

**Minutes of the 2nd Council Meeting of the
Singapore Baptist Convention held on 25 April 2017
7.30 pm @ Thomson Road Baptist Church**

Vice-Chairman: Dr Benjamin Tang
Secretary: Rev Bobby Lee (on behalf of Convention's secretary)
Present: Refer to Attendance List

NO. DESCRIPTION

1.0 Scripture Reading/Opening Prayer

Rev Bobby Lee (Convention) referred to Matthew 6:14, on the feeding of 5000 with the 5 loaves and 2 fish. He encouraged members to give unto the Lord what belongs to Him, out of our love for God, for the advancement of the Gospel to reach the nations.

Rev Bobby Lee opened in prayer.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Jeremy Lim (Thomson Baptist Church) proposed the acceptance of the Agenda.
Pr Andrew Tjang (Convention) seconded the proposal.

3.0 Confirmation of Previous Council Meeting's Minutes on 24 January 2017

Rev Richard Loh (Eternal Life Baptist Church) proposed confirmation of the minutes.
Mdm Tan Lin Lin (The Singapore Baptist Church) seconded the proposal.

4.0 New Matters Arising

4.1 PDI Baptist Leaders' Retreat (Chinese)

The Chinese PCWF went to Kuching from 18 – 21 April for their retreat.

4.2 PDI Baptist Leaders' Retreat (English)

The English PCWF went to Hotel Jen in Johor Bahru from 17 – 19 April for their retreat.

4.3 NextGen Leadership

The last meeting on NextGen Leadership took place on February 2017.

4.4 NowGen Leadership

The programme, targeted towards more experienced Pastors above the age of 45, will commence in July.

4.5 Reformation Concert

Confirmation is still pending due to a lack of response garnered from member churches regarding the event.

5.0 Mission Update

5.1 The Journey (Wycliffe Singapore)

Pr Andrew Tjang, Mission Director (SBC) shared his excitement with the members regarding the positive responses received, stating the number of participants that have signed up is now 190. He added that the planning committee is still seeking for volunteers.

5.2 Mission Teams

Pr Andrew Tjang presented on the key ministries that are currently in progress, namely: China Ministry in Kunming, and Student Ministry in Batam, Bintan, and Isaan. A number of mission teams are sent to these ministries, over the months of January to June 2017. They are: January- 1; February- 1; March- 3; April- 3; May- 4; June- 2.

6.0 BTS Update

At their first semester in 2017/2018, 3 new students have signed up for the English Programme (Total: 34) and 10 new students for the Chinese Programme (Total: 36). Current total enrolment is at 77, of which 7 are in the DMin Programme.

21 BTS students will be graduating on 20 May, at the 26th BTS Commencement Service.

Dr Fong Choon Sam (BTS) introduced Dr Daniel Wu as the new president of BTS. He is a graduate from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and has been teaching in Taiwan for the last 22 years.

7.0 Financial Report (1 September 2016 – 31 March 2017)

7.1 Convention-General Fund

Receipts:	\$106,497
Expenses:	\$128,787
Surplus (Deficit):	(\$22,290)

7.2 Mission-General Fund

Receipts:	\$87,120
Expenses:	\$121,894
Surplus (Deficit):	(\$34,774)

7.4 Contribution from Churches (1 Sep 2016 – 31 Mar 2017)

23 (62%) churches gave \$81,922 to Convention-General Fund
13 (35%) churches gave \$73,120 to Mission-General Fund

Rev Richard Loh, Treasurer, mentioned that there is a need to revalue the property in 1023 Upper Serangoon Road, as the asset value may have gone up.

The treasurer also highlighted that the designated funds to the Mission Department are not enough to support the salaries of mission workers under the Convention, thus there is a deficit. Member churches to consider raising the amount of contributions to Mission-General Fund in order to match the increasing need.

Ms Susan Yeung (Leng Kwang Baptist Church) proposed to approve the financial report. Mr Stuart Liew (Neighbourhood Baptist Church) seconded the proposal.

8.0 Any Other Matters – NIL

9.0 Feedback/Announcement/Calendar of Events

9.1 BTS 26th Commencement Service

There is an error in the date in the Convention Calendar of Events. The correct date is 20 May, Saturday. The amendments have been made on the Convention website.

9.2 Potential Member Churches

Rev Bobby Lee shared that 2 churches have expressed their desire to become members under the Singapore Baptist Convention. More information and updates regarding the status of their membership will be provided at the next Council meeting on 25 July.

10.0 Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Rev Bobby Lee closed the meeting in prayer.

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