



Minutes of Members Meeting

NewHope Baptist Church

Date of meeting	27 November 2023
Time of meeting	7.30pm
Location of meeting	NewHope Baptist Church, in person and online via Zoom
Present	As per attendance registers (735 members) (84 attendees - 48 in person (1 non member), 36 online)
Apologies	As per apology register (5 apologies)

1. Welcome, prayer and opening comments (TE)

- Welcome
- Acknowledgment of country
- New activities
- New Finance Director! Craig Neilson

2. Worship (TS)

- Holy, Holy, Holy (LORD, God Almighty)

3. Approval of minutes of Dec 2022 (Church Council Feb 2023) (TE)

- Noted

4. Strategic Planning (AD)

- Two themes around 2020-2021: connect and care
- Many initiatives in the church, falling under those two themes
- 2022 unity, engagement, impact
 - Foster UNITY
 - Strengthen IMPAC
 - Facilitate ENGAGEMENT
- Unity (teaching series, forums, collaborative works)
- Impact (aspects of our spiritual vitality – 30 minutes with Jesus, testimonies, the prophetic, global mission, collaboration with other churches, stewardship)
- Engagement (prayer activities, evangelism, service, worship, young adults – empowering them to take up their calling in the emerging generation)
- Council are also doing much work (longer term strategic planning, succession,

5. Quorum reached (TE)

- Confirmed

6. Voting process (TE)

- Explained in person and online

7. Family Forums 2023 & 2024 (StS)

- Three Family Forums this year:
 1. Indigenous Reconciliation (8 May 2023)
 2. Climate (8 August 2023)
 3. Human Sexuality (22 November 2023)
- Objective: to build capacity for NewHope members to have important conversations and work through challenging topics
- Sharing and discovering about these important issues
- 80 people at the first two (each), 120 people at the third
- Big picture goals/desired outcomes:
 - o Exploration of large, important issues
 - o Build capacity (for NewHope as a church and individuals to be able to have wise, challenging conversation)
 - o Growing in our discipleship with Jesus
- Very grateful to our forum facilitators (Karen Naylor and Leigh)
- Need to press into prayer

8. Welcome new members 2023 (AC)

- 36 new members
- Welcome!

9. NewHope Medical Ltd update and approval of revised constitution (SuS)

- Explained the background
- Explained what the proposed vote for the change to the constitution cover (deletion and addition)
- Vote below at agenda item 12

10. Year-to-date 2023 Finance Update (SuS)

- Financial update 2023 year to date – NewHope Local
- Financial update 2023 year to date giving trends
- Financial update 2023 year to date – events
- Financial update 2023 year to date –soccer club
- Financial update 2023 year to date – Global
- Financial update 2023 year to date – NewHope Preschool
- Profit and loss summary (NHM, NHCI, NHCC, NHS)
- Debt position (NHBC)
- Finance committee

11. Presentation of Budget 2024 (SuS & BR)

- Cash flow base

- Walked through the budget process, figures (income, expenses, surplus/deficit), and explanation
- Questions:
 - Purpose of NewHope Custodian
 - Sustainability and types of income, any unutilised assets, etc
 - Herald Sun article, provision for legal expense, and formal response

12. Members to vote on Budget 2024 & Revised Constitution NHMed (SuS)

- Ballots and online papers circulated

13. Input time/Ministry reports as time permits (TE)

- LB shared about the transition for Grade 6 Kids' Church attendees – volunteering in the café, Kids' Church, welcome team, digital team, etc.
- PG shared about young adults cooking food and passing out to local people, opportunities to serve through NHCC people who have been sleeping rough / fleeing domestic violence / couch surfing, opportunities to pass on meal and food vouchers to people deeply in need.
- Cathy De Witt shared about the prayer team and the amazing way God is moving

14. Results of Budget 2024 vote and Revised Constitution NHMed vote (BR)

- 95% approval of the budget (81 of 85 votes)
- 100% approval of the constitutional change

15. Any other business (TE)

- Nothing arising

16. Close in prayer (MJ)

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.05pm.