

FEEDBACK FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26 September 2018

1. THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS

- 1.1. Thank you to the Youth and the Inspire Youth Band for running an amazing Youth Conference over the weekend of 21 – 23 September. It was a very exciting initiative and we look forward to many more.
- 1.2. Thank you as well to everyone who helped to cook and serve during the conference. Without keeping tummies full we wouldn't have had such happy attendees.

2. FINANCE

- 2.1. The issue surrounding the monies owing to SARS has been finalized. Instead of the R530 000 that SARS was originally asking for, they agreed that we could pay them R132 000 to bring our taxes up to date. This is really an answer to prayer. Thank you to Ian Smith and Kevin Loader for all the time they invested in negotiating with SARS to reach this outcome.
- 2.2. General finances of the church continue to be closely watched. There is a strain on the cash flow because of having to pay SARS the lump sum and also because of the need to do some extensive renovations to the Manse. This was required because the new minister will be moving in to the Manse. Any donations to the Manse upgrade would be greatly appreciated.

3. NEWS UPDATE

- 3.1. CSS has been appointed as the new security company for the church. This change was made because ADT were not responding to callouts as they should have.
- 3.2. The office block has had a much needed face lift. It is amazing what a coat of paint and some re-arranging can do! Thank you to James Van Schoor for seeing to this matter. A number of office desks were also donated to the office which has helped to improve the work environment.
- 3.3. A Craft Market will be held on 27 October. The intention of this is to try and bring more of the community onto the property.

4. CELEBRATING SUCCESS

- 4.1. It may seem strange to count a funeral or memorial service as celebrating success but that is what it has been. Thank you to Derek Weston and Marion Main who have ministered into the lives of people in their times of bereavement. Because of their ministry a number of new people have started attending the church.

5. STAFF MATTERS

- 5.1. Because of the change in security companies, we unfortunately had to terminate the contract with the security company that employed Clement. We thank him for his loyal service. He will be missed. We are in the process of putting new security measures in place. In the meantime Gladman will take on additional car guarding duties.
- 5.2. The Rev John Gordon and his wife Rita were hosted at the church over the weekend of 15-16 September. Rev Gordon was the candidate who was selected to be asked to come and preach with a view to a call. A General Congregational meeting will be held on 7 October to take a vote as to whether or not to call Rev Gordon to be the minister at RRUC.

6. WHY BECOME A MEMBER?

Once a quarter we have a Member Orientation and Members Welcome. A number of people, especially the youth, have asked why we have these.

As part of the governance of our parent denominations, they require that people become members of a particular congregation and when they change congregations they ask for a transfer from one congregation to the next. Only formally registered members of a particular congregation may vote at the church's AGM or any other congregational meeting. Therefore, if you want to have a say in what happens in the church you need to be a formal member.

The members orientation meeting is a short introduction to the church, how it works, who is in leadership and how to get involved. The Members Welcome is a means by which new members are formally introduced to the congregation.

If there are any questions or comments please feel free to contact me.
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