

Church Building Meeting held at the Church Thursday, 15th. May 1958.

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The meeting was commenced at 8pm. with Bro. Creek as chairman.

There were 52 church members present.

Bro. Creek introduced Bro. Sawdy, who proceeded to explain his model and plan of the new church, then by means of coloured slides depicting numerous European churches he had visited, he explained the various types of architecture, giving the reasons for the particular type, due mainly to the particular time at which the building was erected, also to the materials available and also to the ideas of the builders at that time. He started from the very early churches and went up to the Gothic style where he said a very noticeable halt came about in church architecture. This was due mostly, as Keith said, to the feeling that what was good for my parents will do me also. This feeling exists even to the present day.

However with the wide range of materials available at present, church styling has turned to the contemporary type, of which Keith's model is an example.

Bros. Giles and Kath were then appointed as scrutineers and each member present was handed a slip of paper on which to record his or her approval of the adoption of Keith's plan and model. Bro. Creek then assured all that on Diaconate recommendation, a 75% ~~majority~~-majority would ensure adoption of the plan. However although the voting was 42 to 9 in favour, Bro. Sawdy declined to continue with the project.

The meeting was closed by the chairman with prayer at 10.30pm.



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The suggested basic requirements of the new church are listed hereunder:

1. To seat 200 people ultimately.
2. To stop the admission of exterior noise, e.g. aeroplanes.
3. Expert lighting
4. Cry Room
5. Open Baptistry
6. Choir space allowed for
7. Suitable arrangement of Communion Table, Pulpit, Reading and Hymn boards, etc.
8. Provision for future pipe organ.
9. Approximately £8,000.

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## Meeting of the church

Building Committee at the Church. Sunday 29th. June 1958.

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The meeting was commenced at 3.20pm Bro. Clark being the chairman.

Mr. Clark extended a welcome to five(5) members of the Building Advisory Committee, also to Bros. Copley and Parker.

Bro. Clark then proceeded to give the Advisory committee a resume of our proceedings up to date, and then asked them to offer their advice. They assured us that we had been going about it the right way and would Bro. Sawdy be able to carry on. When they fully realised that we could not expect his services, they told us that our problem was similar to other churches having a dogmatic architect and that our only solution was to obtain as quickly as possible a new architect.

We give the architect our basic requirements, also all ideas which we gather from church members. The architect should give us sketches of the work as it proceeds.

We must have a full account of all monies received and spent.

The meeting was closed at 4.25pm.



Building Committee Meeting held at the Church. Sunday 6th. July 1958.

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The meeting was commenced at 3.5pm. with Bro. Clark as chairman.

There were eleven (11) members present.

It was moved by Bro. Creek and seconded by Bro. Lewis that Bros. Copley and Parker become members of our committee.

The minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 29th. June were read and received. Bro. Clark mentioned that the fees for a new architect would be 6% of the Tender price of the building, or in the case of our £10,000 project, the architect's fees would be £600.

He then gave Keith's reasons for refusing to carry on, his main objection being to Mrs. Copley's negative vote, as he considered ~~she had raised~~ that she having raised most of the money toward the project should have been in favour of it, secondly Keith was not in favour of the organ alcove. Bro. Clark then suggested that we approach Mrs. Copley and get her assurance that she wants Keith to proceed and that we sell the present organ and purchase a new electronic organ, thus doing away with the need for an alcove the extra cost of which could go towards the electronic organ.

Bro. Hutchens then ~~mentioned~~ mentioned the voting of those under 16 at the meeting of 15th. May. This will be discussed at the Diaconate meeting on Monday 7th. July.

Sis. Redman moved and Sis. Shuttle seconded, that Bro. Clark approach Mrs. Copley and ask her to give Keith her assurance of her willingness for him to continue with his project. Bro. Clark would report on this matter at the next meeting on Sunday 13th. July at 2.30pm.

The meeting was closed at 3.50pm. when Sisters Shuttle and Redman provided hot sausage rolls and tea.



Building Committee Meeting held in church Sunday 13th. July 1958.  
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The meeting was commenced with prayer by Bro. Clark at 3.05pm. (11 present.) Bro. Clark reported on his visit to Mrs. Copley, who has written to Bro. Sawdy giving him her assurance, that she wants him to proceed with the building, according to his plan submitted to the church on 15th. May 1958. Bro. Clark also visited Mr. Black and family and put the position to them. Bro. Wal Copley and Bro. Allan Black have also ~~sent~~ signed <sup>the</sup> letters to Keith giving him their assurance of their co-operation.

Bro. Clark reported having spoken to Keith to-day, when Keith said that at the moment he could not <sup>make</sup> any decision, but would like to think it over for a few days, as his decision in favour of carrying on would involve at least a month from his daily work. Should Keith continue with the work, the present Building committee will only function on the financial matters concerning the building.

Bro. Wal Copley then brought up the matter of remuneration to Keith for his loss of one months work, should he decide to continue with our project. Bro. Clark assured the meeting that this was quite unnecessary, as Bro. Keith would not want it so.

Sis. Redman moved Bro. Parker secd. that the meeting be adjourned and that we accept Bro. Sawdy's last plan to carry on, providing his decision is favorable.

Before any voting could be taken on this motion, Sis. Copley asked whether we could arrange with Bro. Sawdy to have any alteration to the interior of the plan. Discussion then arose as to whether we would have to accept the last plan by Bro. Sawdy.

Bro. Clark assured the meeting that we would have to accept the plan as it was shown on the 15th. May and no alteration would be possible.

Voting was then taken on Sis. Redman's motion and it was carried with the exception of one (1) vote against.

The meeting was closed at 4.10pm. with prayer by Bro. Maxwell. Sisters Shuttle and Redman kindly provided tea, cake and hot sausage rolls.

Building Committee Meeting held in Rockdale Church. Sunday. 20th. July. 1958.

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Bro. Clark opened the meeting with prayer at 3.05pm.

There were fourteen (14) members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th. July were read and moved by Bro. Creek secd. Bro. Parker that they be accepted.

Bro. Clark then informed the meeting that Bro. Sawdy had agreed to carry on as architect and when he arrived he would like to have a discussion with the committee regarding the position of the choir and the organ, the possibility of securing any voluntary labour and did we have anyone to do the electrical work?

Bro. Sawdy then arrived and after explanation and discussion it was moved by Bro. Creek secd Bro. Lewis that we plan a new building without the organ alcove and endeavour to purchase an electronic organ and also call a general Church meeting to open an organ fund. All were in favour.

Bro. Sawdy then checked on several details.

1. Platform arrangements: Present Communion Table to be used. A new pulpit will be required.

2. Baptistry Tiling : Bro. Peter Walker has offered to do this job. We will approach him regarding tiling in the toilets.

3. Electrical: Bro. Allan Oldfield has offered to do this work for cost.

4. Survey work: Bro. Don Allan be approached.

5. Engineering: Trusses etc. A. McAlister of Scotia Steel. Bro. Maxwell will see him.

6. Roofing: Bro. Clark has inspected a building with similar roofing to what we intend using and is very satisfied with it.

7. Plumbing: Bro. Wal. Copley be approached.

It was then moved by Bro. Parker secd. Bro. Hutchens that the church meeting be arranged for Wednesday 6th. August. 1958. Carried.

Bro. Creek closed with prayer at 4.30pm.