

SUTTON COLDFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

Church Members Meeting

MINUTES

20th October 2020

Attendance: 202 Quorum: 83

1. DC greeted everyone and explained the use of Zoom and the voting procedure. He thanked everyone for the positive and feedback and support received. He thanked the Technical Team.

2. Opening Devotion

Donald read from Ephesians 4:11. Leadership is a mix of individual giftings. Each of us have different gifts enabling us to reach unity and together become more like Jesus, together discerning truth and thus building up the church, as each one plays their part. Paul says we need to come together as a community, be mature, resist and discern what truth is. As the whole body is joined and held together by supporting ligaments, so we should come together (as we do this evening) to build up the church - the body of Christ. This evening we come together as a community asking God to continue to build his church and to help us to do the work that he has asked us to do. Donald prayed.

3. Minutes of Meeting 25th June

John reiterated his thanks to everyone joining with us. Over 200 people joined with us on zoom. John read the minutes of the last zoom meeting of 25th June. A vote was held, and the minutes were agreed and accepted.

4. Finance Report

John explained that the accounts were available to view on the website. He then gave a brief outline of the General Fund to the end of August, which he confirmed was very healthy at present, although he encouraged everyone to continue to review their giving so that we can sustain a healthy balance. John recognised that we had received some large donations that had contributed to the healthy position, and he thanked those that had contributed.

Donald prayed.

5. Membership

- a. In: Joy Sell
- b. Out: Emily Whittington
Brad Statham

A Zoom vote was held, and the above membership suggestions were accepted. Donald prayed.

6. Consideration of Mark Steel to be Admin Team Leader

Donald explained that there is a requirement for this to be a full-time salaried position, trustee and member of leadership team, which requires the support of members. The role is to oversee, enable, coordinate, and ensure the provision of the practical, financial, administrative and human resources to the church and wider community, and to ensure the smooth running of the church providing vision strategy and forward thinking.

Donald hoped that people had read his letter and watched his interview with Mark. He explained that the role combines that of a Trustee and a Staff Member. He briefly outlined the job description and explained there had been three previous incumbents of the position, who had served the church and the wider community. Donald confirmed that John Williams had given approximately a year's notice and the Elders firstly reviewed the role and job description, then advertised within the church. A number of very strong applications were received which were reduced to Mark. John was not part of this process. Various interviews were held with

the Elders and Leadership Team, then with a group of three Staff Members and three Deacons, who unanimously agreed to put Mark's name forward to the church. Donald confirmed that excellent references had been obtained and endorsements concerning his previous experience in Leadership and the Elders gave no hesitation in bringing Mark's name to the church meeting for appointment as Admin Team Leader. Donald believes that Mark has a leadership gifting, a spiritual maturity, and depth of faith.

People were given the opportunity to ask questions or make comments.

- a) Helen Bennett commented that although she did not know Mark very well, she and David had been impressed by what he said when interviewed by Donald and would endorse the nomination.

Donald prayed and members were asked to vote, by the various means available before 9.00 p.m. He further explained that the votes would be collated and counted. If a successful majority was received, then he would speak to Mark and offer him the position, then wait for him to consider and respond. The outcome will be circulated in our weekly email.

7. Live Streams

Donald advertised what was happening in Live Streams on Sunday, and that the theme was Autumn. He has already had many lovely photographs and encouraged people to send more.

8. Donald closed by re-reading Ephesians Chapter 4 and encouraged us to pray quietly about our church life, then led us in praying together a prayer based on Ephesians 3 11-16.
9. Donald closed the meeting at 8.45pm by expressing his thanks for all who have attended this evening and for partnering with us.