

MINUTES FOR BODY TALK MEETING FOR CHURCH MEMBERS

Meeting held on Thursday 21st July 2022

The meeting was presided over by Ian Phillips. The meeting was held over zoom and at Church. There were 33 people present, apologies were received from 22. 25 Zoom accounts signed on.

LOOKING UP LOOKING IN LOOKING OUT

Loving without Limits!

So much more than Sundays!

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Worship

Ian read from Isaiah chapter 12, then opened the meeting with prayer after a time of worship.

Confirm minutes of meeting held on 26th May 2022.

These were confirmed and signed.

May Financial Statement

Due to Covid the June financial statements were unavailable, however, once these are done they will be put onto the website. The budget process will begin shortly so please start to think about your budgets for 2023. Please pick up your Gift Aid letters currently in your pigeon holes.

The next Body Talk in September will be important as we will be ratifying the Accounts for 2021, please aim to attend.

Greenfields update

Lisa Phillips reported that holding a service at Greenfields every month is very important and encouraged the members to attend this to help form connections with Greenfields. Greenfields are moving towards voting for the merger. The immediate issues around Greenfields are; hiring the venue; signatures on accounts; Health and Safety Issues and the small building repairs that are needed.

Longer term, there is a vision to use the outside space as allotments for the local community; and perhaps for existing ministries here to move over to Greenfields. We will need working groups who are interested in gardening and decoration. The next meeting will involve all the congregation at Greenfields, as an opportunity to see what their needs are, and we hope, to meet somewhere in the middle.

Children and Youth Ministry

Denise Beer reported on the past year and how it began as an unknown with Covid. However, they were able to do another year of POD, and hold POD celebrations. Two Kids Matter courses were run, after some updated training. A reduced Sunday programme has been held each Sunday this year. An opportunity to send a Light Party gift to every family home that we have a connection with presented itself. Parent and Toddlers was held each week with Christmas parties and an added evening of friendship for those parents who felt isolated. The Christmas story by the tree with Holly

Hedgehog is, we hope, the start of a new tradition. Holiday club is back after three years next week, which is very exciting. Photos were then shown of all the events of the year.

Sue Lindridge reported on the year just gone, she began by thanking the amazing team, thanking the congregation and sharing how the young people have grown in confidence and that friendships have been rekindled.

The Kenya trip, started in 2019 with Urban Saints but has been postponed for two years due to Covid. Despite this the team are leaving on Sunday 24th for two weeks, photos were shown of the place they will be staying. Prayers were asked, specifically for safety from illness and peace in the next few days. Thanks for the love and support shown, a Facebook page will be set up so those who wish can see what is happening.

Pastoral Care and support for our church family

Historically, the Rainbow Lounge and Mid-week Church appeared to be poorly attended, but after a period of prayer Sandra is happy to report an answer to those prayers, with ladies from The Twittens who have come along and are now getting involved with SPOT ministry, and many people from the community who are now using the Rainbow Lounge.

The Daycation ministry is happening for four Tuesdays this August and is full with many from the community, the fifth Tuesday in August is a coach trip to Eastbourne which is now full also with those from The Dyers, The Twittens and our community.

The Women's Ministry weekend away is being held from 13th – 15th January 2023, and will be in Ashburnham. Many thanks to the team for all their hard work.

Sandra then asked for prayer for various members of the congregation who were in hospital, care homes, and those who were bereaved.

Membership

Elizabeth and Amy Kobasokwe were welcomed into membership with joy.

A, O.B or matters of information from teams and organisations

Meghann Wheelhouse reported that the OneVoice Concert was to be held on 15th October at 6pm in aid of Sullivan's Heroes, specifically for 'A Haven for Nathan'.

OneVoice has won a community trophy which will be displayed in the church soon.

Graham Durrant provided some feedback on a recent Deacons Away Day looking at the different seasons in our personal and church life as an example of some of the vision based things we do, as well as the practical issues of being a trustee. He reminded the meeting that the Deacon's elections will take place in November and encouraged the church to start thinking about potential nominations. It would always be good to get new people, especially some young input and more women.

Ian Phillips thanked those that were involved in Stuart Davis retirement service last weekend and reserved special thanks for Clare Sage for her work behind the scenes.

The Kintsugi Hope course, on mental wellbeing, that is presently running is going well with a lovely group of people who are attending. We will be running future courses as it proving invaluable, please keep praying for it.

Our Next Body Talk is on Thursday 21st July 2022

The meeting ended with prayer.

Signed.....

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