

PANTAI BAPTIST CHURCH

Minutes of Members' Meeting held by Zoom

on Sunday, 20th June 2021 at 1130am

1. Commencement of Meeting and Opening Prayer/Devotion

Meeting started at 1139am after quorum is reached. As at 1139am, we have 125 participants.

Yu Chin Shie (YCS) opened us with prayer and thank God for His providence to all of us.

YCS shared that the last 18 months have been difficult with the pandemic with rising figures of infections which affects our economy and personal finances. Also travel has not been available and many have not been able to visit loved ones who reside overseas. How should we respond? We are to look to Him who is our refuge.

YCS have chosen 10 bible verses which will hopefully encourage all.

Ps 46:1-2 God is our refuge

Whatever the situation we can count on Him.

Phil 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything..

Col 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

We need the peace of Christ to rule in our hearts. If we be thankful, then we will have peace.

Ps 27:1 The Lord is my light and salvation

Deut 31:8 The Lord will go before you. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged. He will never forsake us.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you..

Ps 28:7 The Lord is my strength and shield

Ps 31:19 How great is your goodness

Is 49:10 Fear not, for I am with you..

These verses were of big help when YCS go for interviews, before going to operation or before exams.

Is 40:31 They that wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, fly like eagles, run and not be weary

Let us trust God to be an ever present help and pray that we will resume service soonest possible.

2. Quorum and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

2.1 Elder Bryan Lee (BL) called the meeting to order. Establishing the quorum. Shaun Ling (SL) confirmed that there are already 143 in attendance and as such, quorum is reached.

2.2 Minutes from 21st March 2021 is approved with Richard Yeoh proposing and Lim Siew Ling seconded. 100% voted yes after poll.

3. Matters Arising

BL says that there are no matters arising from the last minutes.

4. Tabling of Annual Budget from July 2021 to June 2022

Abraham Varghese (AV) wish to thank members for faithful giving despite being affected by the pandemic.

AV wish to highlight the budget that was approved last year. Offering budget 1.85M and actual is 2.24M.

Budget for 2021 was under budgeted but praise God the church got much more than what was budgeted. For the new budget, it was increased by 5% due to uncertainties of the pandemic.

Mission and welfare is lower than usual partly due to the fact that the transfer online has only paid to general fund. AV encouraged members to indicate which funds they want to apportion and inform the church accordingly.

AV highlighted some figures after sharing the screen on the summary of the budget.

Chin Khoon Ark (CKA) shared the mission budget for this year and next year. Budget is 621K. Large part goes to mission agencies, and also Baptist Theological Seminary, Malaysian Baptist Convention, Malaysian Care and Sabah education fund (form of discipleship and Christian influence). Past year, giving for missions has decreased. CKA

encourage members to support mission work. CKA expect giving to reduce to 320K which is only enough to support local missions. Giving is on a downtrend.

AV highlighted the surplus and deficit. Deficit of 93K but actual was surplus of 953K. The addition will go into reserves. For the coming year, we expect to have surplus of 200K.

CHS updated on HR budget. The budget prepared with element of succession planning in mind. There will be employment of pastor in 2022 and support staff. It is 2% drop in HR budget but overall represents 30% of church budget which is acceptable. There are also budget that may not be paid out-like 13th month pay and expenses that may not be incurred. Some pastors have been put into voluntary service but with salaries and statutory contributions.

Arnold Lim (AL) suggest that the church could establish different accounts for mission and benevolent separately. This is so that we can effectively track and collect for the various ministries.

AL asked about solar panels income. CKA responded that income is about 3K per month- per year is about 35K. That sum goes into the mission fund. Eric responded that we receive RM3K in May 2021. Average is about 2800 to 3000 plus. So per year, is about 32 to 34K. That was posted under “other income account”

Stephen Wong asked about maintenance costs for solar panel. Eric said there is next to no maintenance. So far, no maintenance charges have been paid out.

The initial investment about 180 to 200K and return is 30 odd K so the returns are quite acceptable.

Hwee Soo (OHS) asked about recruitment. CHS said the church still need an account assistant.

AL asked about 345K expenditure for capex. A significant sum is for retaining wall for the neighbouring land but approvals are pending. Tong (deacon of facilities) updated that the wall is undermined by digging by the neighbor and so budget is to build drainage and enforce the wall. The area is not sunken but it was precautionary measure as there was illegal digging by next door neighbor. Breakdown of 345K is on page 10 of budget.

Tong updated that we have not seen any deterioration of the wall.

Sze Chuan comment that the budget notes be included and distributed to members as well in the future.

Sze Chuan propose that budget be accepted. AL seconds the proposal.

Voting for budget – 100% accepted. So budget is hereby approved.

5. Any Other Business

Meeting was passed back to Elder Bryan Lee.

A poll is conducted to see how many have got their vaccinations.

Those who got 2 jabs	16%
Those who got 1 jab	57%
Those who have got appointment	14%
Those who have registered for vaccination but no appointment	11%
Those who have not registered for vaccination	2%

Thomas Yau commented that vaccination is encouraging but what is worrying is the variant especially delta variant. He expects there to be a need for booster shots in the coming years. Ted Hoo asked about the cost of these jabs- Dr Thomas Yau said it is around USD500.

Kam Pooi asked whether staff and security guards are tested and Dr Thomas said that they should be tested every 2 weeks. BL updated that security personnel is staying in the church premise so risk is lower.

CHS updated that there are 2 groups – one group work in morning and sanitise before second group comes in afternoon and before they leave sanitise.

The meeting is adjourned with Elder Seng Kee closing us in prayer.

Confirmed as correct

Chairman
Bryan Lee Hui Leong
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