

Minutes of the church gathering of Kew Baptist Church held in the church hall on 29th July 2018 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 11:20am.

2. Attendance

The attendance book was circulated.

3. Minutes of church meeting, April 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.

4. Membership Matters (David A)

Benji Taylor was accepted into membership of the church based on a letter of transfer from Corowa Baptist Church.

Moved: David Atkinson

Seconded: James Docking

Motion was passed by a show of hands.

5. Finance Report (Michael N)

Michael Nguyen reported on the Finance Report 2018 which was tabled. Has been a good month and a good year, so thanks to church attendees for their support.

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

The 2018-2019 Budget was presented as per the relevant documents.

Moved: Michael Nguyen

Seconded: James Docking

Motion was passed by a show of hands.

6. Women's Ministry (Mel Morris)

The church wants to value and support all women at Kew community. This group has come together to pray and discuss women's ministry. A survey was undertaken which assists in determining priorities. Beginning to cast a vision for the "flourish" ministry.

- Support each other in spiritual walk and growth.
- Empowerment of women in exploring talents in church and community.
- Ministry of support. Doing life together - helping each other in community.

The team would value the congregation support and prayer as they develop this.

7. Pastoral overview (Nick T)

Pastor Nicholas currently not well. This day (July 29th) is a big day with baptism so written report as presented only.

8. Property Steering Group Presentation (Casey T)

Casey Tan reported on the Property Steering Group Project Progress Report for July 2018.

1. Best practise, good team and using the church DNA as the guide.
2. How best to meet requirements after Studio B plan lapsed due to planning issues.
3. Minutes are all on file and open process.
4. Exciting potential due to large property portfolio.
5. PSG has challenged all assumptions. Spoken with council, considering properties, spoken with other churches in region.
6. Have a communication plan, project brief, website for information, risk register, review of titles and property numbering, looking at property and boundaries. Renewal of buildings and community facility. The church is a home or kitchen table where the family can gather around. Need to make an open property that is welcoming to the community.
7. Will seek feedback through the year. Have some community BBQs as informational sessions.
8. Need building prayer group to support the work.
9. Casey completed with prayer – seeking God's will.

9. 10 am Service Review Update (Ryan H / Paul P)

Ryan opened with 1 Cor 2:1-4. Faith rests on God's power then Phil 2: One in spirit, interest of others and community.

Sense of unity and community in the last 6 months. In 2017 numbers were declining and after review the November meeting recommended a 6 month trial for 2018 with 3 out of 4 services in the Hall.

Considered and recommended solutions for practical concerns coming out of the first month of operation with the logistics. (Data, music, setup, bibles, general flow). The services are now operating more smoothly. The purpose is to encourage visitors and new attendees to stay around and build the morning church.

The venue wasn't the important thing but rather for a fresh start in our thinking together and give God a new space in which to work. Major goals were, Grace, Grow, Gather, Give and Go.

Grow was a tangible measurable goal for external people. Harder to measure internally for existing members / attendees.

To be Giving back to the community.

Go – do we empower people to go out during the week?

6 month trial is ending. A survey was complete by about 40 out of 70 people generally attending.

Brief review of survey results. Committee has notice an improvement in community.

1. To continue the current trial of the 10am service locations for another 6 months
2. Over the coming 6 months that the 10am steering team continue to meet:
 - a. To consider how the service meets our overarching goals, and provide a recommendation to the church regarding the outcome of a trial in 6 months.

Potentially meet in Church in December and January for logistics purposes.

Moved: Ryan Harper Seconded: Paul Pallot
Motion was passed by a show of hands.

10. Other Matters – Questions (James D)

No questions were asked.

11. Prayer and close (James D)

closed the meeting in prayer at 12:25pm.

Next meeting dates: 25 November