

CLARE BAPTIST CHURCH
MINUTES OF CHURCH MEETING 31ST MAY 2022

Chair: Vivien Sargeant

25 members attending

Venue: Meeting held in CBC and via Zoom.

Apologies: As noted.

The meeting opened with a reading from Psalm 121, followed by prayer.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 29th March 2022 were agreed as a correct record. To be signed at a later date.

It should be noted that this is PG's last Church Meeting before he starts his sabbatical, until November 2022.

PRACTICAL

Secretarial

Update/Voting on Vacancies

- Tim Hayes has agreed to continue to update the website. Notice sheet arrangements TBC.
- The role of DBS Verifier remains vacant at this time.
- Rhona Bruce will take over the organisation of Sunday Club over the sabbatical period.

Deputy Designated Person for Safeguarding (DDPS)

- Tim Hayes has agreed to take on this role. This was agreed by the meeting.

Safeguarding Policy and Information

- The policy had been distributed to church members for comment after the last church meeting and was brought to this meeting for formal adoption. This was agreed by the meeting.
- In order to comply with current legislation and best practice it is necessary to review documentation already held for those working with children, young people and vulnerable adults. It will require additional checks and completion of new forms to protect all parties concerned. These are contained in the Best Practice Guidelines which accompany the Safeguarding Policy.
- Leaders of any church-related groups should:-
 - familiarise themselves with the contents
 - compile a list of all those associated with their group and send it to VS or CT by 6th July 2022
 - complete the pack as directed for themselves, and each member of their group, ideally by the next church meeting
- It is recognised that some people will belong to more than one group. It will only be necessary to complete the documentation once.
- A meeting will be arranged for group leaders to go through the forms and clarify what is required to complete the forms. Date TBA.

Finance

- Report attached + one minor amendment.
- CB noted that he is entering his last year as Treasurer and all present were urged to prayerfully consider whether they could take on this role.
- Installation date for the new heaters for the back hall and LHG room 8-10th June 2022.
- CB suggested the introduction of a pay point reader which would accept real time donations. To consider.
- Thanks were once again recorded to CB for his prudent management of the finances and prayers said for the financial future of CBC.

Maintenance

- Outstanding issues included remedial action on the sanctuary heaters; fitting of kitchen door closing mechanism; and stripping out of back hall gas heaters in the back hall. Dates TBC.
- **Garden shed:** needs attention as the roof felting is not good. Money has been received previously to replace the building. Lawn mower needs to be checked.
- **Heating:** Post-installation of new heaters and removal of old ones the areas will need to be made good. This and other works will form part of the spring cleaning week. Date TBA.
- **Organ Repairs:** Janet Shaw has been looking into this. The repair person would perform a full assessment, advise, clean and service where appropriate. The cost would be £140 for 30 minutes and £90 for the next 30 minutes ie. £230 for an hour's work. In the current financial climate of CBC this was a considerable outlay. However it was acknowledged that music was an integral part of worship.
- Replacement of the speakers would cost approx. £1000 which was not tenable at this time.
- It was proposed by Rita Bateman and seconded by Paul Graham that we should request an assessment which should not exceed 90 minutes and this would include the elements listed above. Any further outlay required would need to be reviewed by the church prior to any additional work.

MINISTRY

- **Sabbatical:** Dates of the sabbatical will be from 18th July – 7th November 2022. PG will be taking his last service on the 17th July with a family service and blessing for his time away.
- PG will be exploring what is known as the Wesleyan Quadrilateral ie the influence on theology of the actions of scripture; tradition; life experience; and reason. In addition he hopes to look at scripture from the viewpoint of imaginings of minor characters in the well known stories of scripture.
- Prayers were offered for Paul and the family during this time, and for the diaconate as they continue the organisation and witness of CBC.
- **Easter:** Thanks recorded to all who stepped up to take services etc due to PG's enforced absence and to those involved in the beautiful floral decorations and the decorated easter cross which was displayed.
- **Family Fun Day:** Positive feedback from both previous sessions. Allsorts mums would like this to continue in some form over the summer, but accept this may need to include older siblings.
- We need to consider what is practical and deliverable with current resources. Agreed we need a group of volunteers willing to be involved, with names to VS. Various people present at the meeting were willing to assist and a meeting is to be arranged to discuss the way forward.

Prayers were offered for all the items discussed to date.

FELLOWSHIP

- **LHG Puddings and Quiz:** Good fun was had by all and raised £207 with half going to the Red Cross and **CB** to clarify. Thanks to all the young people involved.
- **Traidcraft:** This will be stopping after 10th July 2022.
- **PA Rota:** still requires more volunteers. Tim Hayes has produced a pictorial guide to usage to assist users.
- **Allsorts/Sunday Club:** Rhona Bruce to take over Sunday Club and Allsorts will continue as above provided enough volunteers are available.

AOB

- **Garden:** Ellie Radford wishes to continue oversight, but Ann Wise is willing to assist.
- **Communion:** Return to plate and server, provided Covid situation does not escalate.

The meeting closed with prayer at 21.40 hours.

Next Church Meeting: 26th July 2022, CBC at 7.30pm

Signed:
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Date:
Clare Baptist Church Meeting Date: 31.05.2022

