

MEANWOOD VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY CHURCH MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2010

PRESENT: 23 members and *3 non-members
APOLOGIES: 7 members and **1 non-member
*2 of whom were approved as members during the meeting
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1. WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Andy opened the meeting in prayer and a time of worship was led by Mike Crawford. A short time of quiet was followed by the Lord's Prayer.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd November 2009 were approved by a show of hands.

3. APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR NEW PASTOR

After thanking MVBC for their financial contributions to Home Mission, Ernie Whalley (YBA) explained the process for appointing a new Minister.

4. FINANCE

The Treasurer presented the annual accounts to December 2009, which were ready to be audited. He also presented budget figures for 2010. *It was agreed that the Treasurer would invest £50,000 into a Bond for 12 months.*

5. NEW MEMBERS

Following an evening at which Jo, Penny, John and Leia had discussed and explored the responsibilities of church membership, Penny had decided not to go ahead at the present time, and the other three candidates had been interviewed separately for membership by Andy Hobbs, Deborah Baboolal and Hilary Wilson.

It was agreed by a show of hands that John, Leia and Jo be welcomed into membership of MVBC.

6. ACTIVITIES UPDATE

PALS - continued to be very busy with good attendance

GIRLS ALLOWED - new women's group led by Norma had met twice

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP - going well, would end in a few weeks

KIDSZONE - the new arrangement were working well. Sue W felt privileged to be involved in this ministry.

OPTIONS FOR TAKING Y&C WORK FORWARD - Charles would be visiting Housegroups to outline and discuss the 6 proposals.

7. PASTOR'S STATEMENT

Andy Hobbs apologised for not allowing any discussion at the special church meeting which was held after the service on Sunday 17th January 2010. He was thanked for his explanation and apology.

8. LAY PREACHER'S COURSE

Richard D thanked the church for affirming him in his course of study as a lay preacher. He would have a small group of people mentoring him through the rest of the course.

9. PASTOR PROFILE, CHURCH PROFILE AND VISION STATEMENT

Charles Laxton summarised amendments made to the above documents, which had been incorporated following feedback from the church, largely via Housegroups, and then discussed by the Leadership Team.

All the amendments discussed were approved by a show of hands.

Following discussion about the skill of "teacher" it was agreed, by vote, that this quality should remain as "desirable".

It was agreed that the "E's" and "D's" be removed when the profile was sent to prospective candidates.

It was pointed out that the church meeting was still required to discuss and to indicate to Ernie whether we were open to receiving applicants who were newly qualified or who were women.

10. PRAYER - members shared the Grace with one another.

N.B. A much fuller version of these minutes is available upon request from Andy Hobbs.