

Notes from Elders Meeting – 09.05.2012

Focus of discussion was on Communications and Media

PRESENT : Gareth Brown (GB), Derek Hartill (DH), Robert Hawkes (RH), Kevin Sadler

APOLOGIES : Graham Gordon (GG), Richard Berry (RB), Derrick Harrison (DH)

Welcome Pack / Website

- GB suggested that Welcome Pack would be first priority as the information from this could then be used to develop the website further. An initial meeting of GG, GB and Matt Sadler was suggested with a report back in 6 weeks time (Elders Meeting – 20th June 2012). **ACTION - GB**

In Touch –

- Needs further discussion with GG present – idea of having reports from various areas of church life every 3 months was suggested as a core read with articles being added electronically. Areas could include Life Group Leaders, Community Outreach (e.g. Food Bank, Job Club), Coffee Stop, Pastoral Letter from Richard or another elder, Youth and Childrens etc. . **ACTION – Further discussion with GG present**

Notice boards

- Suggested that we move noticeboards around and that individuals take on responsibility for each sections.
- Key noticeboards that should have full array of church life on them should be outside and noticeboards as people walk in to the church – this should be the noticeboard that includes photos of Elders, Life Group Leaders, Ministry Leaders etc.
- The “today” noticeboard should be moved to the hatch with current information on it including rotas, current notices etc. Suggested that Graham Hull be the best person to keep this updated although need to ensure that information about events is cleared first.
- The missionary noticeboard continue but with half of it dedicated to home mission (e.g. Foodbank, Coffee Stop, Worth’s work in schools etc.)
- Suffering Church noticeboard not discussed.

- Kids Clubs and Sunday School noticeboards to be in the front room. A “signposting” noticeboard to be near the hatch in the front room (e.g. CAB, Credit Unions, SureStart etc.)
- Noticeboards behind bookshelf were discussed but discussion turned towards Bookstore in general.

Bookstore

- It was agreed that the Bookstore needs updating and it was suggested that DH work with Val and the area where the hymn books be a venue for a potential bookstore . Likely that catalogues be available for ordering and that a selection of books be chosen that reflects current need for seekers, new Christians etc. ACTION – DH to approach Val with offer of space

Other

- Elders and Wives are encouraged to be at the meeting with Dave Latham on Saturday Evening at 7.30pm. Music Group and selected others have also been invited. It was agreed though that Elders and Wives make up the first pastoral ministry team and badges will be circulated this Sunday.