

Minutes of a meeting of  
BODY TALK for CHURCH MEMBERS  
Held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 7.30pm.

The Senior Minister, Ian Phillips, presided over the meeting which was attended by 61 members. Apologies for absence were received from 56 members.

*By 2015, we will be naturally radical followers of Christ:*

*Caught up in him.....*

1. **Opening Worship** was lead by Ian Phillips.

*Enjoying each other.....*

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: Grace and Andrew McGavin..
3. **Pastoral Care:** Sandra thanked everyone for their continuing prayer for Listening Ear who have been particularly busy taking communion to the shut-in's. A light lunch and communion at the church was put on by the Listening Team. Margo Wayre is in Ifield Nursing home, she is very poorly right now but still able to articulate her love of God. Sandra gave out cards for all to sign (informing us about each person) who we then prayed for.

*Transforming communities*

4. **Children and Youth Ministry** Marian reminded us of the trip the CYM team took to Eastbourne, one of the speakers talked about 'Dreaming what you want for your children at each stage of their development.' Sue had already had that vision and put it into practice, Marian honoured Sue as a woman of vision who has made our CYM great. Sue thanked everyone for her time of sabbatical which she viewed as a time out to see things from a different perspective. She also thanked the team stating that great things had happened in her absence: Baptisms; new young people small groups; POD going from strength to strength. There is a booklet which will be released shortly which is the dream for CYM. Looking ahead to the summer - there is the young people's trip to Bulgaria from 26<sup>th</sup> July – 6<sup>th</sup> August - half of the money needed for this trip will be raised corporately with the other half being raised by the young people themselves. £ 623.65 has been raised so far – we have a way to go so if anyone could co-ordinate the fundraising events that would be really helpful. In September there are many changes that will happen with a number of leaders who will be stepping down/moving on to new things. We thank them and are sorry to see them go, and we pray that God will bless them as they move onto new things. This raises issues for us particularly on a Sunday morning, please pray for wisdom over the coming months, that God will raise up those who can share God's love with our children.
5. **Mission Team.** Philippa gave thanks to everyone who helped at the International Evening and talked about a dream to have an International Cafe' – it is a dream that doesn't go away. The update on the Aghem is: they need a new photocopier - we have raised money in the jar and hope to raise some more; we are encouraging small groups to adopt a person or project, for instance one small group full of teachers has taken on the literacy project and prays for that; another group has adopted Alfred and prays for him and his family. We give thanks to the Erwin's and for Richard's trip to Ghana, we continue to pray for their health. Rachael in Swaziland is struggling to get her work visa, but is still doing great things; she had 44 children for spaghetti at the weekend and is helping out in the HIV clinic three days a week. Pray for Maureen Hemmett who has just left for Dubai. If you are going on a mission trip please let the mission team know so that they can support you.

- 6. **Small Groups**, In Steve Pidgeon's absence Ian Phillips read a testimony from Steve which re-iterated how important small groups are.
- 7. **February 2010 Financial Statement.** The accounts up to February do not give a complete picture as it was a short month and some monies did not come in till the beginning of March. However, at the moment as expected for this time of the year, we are below budget on expenditure and income. Our Annual Accounts have been sent to the Independent Examiners with no problems to date. If you are shopping on the internet please sign up and use Easyfundraising.org as a percentage of what you spend goes to the church at no extra cost to yourself. Our website gives details.

And then some.....

- 8. **Confirm minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2010.** These were confirmed and signed.
- 9. **Any matters for information from other teams and organisations.** Janet Trevett has been the Contact centre co-ordinator for ten years now and has decided to step down; we thank Janet for her hard work. When taking this forward there was much discussion and Barbara Marks has stepped into the role on a paid basis, it is quite normal for people to be paid in this role. In fact a grant is given each year to go towards this. Graham Durrant thanked the full team and in the absence of any questions finished with prayer.
- 10. **Any other business** There is a Baptism on 18<sup>th</sup> April; Celeste Walker and Elaine Dudman will be sharing their testimony, please come along to support them. Please note the new vision statement is on the Agenda. It is appreciated that you are all here showing a "And then some..." attitude. Ian stated that some truths needed to be heard and that these were : In September CYM will have some serious staff shortages and if no one comes forward to teach our children we cannot sustain what we do now, we need to pray so that we are ready to face this challenge. The PA team is so small that if one person stepped down they would be in serious trouble. The Welcome Team and the Stewards are also in need of more volunteers. We have a reputation of being a very welcoming church but how can we sustain this with no people? We may need to change radically what we do on a Sunday. Please come and speak to the leaders if you feel God prompt you in any way. Remember this is God's church.
- 11. **Next Body Talk** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2010.
- 12. **Closing Prayer** We finished by praying for our future challenges, the mission points and the people on Sandra's cards.

Signed.....

Dated.....

