



Church Members Meeting
held at Bentley Baptist Church
on Wednesday 29th June 2022 at 19:45

MINUTES

Minister and Chair: Joel Ward

Minute Taker: Andrew Thompsett (Secretary)

Present: Colin Russell, Annette Morris, Alison Whiteley, Peter and Sally Plant, Jenny Stephenson, Sue and Steve Parker, Lena Parker, Catherine Wilson, Hannah and Michael Cassell, Paul Kendrew-Jones, Lorraine Jackson, Sue Whitmore, Gill Beams, Mary and Graham Simpson, Melanie Crewe-Butler, Pauline Fuller, Dave and Moira Miller, Phil and Serena Stevenson, Anne Gosling, Carole Anderson, Darren Brown, Linda Williamson, Christine Daniels, John Smith, Farrell Clifford, Jim Clifton, Ronnie Bussey, Len Smith, Burcin LeFerve, Ian Simpson and Adrian Humphries.

Total Members Present 39

Non-Members present: Karen Wilkinson and Steve Costin

Devotions:

Joel brought the devotions from 1 Samuel 3:1-12(a)

'I am sharing this tonight as a reminder that God is calling us here to shake things up for a fresh purpose. God never calls for a mundane reasons. We are here together, because, although God used to call individuals and guide them by His Spirit, God used to be very uncommon in sending messages and visions. Today, His Spirit is poured out on all of us, and not a Sunday morning goes by when we gather together where we don't here form God through words and visions. Isn't that amazing. There was a time when God rarely spoke, and God is here among us tonight, ready to speak, if His servants are listening. And here is the great thing about church meetings. We don't meet to bring our opinions, we meet to discern the will of God. Through the gifts of the Spirit and in the manner of the gifts of the fruit of the Spirit. That means we are nice to each other.

1 Thessalonians 5:19-22 Do not stifle the Holy Spirit, Do not scoff at prophecies. Test everything that is said and hold onto the good and stay away from every kind of evil.'

Joel then led the meeting in prayer

Membership

Barbara O'Dwyer: Joel presented a short report and proposed to the membership that Barbara be accepted into membership as an associate member, pending her baptism later this year.

Serena Stevenson seconded this proposal and it was passed unanimously.

Steve Costin and Karen Wilkinson left the meeting to wait in the Rigby Lounge

Karen Wilkinson: Lorraine presented a short report and proposed to the membership that Karen be accepted into full membership.

Gill Beams seconded this proposal and it was passed unanimously.

Steve Costin: Andrew presented a short report put together by David and Ruth Bellerby and proposed to the membership that Steve be accepted into full membership.

Alison Whiteley seconded this proposal and it was passed unanimously.

Steve and Karen were then welcomed back to the meeting as church members

Apologies:

Lynn Folyton, Lee Jackson, Ruth and David Bellerby, Denise Russell, Chris Butler, Danni Simpson, Dianne Clifton, Tim Wilson and Rebecca Kendrew-Jones

Minutes:

Minutes of the AGM held at church on 22nd March 2022

Proposed: Farrell Clifford **Seconded:** Jim Clifton
Approved unanimously

Minutes of the Church Members Meeting held at church on 22nd March 2022

Proposed: Burcin LeFevre **Seconded:** Lorraine Jackson
Approved unanimously

Matters Arising: None

Minutes of previous CMM on 23rd March 2022

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

Matters Arising: None

Finance: Lorraine Jackson

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Lorraine presented the accounts which could be seen on the main screen as well as on handouts. The accounts can be viewed on line

The expenditure on new speakers was highlighted along with the rising costs of energy which means we are fast approaching our budgeted expenditure for energy costs already.

A question was raised concerning our expenditure which is almost half of what has been budgeted for, however our income from offerings over the same period is about a third, and is that a concern.

Lorraine said that we are about 19% down and as members we all need to be aware of the situation and pray into it.

Review and Updates: Joel

Joel kicked off by going through a Power Point presentation (see attached) which reminded us of things we had already looked at and should be familiar with as well as looking at the discernment points which came from our last Church Members Meeting

Carole Anderson spoke briefly about a five week Bereavement Course which would run out of the Renew centre, hopefully starting in early September.

God has said that he wants us to take people on a journey from being nowhere to being part of this family of believers. That will guide and shape our thinking.

Dan Budhi is the Doncaster director for Youth for Christ (YfC). They have interns every year and we are in talks about having a intern to work as part of our church from September. Most of an interns week will be spent working in Secondary Schools and YfC projects two evenings a week and they would work part of a Sunday and one mid-week activity with us at Bentley. YfC will fund the worker and pay their housing costs, and Tim and Catherine have volunteered to be the host family. As a host church we would make our own decision about any financial support for the intern. The trustees, at our next meeting will discuss what we feel would be a reasonable contribution to invest in and support the intern.

We have yet to meet with Isobel to ensure we are a good fit for each other.

This gives us opportunities to make new connections and relationships across Doncaster. We are investing in, and discipling our youth. Having someone working directly with our youth helps us to start to see what that looks like, and to hear what God is saying to us about the potential to work with young children in our church.

The value of an intern is that they can be a catalyst for the way forward.

We have to remember that we are not taking on a fully fledged youth worker



During August we are going to do Sundays in a slightly different, multi-generational, and even shorter way. We want to take the opportunity to give some of our teams some rest, and just chill out through August.

Future Events

Anne mentioned the Bonanza on 17th July and sought helpers.

The meeting broke into groups to specifically pray:

- Bereavement Group
- Development of mid-week family opportunities
- Youth for Christ Intern

Joel closed the meeting in prayer at 20:57

Signed

..... on Tuesday 27th September 2022
Joel Ward (Minister)