



MINUTES

General Members' Meeting

Sunday 26 November 2017

The meeting commenced immediately after the conclusion of the 09:30am Worship Service in the Lake Joondalup Baptist College Auditorium.

1 Opening by Chairman

Wayne Belcher (in the absence of the Chairman) was invited to Chair the Meeting. He opened the Meeting in prayer.

2 Present and Apologies

Present: 79 Members as recorded on the Attendance Registers.
10 non-members were present.

Apologies: Received from 15 members as recorded on the Attendance Registers and via personal advices.

3 Finance

3.1 Finance Report to October 2017

Mr Neale Judd presented the Finance Report of the Church (as per tabled documents) as at 31 October 2017. Whilst General Offerings for the year-to-date were below the budgeted requirement, it was also recognized that expenditure was considerably reduced. This mainly due to Salaries & Allowances not being fully expended as a result of no Associate Pastor placement. The outcome is recognized as a current surplus of \$63,135.

Report RECEIVED.

3.2 Ministry Budget 2018

Mr Judd presented the proposed 2018 Church Ministry Budget and invited Ps Stephen Nosworthy to also bring comment and clarification to the presentation of the Budget.

Mr Judd highlighted that the Elders had given good consideration to the fact that average giving for the past 2 years had been quite consistent at approx. \$7,450 per week. In light of this there was a desire to present a Budget at a manageable level that also drew on surplus funds realized in the past.

There were a number of points of discussion and several questions around the proposed budget:

Of particular noting were questions about budget capacity for covering any potential relocation and other employment costs of a new Senior Pastor. The Elder Board feels that there will be adequate capacity in this proposed Budget to cover such unknown costs at this time as the full currently anticipated budgetary expenditure is not likely to be realized.

Members also raised points of clarification around Missional support. The Meeting was advised that the Elders are currently seeking to form a Missions Committee that can represent these matters to the Church.

The Church AGREED to ADOPT the 2018 Ministry Budget as recommended by the Elder Board at \$7,800 per week in General Offerings with a Deficit at end of the year of \$49,812.

4 Notes from the Elders

4.1 Pastoral Matters

Ps Stephen, on behalf of the Elders, informed the Meeting of steps initially undertaken by Elders to transition the Senior Pastoral role at LJBC. While continuing discussions are taking place, it is anticipated that an Interim Pastoral placement will be best for the Church to enable a fuller understanding and search for a preferred candidate.

As an outcome, the Meeting encourages the Elder Board to convene an informal follow-up conversation with Members and the Church (perhaps following the 9.30am Service on the third or fourth Sunday in February) in order to keep the Church briefed on progress and any recommendations around Pastoral Call matters.

4.2 Atlantis Beach Baptist Church

Ps Stephen further advised the Meeting that in light of his pending conclusion of ministry at LJBC, the Elder Board would not, at this time, be moving to appoint a Pastor for Atlantis Beach church plant. It was considered vital that a Senior Pastoral placement be settled first.

The Chairman invited Zac & Michelle Verster to address the Meeting and share some highlights regarding the small group work that has commenced at Atlantis Beach. The Meeting was encouraged with this report.

5 General Business

5.1 Schools Chaplaincy

Malcolm Rathjen asked if the Elder Board had considered including future funding of School Chaplaincy into Budget projections. Whilst they had not, this matter will be considered by the Elder Board at forthcoming meetings.

6 Close

Being no further business the meeting closed with prayer at 11:38am.

7 Next Meeting

The Annual General Meeting is due to be held in March 2017, at the conclusion of the 09:30am Worship Service on a date yet to be confirmed.