable financial model.

13.1 Using our buildings now for revenue

Brochure put together by Hannah Constantine to describe hiring of hall. Now have an abundance of inquiries for Hall hire.

14 Prayer and close (James D)

The meeting was closed at 12:25pm