

FICTIONAL CHURCH BOARD MEETING
Thursday, 24 December 2020 at 7.30 pm
VENUE – Zoom Video Conferencing (or Fictional Church Hall)

Jacques Venter (Chairperson); Simon Smith (Recording Secretary) Andrew Abbot, James Jones, John Jones, Bart Best, Mary Miller, Naomi Neal, Lazarus Lee

PRESENT

Judas Johnson, Paul Privitt, Tamar Townsend

APOLOGIES

The Chairman welcomed the Board to the last meeting of 2020 and thanked the Board for their commitment and work during the year, followed by prayer.

WELCOME & PRAYER

VOTED

to seat Barnabas Bailey for action 145, with voice but no vote.

INVITEES

VOTED

to approve the minutes of the meeting held 17 November 2020 as presented.

PREVIOUS MINUTES
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VOTED

1. to correct the name of Christina Appletree as present.
2. item (or action) 131/77/20 will be brought to the February 2021 Board Meeting.
3. To refer item (or action) 132/77/20 to the Jan 2021 Board Meeting.

MATTERS ARISING
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Whereas the Pastor updated the Board on meetings held with Fictional Borough Council regarding identification of local needs to help with Evangelism planning in 2021. There was a very fruitful meeting with the Mayor of Fictional Town who offered to set up meetings in January 2021 with local Fictional Town Councilors and potentially with Charities to brainstorm possible ways in which the church can meet local needs in a practical way, and

MISSION & EVANGELISM 2020 UPDATE
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After further discussion

VOTED

to appoint a small working group who will be asked to attend this meeting in Jan 2021, to include the Pastor, Peter, James, John, Phillip, Timothy, Sara.

Whereas the Church Clerk reported a net growth of 2 members, through baptism, therefore ending the 3rd quarter of 2020 on 66 members.

CHURCH CLERK REPORT
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VOTED

to record the Church Clerks report for the 3rd Quarter of 2020.

VOTED

to record the death of Jane Doe on 5 December 2020

DEATH: JANE DOE
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VOTED

1. to recommend to the Church to accept the transfer of Simon Harris from Cardiff Seventh-day Adventist Church, Welsh Mission.
2. to recommend to the Church the transfer of Mary Joseph to Birmingham Seventh-day Adventist Church, North England Conference.

VOTED

to recommend to the church to accept Peter Jones into membership on Profession of Faith.

VOTED

to approve the baptism of Ann Poppins to take place on 2 January 2021. The baptism will be conducted by Pastor John Doe.

Whereas Lazarus Lee distributed the November 2020 Financial Report, highlighting the following:

- Tithe at November 2020
- Income at November 2020
- Expenses at November 2020
- Other important parts

VOTED

to record the distribution and presentation of the November 2020 Financial Report.

Whereas Barnabas Bailey, presented 3 ideas to the Board for potential logos (Appendices 1-3) to be used on all church communications, alongside the global Adventist logo.

After some discussion, it was

VOTED

1. to share the ideas with the Church and invite them to give feedback, ideas, comments, suggestions to be sent to Barnabas on barnabasb@fakeemail.co.uk
2. to make the deadline for feedback 27 March 2021.

The pastor provided feedback regarding the Natural Church Development (NCD). Action Points which were agreed at the September Board. Board members were requested to identify evidence of the actions being implemented in their sphere of operation in the Church. Forms to be returned to the pastor before the end of 2021.

The Pastor updated the Board that sister Martha Mason, declined the request to serve as elder.

Whereas the Pastor opened the floor for further nominations to be considered, and

Whereas Sara Southee, Hagar Hunslow, and Naomi Neesham were recommended.

TRANSFERS: SIMON HARRIS, MARY JOSEPH
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PROFESSION OF FAITH: PETER JONES
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BAPTISM: ANN POPPINS
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TREASURY REPORT
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CHURCH LOGO
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NCD PROGRESS
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REPLACEMENT ELDER
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VOTED

to ask Sara Southee to serve as elder.

The next Church Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 14 January 2021 at 7.30 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 9pm after prayer offered by the pastor.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair: Pastor/Elder's Name

Secretary: Church Clerk/Member

ITEMS FOR ACTION (Updated December 2020)

Actions 97/08/14; 106/10/14; 132/20/14; 37/05/16; 39/07/16; 127/22/16:

CENTRE OF INFLUENCE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Sub-Committee appointed to report to the Board later with a draft policy for bookings made for use of the Centre facilities. Work on this is ongoing. A policy has been drafted and will be brought to the January 2021 Board Meeting.

Action 06/02/16; 16/05/16; 27/07/16; 39/09/16; 62/16/16; 127/25/16:

UNFILLED POSITIONS

Unfilled positions remaining:

- Bulletin Secretary: Betty Blue has agreed to assist temporarily. Deadline for appointment of permanent Bulletin Secretary is 17 January 2021.
- 2 Worship Service Coordinators.

Action 99/18/16; 127/25/16:

CHURCH EVACUATION PROCEDURE

Recommendation to be brought to next Board Meeting on procedure to follow, including the location of assembly points, in the event of the need for a church evacuation. James Jones is authorised to investigate and prioritise the matter of locks on the fire escape doors.