

Minutes of the church gathering of Kew Baptist Church held in the church hall on 28th July 2019 at 11:15am

Chair: James Docking

Secretary: David Atkinson

Attendance: As per attendance book

1. Opening and prayer (James D)

James Docking opened the meeting in prayer at 11:20

2. General Business

a. Attendance

The attendance book was circulated.

b. Minutes of church meeting, 24th March, 2019 (David A)

The minutes of the previous church meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: David Atkinson

Seconded: Michael Nguyen

Motion was passed by a show of hands.

c. Membership Matters (Sheila King)

Sheila King submitted the following names for membership:

David Watson, Hannah & Jordan Rutherford, Kathleen Hicks, Sophie Pickavance, Joel Palmer. All of whom have applied for membership.

Reece Payne – by letter of transfer. (this name was inadvertently missed out)

Moved: Sheila King

Seconded: James Docking

Motion was passed by a show of hands.

Hostel Association: Hannah Constantine be approved as a member of the association.

Moved: Sheila King

Seconded: James Docking

Motion was passed by a show of hands.

d. Finance Report (Michael N)

June EOFY deficit but final year result is a small surplus.

Online giving continues to grow.

Presentation of budget for 2019-2020

Budget did not display properly on screen but was approved as it had been circulated prior to the meeting and was available in printed form.

Moved: Michael Nguyen **Seconded:** James Docking

Motion was passed by a show of hands.

e. Election of Deacon (James Docking)

Jonathan Davenport to be appointed onto the Leadership Team.

Moved: David Atkinson **Seconded:** James Docking

David Constantine to be appointed onto the Leadership Team

Moved: Ray Leigh **Seconded:** Casey Tan

Motion was passed unanimously by secret ballot.

James Docking announced that he needed to step down for a period of time during a critical time in the life of his family. This will be until the AGM in November when the matter will be reviewed.

Senior Pastor expressed his thanks and support for James at this time.

f. Property Update

David Atkinson brought a brief update report on maintenance and property works.

Repairs to buildings – roof cleaning, aircons, electrical tagging, power outages in Sunday school rooms. The Hall roof requires replacement in the next year or two.

Reserve fund – Previously there had been a property fund but it was dispersed for other activities more than a decade ago. Leadership Team is reinstating this to deal with ongoing repairs and upgrades.

Core hands on maintenance group – A small maintenance support teams will be established to meet several times a year to keep on top of small tasks. This would be augmented by annual working bees.

3. Church Life

a. Senior Pastor Reports

Nicholas Tuohy

Nicholas offered show of thanks to James Docking as he steps down for a while.
A good break for Nicholas whilst away. Amanda still has heavy load with family situation.
Nicholas time to review how God has blessed the church in the past 7 years. Growth in numbers and maturity.

Starting a new Series. A love shaped community. Inclusiveness and welcoming church community.

Specific Events:

Church camp, marriage enrichment, families - mainly music.

Nicholas also publicly expressed thanks to Paul Pallot for his interim leadership during the LSL period. Also thanked Amy Gellie for her assistance during the LSL.

b. Development update

David Atkinson provided an outline of LT proposal for preliminary development. The general consensus was the proposal appeared to meet the requirements for refurbishment of the church. It was agreed to allow further time for discussion and call a special church meeting to vote on a quote from Architects Atelier Wagner.

Moved: Nicholas Touhy

Seconded: Hannah Constantine

Motion was passed by a show of hands.

c. Strategic Planning

James Docking briefly reported on the Strategic Planning process. When a draft is available it will be shared with the wider church for discussion.

d. EP / Creative Ministry update

A brief report on the status of the Creative Ministry. EP record in the PM service on 25th August, 2019. Crowdfunding for costs is going well.

e. Church Camp

Church camp is happening in September and all are encouraged to attend.

4. Other Matters / Questions (James Docking)

Nil.

5. Prayer and close (James Docking)

Closed the meeting in prayer at 12:55 pm.

Next meeting dates: 24th November