

# Minutes of the church gathering of Kew Baptist Church held in the church hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 at 11:15am

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**Chair:** James Docking

**Interim Secretary:** Ashray Rajagopalan

**Attendance:** As per attendance book

## 1. Opening and prayer (James D)

James Docking opened the meeting in prayer at 11:20am.

## 2. Attendance

The attendance book was circulated.

## 3. Minutes of church meeting, November 2017 (Ashray R)

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

**Moved:** Ashray Rajagopalan      **Seconded:** James Docking

**Motion was passed by a show of hands.**

## 4. Membership Matters (Sheila K)

Melissa Morris was accepted into membership of the church.

**Moved:** Sheila King                      **Seconded:** James Docking

**Motion was passed by a show of hands.**

## 5. Finance Report (Michael N)

Michael Nguyen reported on the Finance Report March 2018 which was tabled.

Finances were approximately \$6000 better than budget for March, with YTD expenses also better than budget and steady improvements in offerings.

## 6. Elections (James D)

Ashray Rajagopalan was elected as a Deacon.

**Moved:** Paul Pallot                      **Seconded:** James Docking

**Motion was passed by secret ballot.**

## 7. Mark Gellie Ordination Discernment Committee (James D)

Ken Manley, Andy Hunter, Marion Todd and Huong Nguyen were appointed to this committee.

**Moved:** James Docking                      **Seconded:** Ashray Rajagopalan

**Motion was passed by a show of hands.**

## 8. Makers' Market Report (Lauren P)

Lauren Pickering reported on the March Highbury Common Makers' Market.

25 market stalls were hosted, with 6 from within KBC and the remainder from outside the church, with a growing network of stalls waitlisted for future events.

A small profit was made of \$170 from stall fees and the sale of refreshments.

## 9. Property Steering Group Presentation (David C/Casey T)

David Constantine reported on the Property Steering Group Project Progress Report April 2018 which was tabled.

The heritage requirements particularly relating to not only the church building but 14 Highbury Grove ('The House') were discussed, as well as financial analysis.

Three scenarios were verbally presented, with staged development as the preferred model currently being explored by the Property Steering Group. The advantages of this approach were presented as to retain land, remove urgency related to this project and realise capital for the development. Ongoing challenges to consider include clarification of titles and ownership, the provision of housing for the current and future Senior Pastor, continuation of the ministry of 'The House' and provision of parking.

Further consultation and refinement of these concepts will take place, with a view to update future church meetings in the lead up to a final vote by the church in the medium term.

David Constantine concluded his presentation in prayer and with an invitation for written feedback to the Property Steering Group for their consideration.

## 10. Other Matters – Questions (James D)

No questions were asked.

## 11. Prayer and close (Ashray R)

Ashray Rajagopalan closed the meeting in prayer at 12:30pm.

***Next meeting dates: 29 July, 25 November***