THE MINUTES OF DEPTFORD METHODIST CHURCH COUNCIL

HELD ON: 19JULY 2015

OPENING PRAYERS Revd Graham chaired the meeting and offered the opening prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Revd. Graham Miles [Chair] Don Okoko [Sect] Edet Okon, Michael Ogunyemi, Bolaji Adewole, Joseph Abbey, Alison Christie, Olga Moore, Leticia Antwi, Ini Okoko, Bamikole Roberts, Nkechi Nnamani, Veronica Abbey, Theodora Abbey Tetteh, Bola Nzekwe, Anastasia Brown-Dosoo, Melissa Quinn, Mary White, Augusta, Annie, Jonathan Agbaw, Evelyn Edu, Jane Quayson, Stephen Asare Ansong, Emmanuel Quayson, Curtis Small.

APOLOGIES: Sarah Nzekwe

No.	ITEMS ON THE AGENDA	ACTIONS	WHO ACTIONS IT?
1	Minister's Comment on Mission Statement was approved in the last Church Council meeting and the amended text was inserted therein and reflected in the Minutes. 1. If any of you want the Agenda please ask for it.	1.Agenda	Revd Graham Miles
2	Minutes of the last Meeting: The Minutes of the last Church Council Meeting was approved and signed. Also, the text of the "Mission Statement" was to be handed over to the Secretary for insertion in the Minutes.	Signing of Minutes Mission Statement	Revd Graham Miles Steve Asare
3	Matters arising not on the Agenda: Election of representatives to continue with their services. Bola said; it is not for this meeting but for the next Church Council meeting. Another matter that arose for discussion was tea for refreshment after Church Service.		
4	Steward's Report – Steve According to the Senior's Report, he reiterated that everything was going appropriately with the minimal resources he has to work with.		

Treasurer's Report – Bola 1. Bola started by saying; while the report is going round, the document shows that the account has been audited as could be found on our website, that is, the Church website. In the process of presenting the report, bro Bamikole queried some entries, and these were fully explained by the treasurer. 2. The treasurer asked; if there was any question regarding income and expenditure, then paused, and went on to explain fully the whole processes. 3. The chair asked: Is there any question? And there was 6 **Property Report – Melissa** Everything is going on quite well according to Melissa except that, income was going down. She also talked about licence agreement which she said was purely professional in approach as in documentation and tenancy agreement. She also talked about the technicality in terms of rent and the property in square ft. One room is available for renting out she added. Melissa also added, the occupants of the property are reasonable people in terms of rent payment and their behaviour. She also talked about water rate which becomes non payable for one Jonathan talked about refugee and rent payment issues and was fully explained by Melissa. Emmanuel talked about Thames water rate refund which was neglected before and now, the money is about to be clawed back from the Water supply Company. 7 Safeguarding: Disclosure and Barring is needed if CRB expired. The Chair reminded that we should check our CRB. Stewards don't need DBS but for those working with children and young ones do need DBS. Bola wants names to be specified for those that need DBS as in the category of people. Anastasia asked: If some category of people don't need DBS what will happen if the Junior Church is in need of In these circumstances Melissa explained in details what could be done to mitigate the problems. The Chair explained the importance of adhering with the safeguarding rules as in DBS checks. Ini and Bami were confirmed as the Safeguarding Officers during the meeting. Women's Fellowship Report – Theodora 8 The women's Fellowship President thanked the women that are always there in time of need. She also talked about their Anniversary which comes up in September 2015. Invites are being sent out to other sister Churches in as in invitation, she said. She concluded by saying that Women's Fellowship is progressing and going strong too.

9	Men's Fellowship Report – Emmanuel	
	The Chair started by saying that men have gone to sleep while Women are fully awake and doing quite well. Veronica questioned whether or not men should not postpone their celebration! The query was not a serious matter for further discussion. Instead, the President talked about re-organising and their anniversary preparation.	
10	Junior Church Report – Ini	
	Ini thanked all the Junior Church leaders for their excellent work and leadership roles. She also requested for another volunteer to fill the gap. The Chair also reminded that that they need more cover for the Junior Church.	
11	Date for next Church Meeting:	
	The Chair reiterated that the date for the next meeting should be left blank till September 2015 and by then it would be clear when to fix one.	
12	Any Other Business:	
	Veronica talked about tea and congratulated Bola for supplying milk almost every Sunday so as to have tea available.	
	Theodora suggested that we should have a rota for tea contribution in order to have regular milk in the Church. She added that there should be an expectation of having an idea of donation to solve the problem.	
	Melissa reiterated that after tea and coffee it is always left for her to do the washing and tidy up.	
	Alison also suggested that we should provide polystyrene cup to replace teacups	
	Emmanuel also suggested that we should delegate a group for the tidy up to ease up the problem.	
	Ini also suggested that the rota should be formulated to run smoothly as is done with the Junior Church.	
	Having said all these, the meeting was brought to a close by saying the Grace.	