

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION 10.45 am, SUNDAY 25 MARCH 2018

In attendance: 62
Apologies: 15

Chairperson: Margaret Cargill
Secretary: Christine Secombe

1. WELCOME

In opening the meeting and welcoming those present, Margaret

- thanked all those who had helped in setting up and preparing for the meeting,
- drew attention to the muffin morning tea, thanked the Beyond Morialta Mission Project Team, and reminded those present to make their donations, and
- invited members to record their attendance and any apologies they may know of on the sheets on the tables, and to complete the 'Worship Questionnaire' circulated with the newsheet.

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Refer Attachment 2

3. AGENDA

Papers for attention on tables included

- Agenda
- Attendance sheets
- Ballot papers – Elections of Elders, Chair of Congregation, Secretary of Congregation
- Orange & Blue cards
- Minutes of meeting of 26 November 2017
- Annual Report for 2017
- Draft Community Building & Fundraising 2018 planning calendar
- Budget v Actual Report, January to December 2017
- Income & Expense Report, January to December 2017
- Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2017
- Income & Expense Report for January and February 2018
- Balance Sheet as at 28 February 2018
- Community Programs Report
- Student Housing Project Report
- Magill Inter-Church Council (MICC) Report.

Papers circulated by email prior to the meeting and available in the foyer:

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4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of meetings of Morialta Congregation held 26 November 2017 were **APPROVED** and signed as a correct record.

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5. FIXED ORDER OF THE DAY

Elections

Margaret reminded the meeting that Morialta's practice is that a 75% majority is required.

Chair of Congregation, Secretary of Congregation

Nominations had been received from Margaret Cargill (Chair) and Christine Secombe (Secretary)

Elder

Nominations had been received from Margaret Cargill, John Powers, Adam Yearsley

Proposal: Brian and Dale Corrigan be invited to act as scrutineers for this election.

AGREED

Scrutineers Brian and Dale reported at the end of the meeting that the congregation had elected

- Margaret Cargill as Chair of the Congregation and Christine Secombe as Secretary, and
- Margaret Cargill (2-year term), John Powers (3-year term) and Adam Yearsley (3-year term) as Elders.

Margaret thanked Brian and Dale for their work.

6. RESOURCING AND ENABLING MISSION

6.1. Financial Report as at 31 December 2017 and as at 28 February 2018

Carole explained that the surplus of \$37,200 for 2017 is due mainly to

- The generous response of the congregation to *Mission-Possible!*
- Generous donations, including donations-in-kind
- Interest of \$4,473 on our investments
- Savings in ministerial costs, administrative costs, and repairs and maintenance.

Income & Expenditure		
January to December 2017		
Total ordinary income	220,050	233,289
Total expenses	213,862	196,089
NET ORDINARY INCOME	\$ 6,188	\$ 37,200

In referring to reports to 28 February 2018, Carole pointed out that

- budgets have not been entered into our local system as Morialta's bookkeeping and reporting is to move to the Congregational Bookkeeping Unit at 31 March
- offerings are in line with budgets
- the insurance payment made in January is for the whole year.

2018 Accounts January - February			
	January	February	Total
Income	15,542	19,978	35,520
Expenses	23,592	15,381	38,973
	(8,050)	4,597	(3,453)

Margaret acknowledged two retirements from the Finance Operational Ministry Team, and thanked Carole Lyons who retired as Treasurer and Rob Cheel who retired after many years of faithful service to Newton congregation and Morialta.

6.2. Finalisation of the 2018 budget

Finalisation of the 2018 budget is carried over from the November 2017 congregation meeting.

A detailed breakdown of the budget is shown in Attachment 3 below.

Proposed Budget 2018	
Total income	226,400
Total expenditure	304,255
BUDGET DEFICIT	(\$77,855)

Proposal: Morialta Congregation endorses the budget for 2018 as outlined in the budget papers. AGREED

6.3. Invested Funds

Invested funds	
31 December 2017	136,473.49
31 December 2017	190,864.73
Increase	54,391.24
Sinking Fund	
31 December 2017	31,722.81
TOTAL INVESTED	222,587.54

Proposed call on invested funds	
Total invested	222,587
2018 budget deficit	77,855
sub-total	144,732
Student Accommodation Project	
Agreed drawings	100,000
Balance of invested funds	\$ 44,732

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6.4. 2018 Community Building & Fundraising Plan

Margaret drew attention to the draft plan on tables. She pointed out that, as our fundraising target for 2018 is \$16,000 for general funds and \$3,000 for Beyond Morialta Mission Projects, the work of the Community Building & Fundraising Team is very important, and the Team will be asking others in the congregation to resource and action the plans.

6.5. Student Accommodation Project Update

Chris Ayles reported that

- all services have been cut off and meters have been removed
- demolition is underway
- survey of the block will take place after demolition
- paperwork for the subdivision into 2 smaller blocks is going through
- the costs, amounting to \$500,000.00 are:

2 Houses, \$233,322 each	\$ 466,644.00
Surveying, subdivision and government charges	\$ 20,300.00
Demolition	\$ 11,500.00
Loan servicing	\$ 11,000.00
Sundries, eg services connection	\$ 1,500.00

It was noticed following the meeting that the total budget for the new houses is \$510,944.00, not \$500,000.00 as advised to the meeting.

Church Council decided at its meeting of 17 April 2018 to write to all those who had attended the meeting of the congregation to advise them.

- Inclusions are:
Stronger footings, increased storm water provision (requirement of Burnside Council), houses are half a metre wider than standard plan, lounge room converted into a bedroom, ducted air conditioning into all rooms, skylight, scrubable paint, extra concrete paving, and security doors.
- Contract with Rossdale Homes is being prepared for signing
- Construction is anticipated to take 6 months
- Landscaping is our responsibility.

Synod has confirmed that all proceeds of the sale of the College Drive house will come to Morialta. It is anticipated that those funds will be almost equal to the cost of the building at 24 Chapel Street, and a small deficit is possible as there are some minor items that are not included in the building contract.

Margaret thanked Chris and the Project Team (Chris, Anne Ind and Graham Buckton) and the report was carried with acclaim.

6.6. Interest-free loans for the Student Accommodation Project

Carole and Chris reported that they had investigated the feasibility and practicality of inviting interest-free loans and, after consultation with a small group of other leaders, had decided not to proceed with this initiative but rather to offer opportunity as the buildings begin to rise for members to make donations of cash towards items that will be necessary to make the houses complete, eg household appliances, solar panels, landscaping.

7. MISSION IN ACTION

7.1. Minister's Reflections

Bob began by thanking the congregation for embracing him, welcoming him, and sharing ministry with him. He feels affirmed and enjoys being amongst us.

Bob reflected that

- he is participating in the Ministry Teams, learning about their mission, encouraging and resourcing them and affirming the leaders.
- Church Council is taking its role seriously, exercising 'watchful care', discerning carefully in its decision-making and as it deals with the business on the agenda.
- worship and preaching are priority callings on his life. He has preached most Sundays, is trying to incorporate a variety of people and encourage them to bring and share their gifts.

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- he is very thankful for the retired ministers and others who lead from time to time.
- he affirmed those who lead worship week-to-week – worship leaders, musicians, singers, data projectionists, sound desk operators and the AV Team.
- he's working with the Pastoral Care Mission Ministry Team in prioritising pastoral visits.
- he has joined the youth at a couple of their social events and is providing leadership from time to time in the Sunday morning program
- there have been some moments of conflict and stress, some hard questions and some moments when different opinions have been expressed.
- programs that excite him are the student accommodation and the re-build next door, youth program, the outreach of our Sunday services through BoW, the hospitality of Lunch on Chapel, playgroups, netball, and community use of the property and facilities here.
- there is a good season ahead of us, whatever that will be, and as we approach Easter his prayer is that Lent will be a meaningful time of reflection and being together in community.

In thanking Bob for his report, Margaret congratulated him on today's service and the involvement of the young people.

Bob's report was received with acclaim.

7.2. Annual Report from Church Council

Margaret introduced the report and pointed out that this just one of a large package of communication tools in use in our congregation.

Margaret thanked everyone for their support during her first year as Chair and invited members to continue to communicate with each other in every way we can.

7.3. Chairperson's Reflections

Margaret began by thanking Council and Office Bearers for their work and their support.

- There are Ministry Teams that will be glad of some bolstering:
 - Children & Young Families and Youth & Young Adults Mission Ministry Teams
Margaret will welcome a conversation with any member of the congregation about the contribution they may make to our ministry with the youngsters who are part of the congregation.
 - Finance Operational Ministry Team
Margaret called for additional members for this Team and signalled that she would love to have a chat with anyone who may be interested.
- Managing risk
Margaret reminded those present that while we all have a responsibility for our own safety and that of others in the congregation, it is Church Council that is ultimately responsible for making sure that the Synod's requirements are met so that everyone is valued appropriately and feels safe.

Council is presently engaged in reviewing the Goals and Responsibilities of all Ministry Teams to ensure that risks, including financial, can be managed appropriately.

Margaret reminded members that anyone who works with vulnerable people is required by the Uniting Church to have a current police check and we will be reviewing our records shortly to ensure currency. She asked members to show Helena any newly updated police check forms so that our database can be kept current and advised that we will be following up lapsed checks.

- Finances held by Groups
Morialta has a little more work to do to fulfil the Synod's requirement that all funds held in the name of the congregation are presented as a whole.

The Monday Boys brought their contribution of approximately \$7,000.00 in a year or two ago. The invaluable work of the Monday Boys is acknowledged in the annual report and by new sign on the notice board.

That the Monday Boys need their own budget has been recognised and that there will be an appropriate line in the 2019 budget. For the remainder of 2018, the Monday Boys' financial needs will be met from the existing Property Operational Ministry Team budget.

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7.4. Community Centre Annual Report and History Week

In speaking to the Community Centre Annual Report John Powers asked for volunteers for Friday morning's *Coffee and Chat*, reported that the first Short Bus Trip for 2018 to Mt Lofty Botanic Park is fully booked, and advised that *Morialta Music Time* will probably not continue in its present format.

South Australia's History Festival which opens on 28 & 29 April came to our attention and piqued our interest too late in the year to register with the organisers and be part of the state-wide event. However, there is a small group of Morialta folk who are keen to organise some smaller scale events here and to invite the wider community into our buildings and to engage in low-key events and actions.

Margaret thanked John and the Community Programs Mission Ministry Team for their work.

7.5. Re-structuring the Communications and Administration Operational Ministry Team

Margaret explained that the Communications and Administration Operational Ministry Team (C&AOMT) has a wide, complex brief that has grown more complex over recent times.

Following consultation with the Team Leader and individual Team members, Church Council decided to split C&AOMT into two new teams, Communications Operational Ministry Team (COMT) and Administration Operational Ministry Team (AOMT).

The C&AOMT budget has been split as best it can between the new teams and any gaps will be picked up as part of the 2019 budget process.

Membership of the two new Teams is in train and it is hoped that first meetings will be held soon.

Lorraine Powers led the meeting in acknowledging the commitment to the work over many years of the Communications and Administration Operational Ministry Team of Mary Thornley, Val Di Girolamo, Sharon Mackenzie, Brian Corrigan, Colin Cargill, John Secombe, Helena Begg and Matthew Mackenzie.

Margaret thanked Lorraine Powers on behalf of the congregation for her leadership of the Communications and Administration Operational Ministry Team and for her willing and thoughtful work in the restructure process.

8. WIDER CHURCH – REPORTS

8.1. Magill Inter-Church Council

Colin Cargill emphasised that the focus of the work of the MICC is on local ecumenism.

He signalled that funding for Chaplaincy Programs comes to an end on 31 December 2018 and advised that the Schools Ministry Group and various Inter-Church Councils are planning to lobby Members of Parliament to seek their support for continuation of the programs.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1. Open Church, Open Heart

In response to a question, Margaret informed the meeting that this Lenten initiative will be reviewed and evaluated after Easter.

10. CLOSING REMARKS

Margaret thanked everyone who had helped with the meeting, thanked members for their participation, and closed the meeting at 12.10 pm.

11. MEETING CLOSE

Rev Bob Hutchinson concluded with prayer and a blessing.

Next meeting, 10.45 am Sunday 29 July 2018

Confirmed Date
Margaret Cargill, Chairperson

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Meeting of Congregation, 25 March 2018	Attachment	1.
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Diary Dates

Sunday	20 th May	11.15 am	Pastoral Partners' Seminar
Thursday	31 May	6 pm for 6.30 pm	UMN Gathering
Monday	11 June		Picnic at Rockleigh
Sunday	29 th July	10.45 am	Meeting of the congregation
Sunday	5 August	2 pm – 4.30 pm	Peace Expo
Thursday	30 th August	6 pm for 6.30 pm	UMN Gathering
Tuesday	18 th September	2.00 pm	Over 80s Afternoon Tea
Sunday	2 nd December	10.45 am	Meeting of the congregation
Monday	17 th December	7.00 pm	Blue Christmas Service

Meeting of Congregation, 25 March 2018	Attachment	2.
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ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Margaret Cargill
Christine Secombe
Carole Lyons
Lorraine Powers
Christine Garner
Jenny Hancock
Margaret Pittman
John Powers
Colin Sampson
Ted Burford
Margaret Boundy
Merv Boundy
Ruth Dunning
Gaynor Hallows
Joan Wagner
Val Whittle
Helen Stephens
Kingsley Stephens
Dawn Colegrove
Sam Colegrove
Matthew Mackenzie

PRESENT

Arlene Lomman
Helena Begg
Bob Hutchinson
Ruth Carter
Tiffany Winn
Adam Yearsley
Margaret Peckham
Beverley Tredrea
Margaret Dix
Jan Schroeder
Jey Edwin
Yvette Pillar
Jill Thompson
Craig Mackenzie
Sharon Mackenzie
Katrina Mackenzie
Doreen Matheson
Peter Thornley
Arthur Tideman
Colin Cargill

PRESENT

Robert Cheel
Kath Cheel
Mary Watson
Rob Webbe
Margaret Webbe
Linda Johnson
Jing Luo
Brian Corrigan
Dale Corrigan
Marion Beard
John Beard
Roger Whibley
Margaret Whibley
Averil Nash
Pauline Norman
Ruth Pitt
Helen Drew
John Drew
John Secombe
Pam Ayles
Chris Ayles

APOLOGIES

Anne Ind
Bruce Ind
David Purling
Judith Purling
Doug Hosking
Jennie Hosking
Jenny Swanbury
Rhonda Amber
Brian Hogben
Jill Kerr
Fay Goldsworthy
Lachlan Mackenzie
Mary Thornley
Lesley Tideman
Pam Johnson

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Meeting of Congregation, 25 March 2018	Attachment	3.
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2018 AMENDED BUDGET SUMMARY	INCOME	EXPENSES
Giving Envelopes	32,000	
Giving Electronic	88,000	
Giving Loose Plate	11,000	
Student Accomodation Rent Received	30,800	
Student Accomodation Utilities	6,050	
Hire of Hall	12,000	
Hire of Audio Visual Equipment	3,000	
Major Fundraising	16,000	
Community Centre Programs	19,450	
Hospitality / Catering	1,100	
Beyond Morialta Mission Projects	3,000	
Interest Received	1,500	
Donations	2,500	
TOTAL INCOME	226,400	
EXPENSES		
Ministerial Expenses		81,105
Church Council		2,000
Worship & Faith Education		2,500
Mission Outreach		23,950
Audio Visual		17,850
Administration		49,410
Community Centre Programs		13,700
Children & Youth		1,040
Social Justice		300
Pastoral care		510
Property Church 26 Chapel Street		29,200
Major Works 26 Chapel Street		46,000
Manse 13 Highland Ave		8,650
Student Accomodation 24 Chapel St & Fox Ave		20,040
Student Accomodation 10 College Drive		8,000
TOTAL EXPENSES		304,255
2018 BUDGET SUMMARY		
TOTAL INCOME		226,400
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		(304,255)
BUDGET DEFICIT		(77,855)