

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
10.45 am Sunday 2 December 2018

In attendance: 69
Apologies: 11

Chairperson: Margaret Cargill
Secretary: Christine Secombe

1. WELCOME

In opening the meeting and welcoming those present, Margaret

- acknowledged that we meet on the land of the Kaurna people,
- thanked all those who had helped in setting up and preparing for the meeting,
- highlighted the muffin morning tea, thanked the Beyond Morialta Mission Project Team and other helpers for the day, and reminded those present to make their donations,
- drew attention to the papers before them, noting that these are the same as those distributed by email during the previous week, and
- invited members to record their attendance and any apologies they may know of on the sheets on the tables.

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Refer Attachment 1

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

It was RESOLVED to adopt the agenda as circulated and that the order of business be as the agenda.

Papers for attention on tables, circulated by email and posted on Morialta's web site prior to the meeting included:

- Agenda
- Minutes of meeting of congregation held Sunday 29 July 2018
- Balance Sheet as of October 2018
- Interim 2019 budget
- Profit & Loss (Budget Analysis) January 2018 through October 2018
- Student Accommodation Project Report
- Church Seating Steering Group Report
- Suggestions for Beyond Morialta Mission Projects 2019
- Magill Inter Church Council Report

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that minutes of meeting of Morialta Congregation held 29 July 2018 be approved and signed as a true record of that meeting.

4. MISSION IN ACTION

4.1. Ministry Update (Chairperson)

Margaret spoke about signs that are evident in our congregation and the desirability of paying attention to them and heeding what they might be saying to us.

She signalled that these are a strong set of signs to take on board for moving into the future:

- Mighty Magill Market, a successful event both in community building and fundraising. (the meeting noted with acclaim Bruce Ind's leadership of this event)
- Student Accommodation Project: has brought a great fillip to our mood and a sense of excitement as the students move in next door
- Morialta UC Netball Club
 - Court Resurfacing
 Funded with the aid of grant monies and now in use by both the Tennis Club and the netballers.
 Margaret reminded the congregation that the courts will re-open for parking on 6 January and reminded everyone to preserve the new surface and to be moving before turning the steering wheel.
 - Summer Netball
 The season is progressing well and we sent our congratulations and best wishes to the Club.
- Church façade: news was received this week from the office of Christopher Pyne MP that our application for grant funding of \$19,000.00 for repairs to the front of the church is successful

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While these are positives and to be celebrated there are other signs to take on board. Elections for Church Council will be held at the March 2019 meeting of the congregation and Margaret invited members to think and pray carefully about what their role at Morialta might be in the future. There are vacancies for Church Council and Team Leader roles that will need to be filled due to terms expiring as well as to issues of health, self-care and burn-out.

The meeting noted the resignations from Morialta of John Powers and Lorraine Powers and offered prayers, thoughts and warm wishes to them in their move to another congregation.

The meeting endorsed the decision of Church Council at its meeting of 20 November to “affirm the Assembly decision to recognise two equal and distinct statements of belief about marriage, and to permit use of any property held for the use of Morialta Congregation for the celebration of marriages as authorised under the Marriage Act and according to the rites of the Uniting Church in Australia.”

4.2. Ministry Update (Minister)

Bob opened by acknowledging the number of people attending today’s meeting, and

- affirmed the ministry of all of us at Morialta, those who are part of the congregation and those who, with them, make up and contribute to the community here through acts of service, outreach, pastoral care, worship, welcoming, and making space for those who come amongst us.
- continued to encourage and affirm Church Council on its journey of sharing and discerning mission priorities. Of particular note is the stage we are at with the student accommodation project and readying the College Drive house for sale.
- signalled that he’s looking forward to Advent when services at Morialta will follow a Christmas ‘down-under’ theme.

Speaking personally, he continues to engage in ministry here by attending meetings and encouraging Ministry Teams in achieving their goals, and to engage in pastoral care and sharing life with those with whom he comes into contact He has completed a post-graduate diploma and hopes that some of his learnings in worship, mission and preaching will become evident as he continues to lead us in worship.

4.3. Report of the Meeting of the Presbytery & Synod of South Australia, 24-26 November 2018

Bob reported that, in addition to inspiring worship and insightful Bible study, a challenge to the Assembly decision on marriage, and formation of a theologically-based, non-geographic Presbytery in South Australia dominated the meeting time, and proposals with a social justice emphasis were pushed to the end of the agenda and most were not considered in the meeting time available.

Further meetings are to be held, the first on 5 January 2019 to determine whether to send the decision on marriage back to Assembly for re-consideration and the second later in the month to appoint a General Secretary. The formation of Presbyteries will be considered further at the scheduled meeting in June.

Margaret thanked Bob for his report and asked the congregation to remember in prayer all members of the Presbytery and Morialta’s representatives.

5. RESOURCING AND ENABLING MISSION

5.1. Projects Update

5.1.1. Student Accommodation Project

Margaret thanked Chris for his report. There were no questions of Chris in relation to the report.

The meeting RESOLVED to record a minute of appreciation to the Student Accommodation Project Team, Chris Ayles (Chair), Anne Ind and Graham Buckton and to acknowledge with sincere thanks their carriage of the project to its conclusion.

Margaret added thanks to the spouses of Team members for their support through the process.

At this point in the meeting, Tiffany Winn displayed Advent banners made by the children and spoke about their design and the engagement of the children in their construction.

5.1.2. Church Seating Steering Group

Members of the Project Team are Christine Garner (Chair), Rhonda Amber, John Powers, Jenny Swanbury, Bob Hutchinson, Bruce Ind.

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The meeting acknowledged that the Steering Group's task had been fact finding and investigation. The group had received and read responses to circulated questionnaires, engaged in conversations and to listened to the congregation.

The meeting discerned that a yes/no decision on the matter of the church seating is needed to inform the way forward.

It was RESOLVED to refer the matter of church seating to Church Council for further proposal(s) to be brought to the March meeting of the congregation.

It was RESOLVED to record a minute of appreciation to Christine Garner for her carriage of this complicated and difficult issue and to note the grace with which she has carried out her role and brought the report to us.

5.2. Finance Update

5.2.1. Treasurer's report

Income & Expenditure Report

Gaynor pointed members towards the reports on the tables, and highlighted the difference between the revised budget and the actual income and expense to date. The surplus is due mainly to a delay in major repairs that were budgeted and the capital items that were purchased after this report was published.

Income, Expenditure & Budget to 31 October 2018		
	Amount	Budget
Total Income	208,923.59	180,989.00
Total Expense	199,435.14	220,801.50
Net Ordinary Income	\$9,488.45	(\$39,812.50)
Other Expense		
NonOperating Property Expenses		
24 Chapel Building Project	83,266.71	38,333.34
24 Chapel Project paid by loan	338,671.79	-
NET PROFIT / (LOSS)	(\$412,450.05)	(\$78,145.84)

Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2018		
Assets		
Cash at Bank	17,227.76	
Cash Investments	103,491.13	
Sinking Fund	40,427.25	
TOTAL ASSETS		161,146.14
Liabilities		
Tax Liabilities (GST)	(316.96)	
Property Liabilities (Bonds)	425.00	
Work of the Wider Church	1,706.73	
Prov'n for Long Service Leave	5,724.24	
Building Loan	336,361.79	
Sinking Fund	40,427.25	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		384,328.05
NET ASSETS / TOTAL EQUITY		(\$223,181.91)

5.2.2.2019 Interim Budget

Gaynor spoke to the PowerPoint presentation, noting that a conservative approach has been adopted in budgeting income and estimations are based on previous years.

Concerns and challenges from the congregation were acknowledges and, in response to questions, Gaynor indicated there had been no specific request from Church Council for reductions in Teams' budget submissions, and outlined the steps taken by the Finance Operational Ministry Team in asking Ministry Teams to re-consider expense projections.

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It was pointed out that

- the profits from Lunch on Chapel and student accommodation contribute significantly to Morialta's annual income, and
- as we age, the fundraising target of \$16,000 for 2019 may present a challenge.

SUMMARY, 2019 Budget			
INCOME			
Giving Envelopes		32,000	
Giving Electronic		88,000	
Giving Loose Plate		11,000	
Student Accomodation Rent Received			
	Rent 24 Chapel St	19,000	
	Rent 24A Chapel St	19,000	
Student Accomodation Utilities		8,400	
Hire of Facilities		12,000	
Hire of Audio Visual Equipment		2,000	
Major Fundraising (net of costs)		16,000	
Community Centre Programs		20,750	
Hospitality / Catering		1,000	
Beyond Morialta Mission Projects		-	
Beyond our Walls		300	
Interest Received		1,500	
Donations - general		2,500	
Donations - Morialta UC Netball Club		1,500	
	Sundry Income	-	
	Other Grants	-	
TOTAL INCOME		\$234,950	
EXPENSES			
Children & Youth Mission Ministry Team			600
Community Centre Mission Ministry Team			14,050
Pastoral Care Mission Ministry Team			610
Social Justice Mission Ministry Team			300
Worship & Faith Education Mission Ministry Team			4,125
Audio Visual Leadership Team			15,200
Administration Operational Ministry Team			160,677
Communications Operational Ministry Team			800
Finance Operational Ministry Team			6,050
Property Operational Ministry Team			58,600
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$261,012
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)			(\$26,062)

Margaret thanked Gaynor for her work as Treasurer and for her leadership of the budget process and of the Finance Operational Ministry Team and invited members to offer ideas to Church Council where the further work on the budget will take place before presentation at the March 2019 meeting.

5.3. Community Building and Fundraising Calendar 2019

Margaret reported that this calendar is in developmental stage where a number of ideas are in the conversation phase but not yet come to fruition.

The CB&FR Team of Carole Lyons, Helena Begg and Colin Cargill are asking for ideas, offers of help and contributions to the calendar.

6. WIDER CHURCH – REPORTS

6.1. Beyond Morialta Mission Projects for 2019

Margaret reminded the meeting that a paper listing several projects had been circulated ahead of the meeting with an invitation to members to select three they would wish to support in 2019.

Time was made available in the meeting for those present to read the project descriptions and mark their choices. The papers were gathered up at the conclusion of the meeting and the marked papers informed the Beyond Morialta Mission Projects Team's project selection for 2019.

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6.2. Magill Inter-Church Council

Margaret thanked Colin for the report and reminded members that it had been circulated ahead of the meeting.

It was RESOLVED to express warm wishes to Carole Lyons and Colin Cargill for their roles with the Magill Inter church Council and to thank them for their long-standing and enthusiastic commitment to the Council.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1. Occupational Health and Safety

It was RESOLVED to ask Church Council to bring proposal(s) to the March meeting including a draft policy and procedure for safe use of ladders by members of the congregation.

8. CLOSING REMARKS

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

9. MEETING CLOSE

Margaret declared the meeting closed at 12.30 pm and Rev Bob Hutchinson concluded with prayer and a blessing.

Next meeting, 10.45 am Sunday 31 March 2019

Diary Dates

Day	Date	Time	Details
Sunday	2 December	5.50 pm	Sp@ce
Monday	17 December	7.00pm	Blue Christmas
Friday	21 December	12 noon	Office closed
Sunday	23 December		Last newsheet for 2018
Monday	24 December	7.30 pm	Christmas Eve
Tuesday	25 December	9.00 am	Christmas Day
Sundays during January – combined services at 9.30 am in the hall			
Tuesday	29 January 2019	9.00 am	Office re-opens
Sunday	3 February 2019		First newsheet for 2019
Sunday	31 March	10.45 am	Meeting of the congregation Annual meeting including election of Elders
Sunday	30 June	10.45 am	Meeting of the congregation

Confirmed **Date**
Margaret Cargill, Chairperson

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Meeting of Congregation 2 December 2018	Attachment	1.
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ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Margaret Cargill
Christine Secombe
Peter Thornley
Kingsley Stephens
Helen Stephens
Ruth Carter
Mary Thornley
Arthur Tideman
Lesley Tideman
Arlene Lomman
Doris Flett
John Dear
Colin Sampson
Jenny Swanbury
Ted Burford
Margaret Clogg
Ray Clogg
Chris Ayles
Bev Tredrea
Pam Ayles
Barry Peckham
Margaret Boundy
Merv Boundy

PRESENT

Jennie Hosking
David Purling
Judith Purling
Doreen Matheson
Tomoko Divett
Helena Begg
John Secombe
John Drew
Fay Goldsworthy
Mary Watson
Ruth Dunning
Jenny Hancock
Ruth Wise
Joan Morrison
Marie Elson
Jill Kerr
Adam Yearsley
Colin Cargill
Carole Lyons
Margaret Dix
Doug Hosking
Margaret Whibley
Roger Whibley

PRESENT

Margaret Pittman
Averil Nash
Barb Sullivan
Ruth Pitt
Bob Hutchinson
Anne Ind
Bruce Ind
John Thornton
Jan Thornton
Joan Wagner
Gaynor Hallows
Bryan Forbes
Christine Garner
Dale Corrigan
Brian Corrigan
Valerie Whittle
Pauline Norman
Helen Drew
Lindo Johnson
Brian Hogben
Rhonda Amber
Marion Beard
John Beard

APOLOGIES

Craig Mackenzie
Sharon Mackenzie
Matthew Mackenzie
Katrina Mackenzie
Lachlan Mackenzie
Steve Begg
Jill Thompson
Rob Cheel
Kath Cheel
Margaret Webbe
Rob Webbe