

Church Members Meeting
held at Bentley Baptist Church
on Tuesday 22nd March 2022 (following the AGM)

MINUTES

Minister and Chair: Joel Ward

Minute Taker: Andrew Thompsett (Secretary)

Present: Tim Wilson, Ruth and David Bellerby, John Smith, Janet Stacey, Annette Morris, Sue Whitmore, Dave and Moira Miller, Lorraine and Lee Jackson, Gill Beams, Graham and Mary Simpson, Serena and Phil Stevenson, Sue and Steve Parker, Hannah and Michael Cassell, Jenny Stephenson, Sally and Peter Plant, Colin and Denise Russell, Lynn Foltyn, Jim and Dianne Clifton, Chris Butler, Farrell Clifford, Len Smith, Christine Daniels, Burcin LeFerve, Ian and Simpson and Pauline Fuller

Total Members Present 37

Non Members present: Carole Anderson, Connie and Adrian Humphries

The meeting was available to watch on Zoom

Apologies:

Alison Whiteley, Catherine Wilson(on zoom), Glenys Kitchen, Linda Williamson, Jessie Spencer, Cyril and Joan Jackson, Melanie Crew-Butler, Ronnie Bussey, Lena Parker, Darren Brown and Danni Simpson

Minutes of previous SCCMM on 30th November 2021 on Zoom

Proposed: Ruth Bellerby **Seconded:** John Smith
Approved unanimously

Matters Arising:

None

Membership:

There were five people to be proposed for membership. Those present at the meeting left the meeting to go and wait in the Rigby Lounge.

Peter and Sally Plant had visited Adrian and Connie Humphries. Sally presented a short report and proposed to the membership that they both be accepted into membership.

Mary Simpson seconded this proposal and it was passed unanimously

Tim and Catherine Wilson met with Carole Anderson (whose tea and biscuits passed Tim's quality test). Tim presented a short report and proposed to the membership that she be accepted into membership.

Dianne Clifton seconded this proposal and it was passed unanimously

Annette Morris and Sally Plant had visited Paul and Rebecca Kendrew-Jones. Annette presented a short report and proposed to the membership that they both be accepted into membership. (Paul would at this time be an Associate Member. Someone who has not been baptised by full immersion)

Tim Wilson seconded the proposal and it was passed unanimously

Reports:

These had already been published for everyone to read. There were no questions arising.

Vision: discussion, discernment and feedback: Joel

Joel recapped from previous meetings and preaching series on a Healthy Hub

Having broken into small groups the following four questions were discussed, with set time limits for each, with points being written on Post It notes and attached to the relevant flip chart.

- What should the church hub prioritise to be healthy?
- What might church spiritual outposts look like?
- What are the challenges meeting Youth, Children and Families?
- What strengths does our church have to help us meet the challenges that we have talked about in the previous question?

Lots of people in this church are already doing awesome work with our children and young people.

We have Open the Book working in schools.

Joel said that his heart was to connect with what Open the Book does in schools, those who go into schools to read, those outposts to the hub, here at church. We have been exploring, with local and national youth work organisations about getting a youth worker. If we went down that route, then we would need to provide accommodation.

We are also exploring possibilities with other local churches, because together we can do so much more.

Just so that you know, the cost of employing a Youth Worker for 2 days a week (16 hours) is about £10,000 a year. You have all seen the budget. God doesn't give us a pot of money and tell us what to do with it. He tells us what to do and then He supplies more and above what we could have asked or imagined. This doesn't mean we are going to get someone. We are just exploring options at this time. We want to hear from God together.

We will take all these comments away and look at what is being said and then come back with it.

Future Events

Andrew highlighted the forthcoming baptisms and an Easter Breakfast

Lorraine closed the meeting in prayer at 21:42

Signed

..... on Tuesday 22nd March 2022
Joel Ward (Minister)