

Minutes of Bible School Committee Meeting

Held Saturday 30 October 2010

Present: Brothers. Jim Cowie, John King, John Mansfield, Simeon Mansfield, Frank Olsen and Tim Porter.

Apologies: Bro John Fitzgerald

1. Meeting Opened with Prayer and Reading of
2. Minutes of the last general meeting were confirmed as a true record
 - Moved Bro Tim Porter
 - Seconded Bro. John King
3. A review of the October school was held and discussion around the speaker's suggestions was held. It was agreed to adopt the following items
 1. Teenage bus activities should not be held concurrently with Sisters or Brothers afternoon, teenagers benefit from attending these events.
 2. An effective leader is needed for the Teenagers at each school to ensure attendance at all sessions
 3. Teenagers will be incorporated more into the main auditorium night programme, with possibly only 2 night sessions of their own
 4. Baptised can attend teenage sessions but must be fully supportive and agree to comply with all guidelines
 5. Bible Marking session for teenagers is seen as very important, consequently if a teenager is not willing to do the Bible Marking in the session then they are required to go to the study in the main auditorium
 6. For welcome meeting keep existing format but add motivational component to night. Also include an "introducing the school" video
 7. For picnic day, if the weather is not good then change plan to stay at the School, have special activities for afternoon to make day special
 8. Agreed to keep the new format of the picnic day with talk at school prior to leaving for outing.
4. The planning around future schools was discussed with the following agreed
 - April 2012
 - All other arrangements stand as per the forward plan
5. A full and detailed financial statement for the October school was prepared by Bro John Fitzgerald. The report contained detailed income and expenditure covering all items. The report was accepted unanimously and it was agreed that the report was exactly what was required. A small deficit was recorded for the school.

6. Bible School Fundraising Committee. It was agreed to continue to work closely with the existing committee. We seek that the committee continue with their original aims of using the production of CD's for raising additional funds for use in special projects at Rations. It was noted that the money raised by this purpose has provided many benefits to the school.
7. It was agreed that fundraising for specific projects, grants, bequests, Ecclesial and personal donations would be managed directly by the Bible School Committee, via its Treasurer.
 - a. Specific appeals in support of the required fire proofing will be sent as soon as possible.
 - b. Whilst not to be specifically requested, offers of Ecclesial and personal support could be used for a variety of purposes, including Committee operation, fees subsidies etc.
 - c. All funds collected by the Bible School committee would be treated confidentially and would be documented enabling full reporting
8. It was agreed that the committee via its publicity is prepared to advertise working bees, whenever necessary.
9. The future of the web site was discussed and it was agreed
 - a. It is important we have an up to date web site on an ongoing basis
 - b. The matter is to be handled by Tim
 - c. Bro Tim to liaise with Bro Mark Russell and finalise a new web site asap
10. All correspondence sent should be signed by the relevant person on behalf of the committee. It is important that the committee not be faceless but individual on behalf of the balance of the committee.
11. It was agreed that the Ecclesial sponsorship presentation prepared by Bro Tim and Sister Amanda, does reflect the committee's requirements for Sponsoring Ecclesias. It was agreed to send a number of requests to Ecclesias to invite them to express interest in sponsoring future schools.
12. The committee discussed the best way for it to be legally established. It was agreed to seek to incorporate the committee. A document is to be finalized incorporating 2 parts – 1 for the Facility owners, and the other for the Bible School Committee which will include roles and responsibilities of each and will include the enshrining of the Bible School Programme in the roles document.

13. A wide ranging discussion regarding the role of the committee and its regeneration was held, the following points were agreed
- a. The committee will, by majority, replace any position falling vacant by resignation.
 - b. Roles of the committee will become vacant annually at the First general meeting of each year
 - c. Existing holders can restand for current roles

The meeting concluded with prayer at 4:30pm

Next Meeting – 7 May 2011