

NAIROBI BAPTIST CHURCH
MINUTES OF THE MEMBERS' DAY MEETING
HELD ON 19th NOVEMBER 2016
IN THE BETHEL SANCTUARY

PRESENT:

Dr Timothy Wachira (Chairman)

Dr Barnard Aseto (Vice Chairman)

Rev Calisto Odede (Senior Pastor)

Mr Jackson Maingi (Honorary Treasurer)

Mr Mbage Ng'ang'a (Honorary Secretary)

Ms Lynette Walters (taking Minutes)

and a total of 173 Members and 11 non-members, as per the Honorary Secretary's records, available for inspection.

APOLOGIES:

A total of 49 members, as per the Honorary Secretary's records, available for inspection.

NBC MIN MEMBERS' DAY MTG 1/2016 - PRAYERS AND DEVOTION

1.1 Rev Majid opened the meeting in prayer at 9.33 am. A time of worship in song followed. Rev Mulandi led the devotion from Ps 103:1-2. King David took time to say where the praise was coming from. It is not lip service. *"Praise the Lord O my soul", it says, "all my inmost being... "It begins in the epicentre, my soul, my inmost being, then "praise his holy name" (NIV), for who He is, all His benefits. Then there is a warning. David says 'forget not all his benefits'. After a while we forget His benefits. Members present were reminded to FORGET NOT. The Members' Day meeting was not ordinary; through the documents it was evident that 'God was on the move'. We are pausing to say 'thank you' for His benefits'. We will not forget.*

1.2 Rev Mulandi said we had set ourselves three targets: Christ-centred Church, Strong Families, Transformed Nation. Members were asked to share their praises. They responded that:

1.2.1 The Thursday Prayer Service attendance has grown and Pastors and Elders are attending.

1.2.2 The church itself has grown in numbers.

1.2.3 The ministry to widows is strong.

1.2.4 The men's prayer ministry has grown to about 30 and a young man gave his life to Christ.

1.2.5 NBC Kibera has seen growth in Sunday School, HGFs, ROPES and IMPACT.

1.2.6 The hospital ministry is going well. We prayed for Dr Oduori when he was in ICU and could not talk. He then moved out of ICU. We say 'thank you' to the Lord for that.

1.3 The Senior Pastor prayed, then handed over to the Chairman who asked the Honorary Secretary to read the notice for the meeting.

1.4 The Honorary Secretary said the notice for the meeting was in the booklet provided. The documents were sent in time. The meeting was confirmed as properly constituted.

1.5 The Chairman noted that changes had been made to the NBC Constitution as agreed. Copies were provided and Members agreed they had received it.

1.6 There were no matters under 'Any Other Business'.

NBC MIN MEMBERS' DAY MTG 2/2016 - TO NOTE THE PRESENCE OF A QUORUM

The Honorary Secretary reported that the quorum for a Members' Day Meeting was 100. This had been achieved.

NBC MIN MEMBERS' DAY MTG 3/2016 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEMBERS' DAY/SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 21ST NOVEMBER 2015 AND TO NOTE ANY MATTERS ARISING

3.1 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st November 2015 were approved by Members: proposed by Dr George Krhoda and seconded by Rev James Wambua and signed by the Chairman. Members agreed unanimously.

3.2 There was a comment that the priorities stated in the Minutes were not clear. The Senior Pastor responded by saying this was a record of a presentation by the Consultant. The key priority areas were captured in the Strategic Plan booklet which was issued later on.

3.3 The Senior Pastor reported on Matters Arising from the previous Minutes as follows:

3.3.1 The Library allocation will come later.

3.3.2 The sound speaker issue has been attended to.

3.3.3 The Sunday School classrooms have been repainted.

3.3.4 The Children's toilets have not yet been worked on.

3.3.5 The parking area and other maintenance issues have not yet been worked on.

3.3.6 A lift installation project is being worked on.

NBC MIN MEMBERS' DAY MTG 4/2016 - TO RECEIVE, CONSIDER AND ADOPT THE LEADERSHIP REPORT

4.1 The Chairman introduced the report. Last year the leadership presented to members the need for financial resources to move forward. A proposal was given and from members' response, the leadership recognized that was not the direction to proceed. The leadership submitted themselves to the will of God as expressed through members of the church. Looking back, there was much to thank God for. He had (and continues to) lift the hearts of leaders, and has shown Himself mighty and powerful. The focus is not on property but on the Lord. There is every indication the Lord is on the move. There are weaknesses and setbacks, but the Elders are encouraged and have been lifted up. The Pastorate have been lifted up. Lives are being transformed. The Chairman then handed over to the Senior Pastor to present highlights from the report.

4.2 The Senior Pastor said they had reflected on what the Lord had been doing. They are filled with thanksgiving. The restructuring of the ministries had taken place, including the Elders' Court, Boards and Committees. About 700 people volunteered to join ministry. Many are now

involved. Processes are much faster, for which management is truly grateful. He also listed the following:

- 4.2.1 Children: numbers have grown and there has been more training.
- 4.2.2 Youth: Hangout had about 150 attending the Service. Young leaders are being trained. Prayer is taken seriously. Young people were coming to the Lord.
- 4.2.3 ROPES draws parents and children from other churches.
- 4.2.4 The Worship Teams have been reshaped.
- 4.2.5 Thursday Prayer Service has been awesome, up to 150 people (many youth).
- 4.2.6 People are getting saved and are being put into growth groups.
- 4.2.7 Global Missions: our own NBC team went to visit Park Community Church in Chicago.
- 4.2.8 There has been an impact among Muslims (in Eastleigh) and they have visited us, and also in Kwale through the mission station.
- 4.2.9 Two girls, formally Muslims, were baptised.
- 4.2.10 Family ministry: women are involved in many activities. Between 30 and 50 men meet every first Saturday (not second Saturday as mentioned in the report).
- 4.2.11 The new group, Jars of Clay, had begun which is for people who are cancer survivors and their caregivers.

4.3 The Chairman asked if there are areas of ministry the leadership did not see/record. Members responded:

- 4.3.1 The lessons given to parents with children being dedicated were appreciated.
- 4.3.2 There was a proposal that the leadership should highlight what our internal missionaries are doing, for example Rev James Wambua and Mrs Ruth Kioko.
- 4.3.3 We had a neighbourhood dinner and invited police, sheikhs, etc. We are also involved in the redevelopment of the Kilimani Police Station. The NBC team had been asked to bring together faith-based groups in the area, e.g. mosques and churches. It will be an outreach to the community.
- 4.3.4 Great things are happening in HGFs.

4.4 The Chairman opened up discussion on the Leadership Report:

- 4.4.1 A member enquired about the television broadcast: The Senior Pastor said that Sayari Television Station made a specific request regarding sermons from the Word Central Service which were edited by the media team and given for broadcast. They are doing it free of charge, twice a week. They receive lots of feedback.
- 4.4.2 Regarding Governance, a suggestion was made that Pastoral matters should be included. The Chairman responded by saying the Elders' Court deals with that.
- 4.4.3 Sunday School material use an old Bible translation. The Senior Pastor noted this.
- 4.4.4 The youth were struggling with their musical instruments. Some have to be carried to Daystar for the Hangout Service. The Chairman responded by saying there are things that could not be done because of lack of funds but hoped with time the instruments would be purchased.
- 4.4.5 The Youth use phones during the Service, not necessarily for Bible reference. The Senior Pastor said he would look into this.
- 4.4.6 Young Adults have been abandoned. The Senior Pastor said this issue is in his heart and in Senior Ministry Team discussions. The process towards recruitment of a Pastor, who will include Young Adults in his duties, is in progress.

4.4.7 Wahenga: it was pointed out that they don't just have lunch (as shown in the Leadership Report). They are involved in several ministries. The Chairman agreed as corrected.

4.4.8 We should refer to those who come from the new country of South Sudan as South Sudanese, not Southern Sudanese. It was enquired whether providing a space for their Service was enough. The Senior Pastor said NBC relates with them beyond space. It was mentioned that NBC should not lose focus because this was part of our calling.

4.4.9 On pages 28 and 29 the word 'software' is not correct.

4.4.10 Internet is needed in the Sanctuary: Some pros and cons of this suggestion were highlighted, however the management will take up the challenge and think through it.

ACTION on Section 4.4: Senior Pastor

4.5 The Leadership Report was considered and received. It was then tabled for adoption. Proposed by Eng Erastus Mwongera, seconded by Dr Florence Musiime. Members accepted.

NBC MIN MEMBERS' DAY MTG 5/2016 - TO RECEIVE A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 The Chairman said everything had been included in the report so we will receive it only. He drew members' attention to the challenges and asked them to pray about them. He noted that prayer is no longer NBC's greatest weakness. He said there would be a mid-term formal review. This will become a report for discussion and may be a change of direction.

NBC MIN MEMBERS' DAY MTG 6/2016 - TO RECEIVE A PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE NAIROBI BAPTIST CHURCH INVESTMENT COMPANY

6.1 The Chairman said Mr Mugo wa Karanja would represent the Chairman of the NBC Investment Company because the Chairman and Vice Chairman were unable to attend the meeting.

6.2 It was reported that the company board had been meeting regularly and there had been much progress. They have looked at all the church properties with a view to making them more efficient. Details are included on pages 40 to 43 of the Annual Report.

6.3 Issues which have come up are the possibility of a billboard on the Annex property across Ngong Road and the possible use of the NMC Kitchen and Sunday School facilities during the week. These are being considered.

6.4 The Members' responses were as below:

6.4.1 There was need for timelines, such as for transfer of property to the company. The Chairman said these need to be agreed at the AGM first.

6.4.2 A caution regarding the use of the NMC Kitchen was that there are consumables stored there used by the Women's Ministry.

6.4.3 The NMC Investment Company should handle the repairs and maintenance of property.

6.4.4 A member suggested that NBC needed mechanized parking.

6.4.5 An enquiry was made regarding a footbridge across Ngong Road. The Senior Pastor responded that the church had engaged the authorities jointly with Daystar and there was consideration to install a footbridge.

6.4.6 NBC needs more parking.

6.5 The Chairman said the report is a requirement of the NBC Constitution. When the report comes from the Company itself, we will discuss it. The official report will come through the AGM.

NBC MIN MEMBERS' DAY MTG 7/2016 - TO RECEIVE, CONSIDER AND ADOPT THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2017

7.1 The Honorary Treasurer presented the highlights of the current year-to-date accounts and the proposed budget for the year 2017 which had been circulated to Members with the notice of the meeting:

7.1.1 Proposed income for 2017 was projected at Ksh 190.7 million.

7.1.2 Proposed expenditure for 2017 was projected at Ksh 190.4 million (having considered self-fund for ministry activities of Ksh 10.5 million).

7.1.3 The operating surplus was expected to be Ksh 0.3 million. The Wish List budget for equipment and other capital expenditure was projected at Ksh 49.1 million.

7.2 Members' questions were discussed and answered. The Honorary Treasurer confirmed that the budget was guided by the Strategic Plan.

7.3 The 2017 budget was accepted. Proposed by Eng Erastus Mwongera and seconded by Mrs Jane Kabui. Members agreed by a show of hands.

NBC MIN MEMBERS' DAY MTG 8/2016 - COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

8.1 The Senior Pastor welcomed one new member attending the meeting as well as the observers.

8.2 As he looked back at this year he had a heart full of gratitude. Earlier there was fear if we could make it financially but the people of God have given generously. We thank the Lord. '**God is on the Move**' has been the guiding theme. Having completed two years, an amazing packed two years at NBC, he and his family had been given an opportunity to blend with the church and were truly grateful.

8.3 He had written a list of several things he would trust the Lord for. Looking back, only about two or three were not yet done. As the church moves into 2017 he was praying that the Lord would give him a new list of things He wanted to accomplish in and through NBC. Regarding outreach, the Senior Pastor pointed out there was need to intensify evangelism, so the congregation would be engaged on this in 2017. NBC Kitisuru would have the first Service by 1st April 2017, if all goes well and as planned.

8.4 Social media was a big world NBC needs to reach so the media and communications will be revamped including a new website.

8.5 He and the staff team were filled with excitement because of what the Lord was doing. There was a strong indication that the Lord "*will bring back the sons and daughters*" and there was evidence as many were coming back to NBC. The members were urged to look ahead for

more. 'God is on the Move' and at work among us. He thanked members for coming and being active.

NBC MIN MEMBERS' DAY MTG 9/2016 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business, the meeting closed in prayer by the Senior Pastor at 12.35 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....(This line signature for
Members' Day Mtg 2017

Approved for Circulation



Timothy Wachira
Chairman, Elders Court



Mbage Ng'anga
Honorary Church Secretary