



GB MEETING 12th May 2021

Date & Time	Wednesday, 12 th May 2021 7.40pm
Location	SBMC Office Board Room
Members	Phil Meulman (Senior Minister), Sue Collier (CW & Secretary), Rochelle Ratnayake (CW), Tony Hickson (CW), Sarah Su, Lynn Pryor, Howard Walker, Jay Ratnasingham (Treasurer), Fiona Dunn, Frank Gribi, Katherine Canobi
Invited Guests	Gordon Li

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Item No.	Agenda Item
1.	Apologies None
2.	Opening Reflection/Prayer Frank led a devotion he called "God is able, and He is the builder." Referring to 1 Corinthians 3:6-9, 16-17 and Ephesians 2:20-22 he shared his struggles with the Property Task Group. He described his struggles as spiritual warfare and how he needed to remember that this was God's work and not his alone. He then opened the meeting in prayer.
3.	Report from Gordon Gordon distributed a written report. Numbers are growing and regular of about 40 adults and 15 children. Prayer needs for volunteers, especially music worship leaders. There are seven core leaders. Issues of enough room in meetings room 1 & 2. The Governance Board is very encouraged by the growth and extent of this ministry. Concern was expressed that Gordon, Doris and the other leaders have sufficient support and do not burn out. Katherine Canobi led in prayer for this ministry.

4.	Declaration of Conflict of Interest None
5.	Previous Minutes The distributed minutes of the Governance Board meeting held on the 14 th of April 2021 were accepted as a true and correct record. Moved Fiona Dunn. Seconded Rochelle Ratnayake. Carried
6.	Actions Arising
6.1	Pastoral Response to Same Sex Attraction Paper. Phil is meeting with a small group of clergy to write a paper. Once completed this will be presented to the Governance Board.
7.	New Matters
	See Senior Minister's report (point 9).
8.	Correspondence None
9	Senior Minister's Report Phil's report was distributed with the meeting papers.
9.1	Discussion took place over the change of names of Life Groups & Gospel Communities to the single label of Connect Groups. The aim of growing numbers in groups was reiterated. The overall acceptance of this change has been positive. Some concerns have been expressed but these have been easily allayed. Concerns of some that groups may be forced to split has been allayed. The aim is for groups to multiply where appropriate. We need to use the term multiplication not splitting, and no changes will be forced on existing groups. Training for existing and emerging leaders will take place in term 3. It was suggested that a timeline relating to any changes be produced and communicated with the congregation. Staff members will exercise pastoral oversight over the Connect Groups.
9.2	The Pastoral Care Course led by Hilary Roath has been very well received and attended. There is a shortage of people to lead services and offer care in retirement Villages and it is hoped that some people participating in this course may offer to assist. Following the completion of this course the Nurture and Growth ministry will be reviewed and then resumed.
9.3	The numbers attending services are not clear and staff will ensure that the counting is undertaken accurately. Phil will be encouraging people to attend one service on a regular basis. A forum for 10.30am & 5pm to share ideas was supported. The idea of one staff member taking responsibility for a particular service was raised.
9.4	The new web page was shown to the Governance Board and was highly commended.
9.5	CMS have contacted GWAC to raise the possibility of supporting a new link missionary following the retirement of Bethany Vaughan. This was endorsed by the Governance Board. The need to revitalise the Missions Committee was raised and GB members were asked to submit names to Phil.

9.6	Review of Vision 2025. This is to be the main item on agenda for the June meeting. Governance Board members are asked to read this in advance and come prepared to discuss it.
9.7	Alpha will be launched this weekend. There is no coordinator as yet however planning at a staff level is well underway. A residential weekend at Adanac Lodge was approved. An illusionist has been invited to run a series of events leading to Alpha course.
10.	<p>Financial Report</p> <p>The report was distributed. Jay noted that there was no need to draw down from the bequest fund at this stage.</p> <p>We give great praise God for His provision and our current financial situation. It was pointed out that ministry expenses are currently below budget due to a decrease in activities due to Covid. Government payments from Job Keeper will also end this month. It will be important that the budgeted amount for the Gift Day be achieved.</p> <p>A question was asked as to the difference between Ministry Donations and Offerings. Jay explained that donations are given to a specific ministry. It was moved by Jay Ratnasingham and seconded by Fiona Dunn that the tabled reports be accepted. Carried.</p>
10.1	<p>Terms of Reference – Finance Committee</p> <p>This document was previously distributed.</p> <p>A question was raised as to the membership. It was decided to change the membership criteria to read “a maximum of five active members of GWAC.”</p> <p>It was moved by Jay Ratnasingham and seconded by Howard Walker that these Terms of Reference be accepted. Carried.</p>
11.	Property
11.1	<p>Refurbishment Update</p> <p>The report was distributed prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Signage. Howard will follow up the new external signage.</p> <p>A/C & heating of hall will cost \$10k. If Mandarin congregation are moving to the hall this will become necessary. The Governance Board resolved to go ahead with this.</p> <p>It was also resolved to explore heating in Nook & Chapel. Heating will be installed in fellowship area & Meeting Room 3 in the immediate future.</p> <p>Fencing around playground. It was resolved to replace the old fence.</p>
11.2	Blinds-still waiting on quotes.
11.3	Handrails have been installed and were well received.
11.4	Holes from Communion rails. Concern was raised that these holes were a trip hazard for women wearing high heels and an accident was narrowly avoided. The holes have been filled using lengths of dowel that can be easily removed by David Mills.
11.5	<p>Terms of Reference for the Property Task Force.</p> <p>These were accepted with the addition of undertaking a review of past plans. The membership of this group will be presented to the next meeting. Their first task will be to undertake the audit as per Phase 1 of the Terms of Reference.</p>

12.	<p>General Business</p> <p>Vote of Thanks: Jamie, Gerald & Sean for all their work on the new Web page. The many hours spent on the design and technical setting up the the web page are greatly appreciated. Voucher \$100 each. Glenn Batchelor. It was noted that Glenn had taken 2 weeks annual leave to install the security system. A voucher will be given to him. Val Fugill has retired from playing at the 8am service after many years. The board are grateful to God for her tireless ministry. Lynn Pryor has arranged for a card to be signed by the 8am congregation. Sue Collier will write letters of thanks.</p>
13.	<p>Close of Meeting</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9:50pm. following a time of open prayer.</p>
14.	<p>Next Meeting</p>