

## **Opawa Baptist, Church Meeting Agenda 23 July, 2008, 7:30-9 pm**

**Steve reading** - Psalm 73

**pastoral team report** - 10 minutes total

Craig - ways we are seeing people walk ; Steve - ways we are seeing people grow; Paul - ways we are seeking people reflect Christ's love

**living legends** - 5 minutes

**commission judy more** - 10 minutes

- explanation from Al Currie; comments by Judy More

*Motion: endorse enthusiastically Judy More's call to overseas mission*

**budget update** - Debbie Jaegar - 10 minutes

**family hub** (handout on back) - 15 minutes

- step 1 - a clarifying conversation with Lyn Campbell;

- step 2 - talking with Board, staff, ministry leaders;

- step 3 - Stage 2 commences and so we need to start thinking ministry for Stage 3;

- step 4 - Sean Pawson is sensing a new season and is "excitedly cautiously curious"

- step 5 - a conversation: "I have a person" and offer of \$20,000 from business networks, giving us 6 months in which seek further funding.

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**update - building project** - 3 mins

**update - Steve's study leave arrangements** - 5 mins

Study leave: equip for more effective ministry, not holiday.

Dates: 21 August - 1 November in Adelaide, with a focus on family time, on creative writing and on editing sermons into online resources.

Plan to cope:

- leadership and pastoral care - Board plus existing staff
- other congregations - shared leadership greatly helps
- Sunday am preaching of mix of existing Opawa people, and 2 x 3 week "extra" series

**update - worship ministry leader** - 7 mins

**update - youth ministry leader** - 10 mins

**commission of Steve Jaegar: youth worker** - 1 day/week to disciple - welcome, explain

**commision of Hugh Dymock: community chaplain** - 1 day/week in community - welcome, explain

prayer for church life

**Vision:** The West Wing becomes “a family hub.”

**Mission:** A family hub as a framework for a holistic range of family ministries, that integrate and blend with existing ministries, with the goal of building families and faith communities of different shapes and sizes, as per our multi-congregational model

**Strategic considerations:**

- Family concerns are huge in our culture
- Our church is growing among families and is growing family ministries
- Our West wing kids ministry area needs resourcing now and shouldn't have to wait until Stage 3
- A “family hub” enables ministry to give momentum for Stage 3 and opens us to community funding.
- We live in a city with a social conscience, open to partnership with church groups.

**Implications:**

- We will be expressing life wholistically, to the full (John 10:10) body, mind and soul.
- The “family hub” will aim not for an endpoint of running projects and programmes. Rather it will seek to create a more intentionally integrated relational approach.
- We must be clear in our vocabulary and vision that family is not limited to “nuclear”

**Current**

Mind – Toolbox

**Possible**

Parenting brochures, family discussion starters, parenting support group

Body – mainly music, food bank

cycling and fitness training for City to Surf, organic vegetables, community garden, walking group

Soul – Kids time, Light Party, growth coaching, Counselling

Kids holiday program, Family coaching, Godly play, Christian storytelling, miscarriage support, grief support

**Possible next steps:**

1. We make 2009 the year of the family, building on Building the Kingdom in homes and workplaces.
2. We work with people like Lyn Campbell to offer advice and input.
3. We work with business networks, to secure initial funding for 6 months.
4. Take to church meeting as per motions below
5. Look for a part-time (contract) person to set this up, as per job description

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**Opawa Baptist Church:**

**Reporting to:** Steve Taylor

**Key relationships:** Children’s ministry leader, Community Ministry leader

**Functional relationships with:** All staff, ministry leaders and community ministries

**Delegated authority:** The church operates on a yearly budget cycle, with ministries applying in December. *Family hub funding needs to be structured.*

**Objective:** Provide energy for the development of “family hub” vision at Opawa as per attached

**TASKS & RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- develop vision, working in a organic, missio Dei framework
- build key relationships (church, church ministry, community, key agencies including *Parenting with Confidence*, government)
- add energy to Opawa Baptist’s existing ministries, working alongside staff and ministry leaders
- source and create resources including parenting brochures, family faith packs, family discussion starters
- start “leverage” projects. (including a feasibility study of “inheriting” the WYT holiday program)
- secure ongoing funding

*For each task and responsibility the following to be negotiated:*

<i>PERFORMANCE STANDARD &amp; TARGET:</i>	<i>PERFORMANCE MEASURES (KPI):</i>	<i>DATE:</i>
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**PERSON SPECIFICATION:** The successful candidate will possess the following:

**Qualifications:**

- Theological degree (or demonstrated integration of faith and life)
- A heart for all-age church ministry, 24/7 family life and wider community engagement. In other words, they must be community-engaged in a way that brings church with them

**Knowledge/Experience**

- Knowledge and/or experience of faith and family life
- Funding applications and project development
- All-age faith-building

**Skills:**

- Track record of project development
- Can do themselves out of job ie start things and help others pick them up
- Communicator both verbally (1-1, small group and congregational settings) and on paper
- Linker, resourcer
- People skills
- Organised
- Administratively able and computer literate

**Attributes/Character:**

- Able to work independently
- Real upfront, with a humanity and honesty
- Able to gain confidence and respect of wide range of people, both inside the church and outside
- Team player, with a sense of humour