

# Minutes of the church gathering of Kew Baptist Church held in the church hall on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 11:15am

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**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 11:35am. Thinking and praying about the things God wants to do in this community.

During the meeting it was we also acknowledged Paul as an ordained pastor and thanked him for his continued efforts at Kew.

## 2. General Business

### a. Attendance

The attendance book was circulated.

### b. Minutes of church meeting, 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 (David A)

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

**Moved:** David Atkinson

**Seconded:** James Docking

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

### c. Membership Matters (Sheila King)

Rita Jesudason from Crossway

Christine and Andrew Pither transfer from One Community.

Briah Samson by baptism.

Tim Richardson by baptism.

**Moved:** Sheila King

**Seconded:** David Atkinson

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

Ben Ramsay has joined the Kew Hostel Association committee and this action requires ratification

**Moved:** Sheila King                      **Seconded:** David Atkinson

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

#### d. Finance Report (Michael N)

Growth in the church is good including the finances.

YTD tracking towards a surplus. Income YTD better than budget, expenditure is steady.

Finance report to be accepted as published.

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

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

#### e. Annual Reports (James Docking)

Very exciting things going on in the church as reported in the Annual Reports. These were taken as read.

### 3. Elections (James Docking)

Michael Nguyen to be re-appointed for a two year term.

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

**Motion was passed unanimously by secret ballot.**

Keryn Pell                      BUV delegate. (along with Ben Cronshaw)

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

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

### 4. Mark Gellie Ordination Track (David Atkinson)

Motion: That Mark Gellie is commended by KBC to join the ordination track with BUV.

Mark has been accepted and recommended by Ordination Discernment Group and his nomination is supported by the BUV.

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

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

### 5. BUV National Redress Scheme (Paul Pallot)

The BUV has put forward a National Redress Scheme for dealing with payouts in the case of child abuse claims. Information was circulated prior to the meeting and was discussed by Paul Pallot during the meeting.

Motion: Kew Baptist Church agrees to participate in the National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (the Scheme);

(a) agrees to being a member of the participating group proposed by the Baptist Union of Victoria, and each other institution being a member of the participating group;

(b) agrees to the Baptist Union of Victoria being the representative for the participating group;

(c) declares that it is willing to and capable of discharging any obligation to provide a direct personal response to a person who accepts an offer of redress (otherwise these obligations will be discharged by the representative identified above);

(d) agrees to cover the cost of any redress debts arising from matters related to it, with support from the BUV Redress Support Fund, as outlined in the paper presented to BUV Assembly Delegates; and

(e) agrees to contribute annually to the BUV Redress Support Fund, as per the paper presented to BUV Assembly Delegates.

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

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

## 6. Hall Gym Rental Proposal (David Atkinson)

En Pointe Ballet school has requested to use the KBC Gym facility for two years starting at 13 hours per week. The deacons have prepared a detailed analysis and suggested a rental of \$13,520 per annum with a formal contract prepared by BUV recommended solicitors.

Motion: That KBC enter into a license agreement to use the Gym and upstairs office facility during school terms times for the purpose of a ballet school. Costs and capital upgrades to be shared on an agreed basis in line with KBC development objectives.

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

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

## 7. Property Steering Group Presentation (David Constantine)

The meeting was provided with the following information from the PSG.

1. Where we have been?
2. Where we are now?
3. What's next?

PSG has followed up:

Council and Heritage consultants and what can be done physically

BUV finance options

Secured titles on all the properties (know ownership and boundaries)

Analysis and modelling of StudioB plan – no longer possible

Alternate proposal is a staged refresh but including all the learnings.

A lot of preparatory work, plans and procedures for communications.

Over-arching project brief has been developed.

Report back to ministry team and provide a catalyst for a new discussion on how to proceed next. Need a clear joint commitment of how to proceed. Re-evaluate where we are at and meet as a collective leadership and this is a significant blessing.

#### 8. 10 am Service Review Update (Paul Pallot)

Team meeting each month in the past year, to reflect on service and challenges. Dealt with teething issues. Now focussing on the bigger topics of the service not related to just being in the Hall. Four big challenge areas:

Do people relate to each other with breadth and depth?

Servants or recipients?

Belong enough to the body of the church?

Motivated and empowered ?

#### 9. Senior Pastor comments (Nicholas Tuohy)

Commended Annual Reports to you the church as a very positive indication of the breadth and depth of ministry activities. God is blessing the ministry of Kew.

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

No questions were asked.

#### 11. Prayer and close (James Docking )

Closed the meeting in prayer at 12:50pm.

***Next meeting dates: 24<sup>th</sup> March, 28<sup>th</sup> July, 24<sup>th</sup> November***