

# GRANGE PARK CHURCH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **GRANGE PARK CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** held at Grange Park Community Centre on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2008** at 7.30pm.

Present: Charlie Nobbs, Mat Hussain, Jane Gerrard, Robin Gerrard, Lester Williams, Pete Stanbridge, Jane Williams, Jenny Broome, Joy Hussain, Kath Patterson, Alan Patterson, Emma Anderson, Beryl Cobb, Richard Alcock, Rachel Monie, Henry Southgate, Annette Southgate, Lisa Smith, Charlotte Nobbs, Jackie.

Apologies: Margaret Churchus, Steve Churchus, Pam Barnden, Bill Freestone, Joseph Anyahoa, Bridget Anyahoa, Dan Perkins, Jo Perkins

## Action

1. Welcome
2. Vision for GPC
3. Look Back at Past Year  
Celebrated GPC 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Growth of Tuesday morning Stepping Stones  
Growth of Youth Cell
4. Reflections of 2008  
Change;  
Challenge of multiple streams;  
Events to share and celebrate together;  
Incredible privilege in having a large number of children in the church;  
Recognise the role of the children's leaders;  
Website;  
The biggest impact in the next year will be the building;  
Hope to see an acceleration and potential in the growth of the church. Talking Point and links with the health visitors.  
Contact with people will be essential to the success of the building. The key staff member to the building will be the centre manager. This person will influence and supervise volunteers.  
  
Sad moment – Mat and Joy are moving on and they will leave a 2 big holes. At present we need to pray and take our time to find a replacement.  
  
From first contact through to people who are growing, changers of the world/environment. Through cells and mentoring we are being followers of Jesus.  
  
Charlie looking forward to our time ahead with the new leadership team.
5. Prayers of Thanksgiving followed by worship
6. Business
  - New Members  
Deletions 14; Additions 6. Currently 46 church members.  
New members: Nesta Clark, Mark Slater, Tasha Slater. Voted unanimously.
  - Leadership Team  
Nominations: Joseph Anyahoa, Kath Patterson, Pete Stanbridge (Leadership Team and Elders), Jane Williams (Leadership Team only)  
  
Question from Emma Anderson: 'will those nominated be part of the eldership or church leadership team?' The Constitution makes a distinction between elders and church council. All the leadership

team were prepared to stand as Church Council members. Kath, Joseph and Pete were prepared to stand as elders.

Question from Henry Southgate: 'How does the new leadership structure currently affect those on the Church Council?' No one currently on the Church Council wished to stand again.

Vote to accept the new Leadership Team organisational structure

Vote: 17 in favour plus 6 in favour by proxy vote

Vote to accept the proposed members of the Leadership Team

Vote: 17 in favour plus 6 in favour by proxy vote

- Accounts

No questions about the accounts. Voted unanimously that Rob Clark, Treasurer at St. Giles, should audit the accounts.

Question from Pete Stanbridge: 'On the basis that expenditure exceeds income when will income run out?' Presently making a loss per month of £1500.00. The balance in church general funds at the end of January 2008 was £24,078.81.

- Building

Lisa extended a huge thank you to the building team. Building plans are there and the contractor is waiting to start the build. Need landlord approval. Publicity launch took place in August 2007: £400,000.00 needed, £215,000.00 raised already. Money pledged from: Council Community Fund (£4,000.00), Grange Park Parish Council (£5,000.00) and individual donations (£34,000.00).

Emphasis will be on quality. Phased approach: building fitted out, offices, take room bookings and then trial the coffee shop.

Question from Jane Williams: Fundraising campaign

Money will come from: grants (e.g. landfill sites BIFA), local businesses (Solicitors Wilson Browne), statutory bodies (SNC & WNDG) and events (bungee jump). Money will not be sought from the lottery. Employ Vic Winchcombe.

- Staff

We will miss Mat and Joy. Other staff: Administrator and Centre Manager

- Reflection on time at GPC (Mat)

Enjoyed working alongside and meeting people. We feel a sense of excitement as God moves us on to something else. A little scared at what God is calling us to. Thanked people who had supported them particularly cell.

- AOB

Every 2 months there will be a Church Meeting. Alternate between meeting after Sunday service and meeting in the evening. The first date will be Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May after the church service.

7. Closing prayer and blessing

Meeting closed at 9.50 pm

Next meeting: TBA