



**Information Meeting Notes:  
Metropolitan Bible Church**

**Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Met Chapel, 4:00PM**



	Discussion / Decisions	Action Items
1. Call Ministry Corporation Meeting to Order (Bob Shaver)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were 166 members present at the meeting</li> <li>• Short of 183 members required for quorum, thus meeting was strictly for information sharing, no voting took place</li> </ul>	
2. Short devotion (Bob)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bob shared a short devotion on 1Pet 3:8-17</li> </ul>	
3. Draw In process (Jonathan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pastor Jonathan outlined three initiatives and additional information was presented by the individual responsible</li> <li>• Sandra Tharakan: Welcome at the Church               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Being home at the Church</li> <li>○ Training hosts</li> <li>○ Integrating section hosts in the sanctuary</li> <li>○ Effective follow-up</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Adam Callaway: Met at Home               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Focus on community groups</li> <li>○ Unifying the teachings in the various groups</li> <li>○ Providing resources to the group</li> <li>○ Adding new members to existing groups (~50)</li> <li>○ Launched three new groups</li> <li>○ Training leaders</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Jonathan Griffiths: Preaching Institute               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Planning a gathering of local pastors at the end of May</li> <li>○ Mini summer school of Expository preaching – 17-20 June</li> <li>○ Preaching getaway – end of September</li> <li>○ Ongoing beta trial of Biblical expository teaching to the interns</li> <li>○ Planning a conference on Expository preaching – June 2020</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
4. 2019 Budgets (Lou/Chris)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ministry Corp budget           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of 2018 operations which resulted in a small surplus</li> <li>• 2019 Budget was presented:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Spending rationale</li> <li>○ A snapshot of last 10 year giving was shown – challenge given to increase as there has been no significant increase</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Property Corp Budget was presented. It calls for a budget of \$208,000.</li> </ol>	



<p>5. Budget Q&amp;A (Lou/Chris/Bob)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administrative cost of online giving versus envelopes? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most cost effective giving option is Pre-Authorized Debit.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• Is the staff salary in-line with giving? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hiring would happen only if giving supports it.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• Can members supply some items to the church to lower expenditure? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing obvious came to mind.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• Is there a budget for counselling services? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes, there is.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• Why is membership so low? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing obvious came to mind.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• In the past few years there was a Budget A and Budget B presented. Why not this year? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We want to focus on achieving budget as presented. Surplus would go to ministry training.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Note was made with respect to in-kind donations, wills and estate.</p>	
<p>6. Nominating committee update (Mark)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark Donaldson, as committee chair, provided a brief update</li> <li>• Committee members</li> <li>• Process that is being followed is in-line with new bylaws</li> </ul>	
<p>7. Refugee update (Chris)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our first Met-sponsored refugee family has been in Ottawa for almost one year.</li> <li>• They are very grateful</li> <li>• There is another family that has been identified; they are likely to be in Canada next year.</li> </ul>	
<p>8. Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting was adjourned at 5:20PM</li> </ul>	