

Quarterly Church Meeting Minutes
Sunday 26 May 2013

Opening: The meeting was opened at 12:55 p.m. Michael Hutton (chair)

Present: There were 35 members present; 4 non-members present

Apologies: There were 17 apologies

Opening Comments and Prayer:

Michael Hutton commenced the meeting with a reading from Matthew 21:28 -33, where Jesus rebukes the religious leaders by telling 2 parables. What we, as Tamworth Baptist Church, are about? Our Statement - "To know Christ and make Him known." Then there was a prayer time together in small groups.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved by Ray Dart and seconded by Maryanne McNamee, that the minutes of the previous QCM held on 24 February 2013, be accepted. Carried

Business Arising From the Minutes:

1. Membership - Michael met with Val John. He moved that she be accepted into membership. Seconded - Marj Moore. Carried.

2. Church support for Day Care Chaplain - Ray Dart moved the motion that "the church support the ministry of a chaplain to be paid \$20,000/year." Seconded - Maryanne McNamee. A discussion took place re the motion - our budget wouldn't cover \$20,000/year, a sub-committee needs to be set up to look into it further and set some goals, or the board needs to look into it more. Ray Dart suggested someone to do an investigation. There was a lot of research done when the Day Care Centre was set up - it was felt that it is something that is needed. The motion was voted on:- 11 for, 17 against. Not carried

Ray Dart suggested "that the elders form a committee to consider the establishment of a day care chaplain, whether paid or volunteer, in consultation with the diaconate". Everyone was in agreement with this decision.

3. Christmas Spectacular - Michael was open to suggestions if the church thought that the format needed to be changed. Should we give it another year?

4. Ministry Review Process - Ray Dart spoke on behalf of the Pastoral Search Committee about the process. A survey will be circulated in the church bulletin over a couple of Sundays, with 12 questions evaluating the Pastor's ministry over the last 2 and a half years. Results will be analysed and processed and the results brought to the next Quarterly Church Meeting. Ray moved that the process be adopted. Seconded by Evrol Keeys. Carried
5. Signage and Stationary Update - Michael moved that the church adopt the new signage as chosen by the church. Seconded - Matt Sharpham Carried

Treasurer's Report:

Moved Stewart Lanyon that the report be accepted. Seconded - Matt Sharpham Carried

Correspondence: Nil

General Business:

1. Number and roles of deacons - Michael suggested adding another deacon with the role being a Family Life Deacon. There will be 5 vacancies for deacon for the next AGM being - Secretary, Treasurer, (David Burley will not be standing for re-election), Women's Ministry, (Lois Burley will not be standing for re-election), Long Day Care Liaison, and a Family Life counsellor (to be prayed about and suggestions to fill this role, to be brought to the elders). A motion was put "that the church look for 5 members to be brought before the next AGM". Moved - Evrol Keeys. Seconded - Michael Burgess. Carried

Michael Hutton expressed the church's thanks to the Burleys for their past work on the Diaconate and then prayed.

2. Constitutional changes - Michael Hutton explained the changes as outlined in the hand-out. A motion was put "that the changes be put in place to be ratified at next AGM." Moved - Marj Moore. Seconded - Tiffany Gray Carried

Current practices - it was decided by the meeting that the paragraph on page 7 of the constitution, stating "whose credentials are acceptable to the Baptist Union of NSW" be left out. This will be published at a meeting of the church.

Percentages for quorum to be lowered - not passed by the meeting.

Calling of a pastor - quorum needs to be 75%

All these changes to be put before a church meeting

3. Ministry Reports - Michael H. went through the Janelle Street report. For the AGM ministry leaders will be asked to report to the meeting using this format. This was ratified by the members.

4. Dividing wall - Joy Newcombe and John Brown expressed their concerns about the safety of the partitions lying around. Mavis Byfield suggested asking for donations towards a new moveable wall. Matt Sharpham has already carried out extensive research on this. Joy moved that we start a fund for a new wall. Seconded - Mavis Byfield. Carried
5. Administrations suggestions - have been put forward by the elders and deacons. Evrol Keeys expanded on the hand-out sheet. Any expressions of interest to see Michael or Evrol.
6. Nick Zimmerman spoke about the email Prayer Chain - only one person using it. Should it be shut down? People should talk to Nick re. this.
7. Joy Russell reported on the progress of the chicken shed project - it is nearly finished, thanks to all those who have helped (8 -10 people each week) and all the hard work they have contributed.

Closing Remarks and Prayer:

The meeting was closed in prayer by Glenn Rose at 3:15 p.m.

Next Members Meeting: