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|  Church Members Meeting Wednesday, 22nd May 2019 |
| **50 Members present** |
| **Welcome** |
| **Apologies for absence:** Derek Page, Faith and Duncan, Peta Gibson, Chrissie Dore, Naomi and Shadrack Kwasa, Maggy and Chris Gardner, Gillian Rose, Sharon Rose, Julie and Mick Ledden, Josh Newton |
| **Prayer** – led by Hilary Ross-Smith |
| **1.** | **Worship** |
| **2.** | **Treasurer's Report** Roy Bawden delivered the report and gave thanks to God for his provision. The chart demonstrated a rise of 14% above budget and we currently have a strong net surplus. The church has received a legacy of £10,000 from the Maisey Grant estate. Legacies are set aside in a separate fund to cover capital expenditure.The full report and slides are available on the website. |
| **3.** | **Membership Matters**4 candidates have applied for membership. Pat Holley. Interviewed by Helen Yarrow and AlisonAccepted into membershipKath Wilkinson - interviewed by Christine Follett and Maxine Accepted into membershipFabio & Juliana Vianna - interviewed by Brian and Helen SmithAccepted into membershipStefan and Refiloe Bosman have moved away.The Death of Morris ThomsonBrenda and Allan Jones have moved to Weymouth and have resigned membership at RBC. There are currently 304 in Membership.  |
| **4.** | **RBC Intern and mission opportunity**The possibility of an intern was discussed at the last meeting. A report by Mick Ledden has been made available and was read by Hillary Ross-Smith. David Sharp has been part of the DNA Programme and previously shared with the fellowship some of the work he has been involved in. A small team of deacons considered the matter and it was agreed that the suggestion of an intern at RBC be considered by the members. They would require a line manager and a mentor. The line manager will be Helen Yarrow. A mentor is yet to be appointed. The intern will be involved in all aspects of church life. Travel expenses to training courses, etc., will be paid by RBC.Hannah Dendy will join us as the first RBC intern this Autumn. The role is unpaid but registration and 50% of the fees will be paid for by RBC. The cost for the first year will be £2380. The fee for the second year is less. Year 1 involves Spiritual development and training of the intern by DNA. Year two is more project based. A project will be set and must be delivered. If the internship is successful, we would hope to see this opportunity, for young people, become a regular feature. Concern was raised about the impact on line management and office resources to fully support Hannah. A programme will be put together for Hannah to follow. This will be in place by August. A vote was taken on the proposal to have an intern and this was accepted unanimously. Sharon Rose has been spending time in Moldova, through Breadline. Derek has previously shared with the membership that Sharon felt called to mission in Moldova and prayers and discussions with Pastor Slavic. Sharon has been investigating mission organisations that can offer practical help and support to missionaries. CMC indicated that they would like to meet with Sharon and she has been invited to join their course. initially she will use her skills in speech therapy, to help and advise teachers working with children that have special needs. She will support women. Sharon will go to Dancu in October and spend a year working in Moldova. Although Sharon has spoken to her employers about her intentions, she has not yet handed in her notice, therefore, **Please do not mention anything on social media**. RBC will support Sharon financially. A vote was taken on whether, as a church, we are willing to support Sharon, financially and prayerfully and this was passed unanimously. |
| **5.** | **Safe guarding policy**We are blessed to have so many children and young people in our church and it is our duty to keep them safe. Massive thank you to Lucy, John and Helen for their work on the statement. The policy is available on line or a paper copy via the church office. The safeguarding statement was put before the church members meeting. The statement was put to the vote and was agreed unanimously.  |

**6. Community Outreach report** The partition is being installed next week and the new projector
 will be in place. Thank you to Steve Rogers, Mark Ross-Smith and
 Dan Newton for the many hours spent installing this.

 An outside soft play space has been created. Thanks to a grant
 from Hillingdon council, secured by Lucy Newton and
 Chrissie Dore.

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|  | Café Connect - A huge debt of thanks is extended to Denny Fleming and all the regular helpers at this outreach, that has run for a year. The hours have changed to 10.30 - 12.30. There will be cakes and drinks but we are no longer serving lunch. In place of lunch we will celebrate special events with strawberries and cream during Wimbledon week, a harvest festival lunch and other occasions during the year. The Recycle shop in Ruislip has some space at the rear of the shop, where they are happy for RBC to run some workshops, such as photography, first aid, painting, etc. This presents a great opportunity for RBC to reach the wider community. We are looking to hold a Picnic in the Park event on 21st July. Permission is being sought from the local authority. Please pray that this is agreed and can go ahead. Holiday club and Holiday @ Home plans are underway and going well. High Meadows in Pinner (where Jean Lewis resides), has been added to the care home ministry. This was very well received by the residents. Pampering evening in a couple of weeks. Craft club going well. Takes place once a month. Helen met with Zoë Wilkinson to discuss the possibility of holding a separate small group once a month on a Sunday morning, for families with children with learning disabilities. Safe houses ministry is going well. Thank you for those that are involved. Hillingdon community transport. These vehicles take wheelchairs. Alison Dennis is going on a driving course.  |
|  **7.** | **Secretary's report**We are light in the diaconate. Paul Cluett has resigned and Rob Osborne will be stepping down for 6 month, following the arrival of his twins.  |
|  **8.** | **Approval/correction of minutes of last meeting**There were no amends to the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved. |
|  **9.** | **AOB*** Evangelical Alliance videoed RBC toddler groups. They interviewed leaders and some of the parents. The video will be available shortly. Next month is a month of prayer for toddler groups. The newsletter will have more specific prayer points.
* Request for people to be considerate when parking and leave disabled spaces clear for disabled people to use.

**The meeting closed with prayer.**  |