

Minutes of the church gathering of Kew Baptist Church held in the church hall on 13th August 2017 at 11:30am

Opening and prayer (James)

James opened the meeting with Revelation 2: (Letter to Ephesus) and prayer then welcomed attendees at approximately 11:30am. James noted that the attendance book was circulating.

Attendance

Circulation of attendance book.

Minutes church meeting, March 2016 (James)

Passed as accurate record of November meeting.

Membership Matters (Sheila)

Rory O'Reilly, Laura Whitney, Sam Ward, Mark and Amy Gellie, David and Jacquie Purnell were approved for membership. Unanimously passed.

Yen Nguen, by baptism, and transfers from other churches for Lan Truong, Chau Nguyen.

Finance Report (Michael Nguyen)

Michael provided an update which covered the following:

- *Financial Reports*
- *Goals and challenges*
- *2017-2018 budget*

Net loss of \$10000 for financial year. Loss of income and increased expenditure.

Graphical reports were presented. 66% to wages, ministry 15%, Admin 4%, Property 4%.

Online direct debit is now about 80%

In future the VNC will be included in the totals.

For this current year. 137 people on average gave \$33 per week. Need to get this up to \$35 average.

If each person can give \$2 more then we could give 40% of budget to mission.

Expect to consolidate VNC accounts.

Seeking ideas from the congregation about closing the gap.

The treasurer moved the new budget for 2017-2018. Approved.

Update on leadership meeting (James Docking)

BUV church health team is undertaking a review currently. Rev Mark Wilkinson is currently doing this now. Mark also ran leaders through the NCLS data. (This was sent out on email and on website) Some things that we do well – Worship, Preaching, Teaching. People are coming and going but we are equipping people on the way.

KBC was only one of two out of 60 churches who asked the BUV to help interpret the results.

Creative Festival Update (Lauren Pickering)

21st of October. Major family day community event.

Looking for ways of providing outlets for creative gifts that people have.

Plan, Pray and attend.

General Property Updates (David Atkinson for Phil Prior)

Ramps, heaters, toilets, Highbury Common all repaired or in progress.

Special thanks to Tom Elliot and a colleague for the plumbing work to remove all the old gas heaters and pipes which were quite unsafe.

MMC Steering Group (James Docking)

Background on the KBC development.

Casey Tan provided further information on what the steering group will be doing. All will be based on our calling as a church.

- Open and Transparent
- Accountable
- Vision effective and value for money

Need the prayers of the congregation to move this along.

“The Leadership Team recommends the establishment of the Mission and Ministry Centre Steering Group to be appointed to oversee the implementation of the Church’s decision to move forward with the property masterplan. The Steering Group will be

guided by a charter prepared by the Leadership Team, and will undertake the steps and processes needed to engage stakeholders, research financial, legal and other obligations and options, and help move the church towards the goals and outcomes of our Mission and Ministry Centre. The MMC Steering Group is accountable to report regularly to the Leadership Team, and is ultimately accountable to the Church. Any decisions pertaining to property redevelopment are made by the Church.”.

████████ Pastoral Reports tabled in Team Talk (Pastors)

The idea of the local “Parish” is coming back into play. KBC needs to tap into that.

████████ Other Business.

Nil

████████ Prayer and close (James Docking)

The meeting was closed at 12:35pm