

Minutes of a meeting of
BODY TALK for CHURCH MEMBERS
Held on Thursday, 28th January 2010 at 7.30pm.

The Senior Minister, Ian Phillips, presided over the meeting which was attended by 65 members. Apologies for absence were received from 57 members.

Looking up in Expectation.

1. **Opening Worship** was lead by Ian Phillips who read Isaiah Chapter 12.
2. **Welcome to new Members:** The following have requested to be part of the family at Crawley Baptist church. They were joyfully received as members: Richard Nixon; Wesley & Jera Bullin; Derek & Jackie Voak. Sarah Simmons is moving onto new pastures and we wish God's Blessing upon her.
3. **Pastoral Care:** Sandra opened by talking about the snowdrops and how God can lead us through the dark times with the promise of spring. She asked us to sign the cards and pray for the person on that card, she also asked us to keep Mair Keeping, Ethel Wilkinson, Joe Lansdell and Graham Poole in our hearts as they are either in hospital, have just left, or are scheduled to have operations. Please also pray for Jackie Futter and Margo Wayre who are very ill. After prayer Sandra talked about the Deacons away weekend which was on Vision, the statement on the thrusts was "We will be Kingdom people who fully embrace community and are able to celebrate variety in order to serve one another authentically." Our sermon series is "Comfortably Numb." She said she had been challenged by this, and by the prodigal son and talked about the people in church who are 'missing' the ones who had not been to a Sunday service, for whatever reason, she invited us up to take a jigsaw puzzle piece and write on the back the name of the missing person, to hold that person in our hearts and perhaps even to send them a card. Sandra finished with prayer.
Ian Phillips then talked about Joe and Rita Lansdell and said that they had been unable to attend the meeting tonight, but as we were all aware Joe had now retired. He promised that he would take the next best opportunity to present them with their gifts, and to thank them for their dedication and for sharing their gifts with us. He moved on by saying that things change, people change, people move on and that we need to accept that. He talked about the building of the church and that people like Graham Poole and Joe Lansdell using their gifts had made it possible, and he feels that Joe would like to see it through to the end, the pledges for the building finish in 2013 and Joe's dedication will keep him here till the job is done.

Looking Back in Gratitude

4. **Confirm Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th November 2009.** These were confirmed and signed.
5. **November 2009 Financial Statement** The financial report attached is up to 30th November 2009, Gill and Joe were still finalizing year end. As expected expenditure is starting to catch up with surplus, it is anticipated that there will be no deficit but a very small surplus. The financial summary leads into the figures. There were no questions, Gill White reminded us that the new budget had been agreed at the last Body Talk, and she gave thanks to those who had increased their giving accordingly.

Looking Forward in Faith

6. **Children and Youth Ministry** Graham Piper informed us that Doughnuts would be starting to think about raising money to go on their Mission Trip with WYWAM, the location was still to be decided. He said they would be bringing in biscuits and cakes on Sunday, so please bring money. Ian Phillips then showed us pictures of the children in POD at their Christmas celebration receiving Bibles. He reminded us that POD had more children than it could accommodate and how sad it was that there was a waiting list to hear about God. He also asked

for prayer for the kids who were due to leave. It would be a shame to break the connection with them now. Marian had been approached by a year three girl in POD asking to be baptised. She explained to the mum about a dedication and invited her to watch a baptism.

7. **Mission Team.** David Molden talked about the International Evening on 27th March asking us to put this date into our diaries. He informed us that Rachel arrived safely in Swaziland, but to keep her in our prayers, and Kim Fuggle was safe and well in Bangladesh. However she needs prayer as the family she is with speak no English and whenever she goes out she attracts a huge crowd and has to have a police escort. He then read from the Aghem quarterly report (copies in reception). He asked for prayer for Elvire in Cameroon saying that she had health issues.
8. **PA Team** Ian Masters stated that the PA team were down to three people and it was becoming a burden on these people, he asked for help. He also encouraged people to come and see their display on Vision Day.
9. **Prayer** there was then a time for prayer for all the issues discussed at the meeting.

OTHER MATTERS

10. **Any Matters from Teams or Organisations or any other matters of information** Ian Phillips talked about the Rainbow Lounge. At the moment things are difficult so they were thinking of some changes, perhaps connecting with people who are already in the building like Well Baby Clinic, and taking off the pressure on other days, like a Thursday when there is no Midweek Church. They do however need more volunteers. On a Tuesday afternoon Sandra, Linda Baker are planning to start an Alpha course. If anyone is interested to please speak to one of those people.
11. **Any other relevant business** The following officers were nominated and agreed by the meeting: Graham Durrant as Secretary. Graham was thanked all his hard work and encouragement. The Deacons will corporately take on the role of Treasurer.
12. **Next Body Talk** Tuesday 30th March 2010

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