

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION 10.45 am Sunday 31 March 2019

In attendance: 66 **Chairperson:** Margaret Cargill
Apologies: 4 **Secretary/Minute Taker:** Craig Mackenzie

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

APPOINTMENT OF MINUTE TAKER

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint **Craig Mackenzie** as minute taker for the meeting.

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 included:

- Agenda
- Minutes of meeting of congregation held Sunday 2 December 2018
- Balance Sheet as of 31 December 2018
- Profit & Loss (Budget Analysis) for 2018
- Resource document 'Identifying our Mission Priorities for Moving Forward – 2019'
- Draft Community Building and Fundraising Calendar 2019
- Annual Report
- Synod Circular 2 re Presbytery Restructure

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The meeting **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the agenda as circulated, and that the order of business be as the agenda.

4. MINUTES

The meeting **RESOLVED** to **ACCEPT** the minutes of the meeting of Morialta Congregation held 2 December 2018 as an accurate record of that meeting.

5. MISSION IN ACTION

5.1. Minister's Reflections

- Reflected on his time at Morialta over the last 18 months
- Pleased to be here at Morialta
- Pastoral care and monthly service at Milpara
- Lent reflections groups
 - Leading a group that meets at the Hibernian café to discuss/reflect on the thoughts of Julian of Norwich
- Affirms Margaret Cargill and Christine Secombe in their roles
- Thanked Gaynor for her work with the Finance Operational Ministry Team
- Thanked Helena for her help in the administrative functions of the church
- Leading a Bible study/discussion about Christianity with the English Conversation group
- Encouraged the congregation to look to the future mission and goals of Morialta
- New members have joined Morialta over the last few months
- Ministry continues to happen in and through the ministry teams

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5.2. Presbytery restructure

Bruce Ind spoke briefly about the Presbytery restructure

- A few years ago , the seven SA Presbyteries were conflated into one Presbytery
- Synod have recently made the decision to have more than one Presbytery
- For most congregations, nothing changes and things will remain the same.
- Helena in the church office has information on the restructure
- If anyone has questions /concerns about the restructure it is suggested they speak to Bruce Ind and Bob Hutchinson

5.3. Annual Report from Church Council and Chairperson's Reflections

Chairperson Margaret Cargill spoke to the report which summarises the events over the last year

New happenings since writing the report;

- Two more congregations have been added to those currently receiving the Beyond Our Walls (BOW) programs; Burchip (Vic), and Arno Bay (SA).
- Official opening of the Morialta Netball Club – opening of newly resurfaced courts, 4.30pm today
- Church Council's proposed process for discerning with the congregation the mission priorities for Morialta (discussion - later agenda item)

Meeting RESOLVED to accept the report.

5.3.1. Magill Inter-church Council update

A report on the work of the Interchurch Council is included in the Annual Report from Church Council and further reports about ongoing work will continue to be published in *Vision* magazine.

5.4. Sale report

Chris Ayles, Property Operational Ministry Team, reported on the sale of the College Drive property.

- Property sold for \$572k
- After Synod and property sale costs and return of the \$100k loan a surplus of \$57k has been made and is held in the Synod's *Manse Reinvestment Scheme*
- Funds (\$157k) appear on Synod's Balance Sheet and are invested at 4%, with interest paid to us quarterly.

5.5. Solar panels update

Chris Ayles, Property Operational Ministry Team (POMT), reported on solar panels:

- Church Council asked the POMT to investigate solar panels as part of our care for the environment.
- Four quotations for the 58 panel, 28kW solar panels system had been obtained by POMT
- Notification from Christopher Pyne's Office re grants for community solar projects
- After consultation with Synod a grant application (up to a max \$12,500) has been made for solar panels on the Church hall roof.
- There is no battery associated with our system and electricity will be sold back to AGL
- Council \$17,828 +\$400 for AGL connection costs will see a payback in 2 years.

It was RESOLVED to endorse the decision to purchase solar panels for the hall roof.

5.6. Identifying our Mission Priorities for Moving Forward - 2019

Margaret Cargill outlined the thinking that the Church Council has been engaged in over recent months, which has been outlined in the paper *Identifying our Mission Priorities for Moving Forward – 2019*, available by email, on the tables and from the church office.

Summary of the Chairperson's comments:

- This is a beginning of a journey and there will be plenty of time for talking, thinking, discussing and praying together about our future
- The Council is of the view that Morialta has reached a point in time where it needs to make decisions now that will determine the directions of our future life and mission together
- Morialta needs to answer "big picture" questions
 - Do we picturing the congregation similar to now, with gradual dropping off of things as we get older, as the buildings get older, moving to closure?
 - Do we picturing making strategic decisions about where God may be leading us and then taking actions consistent with this vision?

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Margaret re-affirmed Morialta's current values:

- Inclusive community – holds to the way of Jesus
- Love, hospitality and welcome,
- Social justice
- Learning and spiritual expression for all ages
- Use of our properties as a community resource

Margaret highlighted some sustainability issues:

- An active church and community but have an aging demographic
- Advancing age and reducing energy
- Experiencing difficulty in filling leadership positions
- Increasing regulation requirements & costs
- Aging buildings
- Declining finances

Chairperson remarked that they had come across the term opportunity cost and thought it was *relevant to our current situation ...*

... "Loss of an opportunity is a cost of selecting an alternative opportunity"...

and provided an outline of two scenarios in order to stimulate and promote a wide range of thinking:

Scenario 1: A traditional worshipping church with some community programs

- *Traditional worship*
 - ◆ Maintain face the front worship
 - ◆ Traditional furniture
 - ◆ Worship leaders and preachers
- Mission seen as giving and fund raising for external activities e.g. Christmas Bowl, Uniting Communities
- Children/youth and young families and non-churched newcomers not seen as a priority that leads influences our thinking and direction
- Welcome and inclusion of strangers not actively pursued

Possible outcomes:

- Priority on maintain buildings and student housing
- Gradual drop off in programs and activities such as playgroup, as resources money and people are directed to other programs

Scenario 2: A Magill community centre hub, actively welcoming others and all age groups, and providing a range of programs/activities and worship

- A contemporary worship space, ambience friendly to children and unchurched, with flexible seating learning and participation in worship
- Open to worshipping in a different location, eg the hall, when building repairs become too expensive
- Mission connected with local our community
- Engaged in learning, small groups, studies, maintain library

Possible outcomes:

- Divert resources and energy (including Bob's) into some of the above activities -
- More members participate in leadership
- Expanded English conversation group
- Introduction to Christianity study groups

Process for identifying our mission priorities:

The Chairperson emphasised this is just the start of our thinking and outlined the process of identifying our mission priorities

- Take the papers home for reading /thinking/ discussion and prayer
- Share your thoughts and ideas /concerns with other members
- Members of Council available for conversations with members to discuss concerns or questions fortnightly after church
- Extra meeting of congregation on 2 June
- Decision making process to begin at the next meeting of the congregation on 28 July

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A question about levelling the floor in the Church was taken on notice.

The meeting **RESOLVED** to accept the resource document and proposed way forward.

6. ELECTIONS

6.1. Appointment of scrutineers

The meeting **RESOLVED** to **APPOINT** Ray Clogg and Margaret Clogg as scrutineers for the election process at this meeting.

6.2. Election of Chair and Secretary of the Congregation

The following were elected

- Margaret Cargill elected as Chairperson of the Congregation
- Christine Secombe elected as Secretary of the Congregation

6.3. Election of Elders and Member of Church Council

The following were elected

- John Thornton
- Craig Mackenzie
- Christine Secombe
- Judith Purling
- Sam Colegrove
- Gaynor Hallows
- Helena Begg

7. RESOURCING AND ENABLING MISSION

7.1. Financial Report as at 31 December 2019

| Income, Expenditure & Budget to 31 December 2018 | | |
|--|-------------|---------------------------|
| | Amount | Budget Revised March 2018 |
| Total Income | 265,795.97 | 226,400.00 |
| Total Expense | 252,316.52 | 258,255.00 |
| Net Ordinary Income | \$13,479.45 | (\$31,855.00) |

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| Invested Funds | |
| 31 December 2017 | 190,864.73 |
| 31 December 2018 | 94,512.55 |
| + Sinking Fund | |
| 31 December 2018 | 40,822.00 |
| Total invested | 135,334.55 |
| + cash at bank | 17,542.71 |
| Total assets | 152,877.26 |

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| Liabilities explained | |
| Sinking fund | 40,822.00 |
| Building loan | 387,843.61 |
| Other Liabilities | 2,846.64 |
| Total liabilities | 431,512.25 |
| Total invested | 135,334.55 |
| + cash at bank | 17,542.71 |
| Net assets | (\$278,634.99) |

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7.2. Finalisation of 2019 Budget

2019 Budget – proposed

| 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 | 160,678 |
| Communications Operational Ministry Team | 800 |
| Finance Operational Ministry Team | 6,050 |
| | 78,600 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$281,013 |
| OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | (\$46,063) |

Notes on budget summary

- Additional \$20,000 seen in deficit relates to donations given in 2018 and stored in invested funds (on Balance Sheet)
- Major works – bluestone repairs (completed!)
 - Total \$39,000: half from grant received, half to come from Sinking Fund
- Other requested items to be considered separately as extra-budget items

The Congregation resolved to accept the proposed budget for 2019 as outlined in the budget papers and notes that the proceeds from the sale of 10 College Drive do not yet appear in our accounts.

Robb Webb commented on the efficiency with which the budget had been handled and thanked Gaynor for her contribution.

The chair thanked Gaynor for her work and contribution in leading the Finance Operational Ministry Team and budget preparation.

7.3. 2019 Community Building & Fundraising Plan

Margaret highlighted:

- Kym Purling concert – funds raised to support Nepalese children and Morialta
- Official opening of the resurfaced Netball club courts 4-7pm today - join the celebrations , BBQ, cake stalls, face painting jumping castle
- Board Games afternoon on 7 April in church hall

7.4. Student Accommodation Program

Anne Ind, provided a report on the student housing program, highlighting:

- The contributions of members to finalising the furnishing in the new houses
- Completion of building inspection by Burnside Council
- Landscaping is nearing completion
- The appreciation expressed by the students who have now moved in.

8. DECLARATION OF BALLOT

The Ballot was declared with election of all nominees see 6.2 and 6.3

9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. CLOSING REMARKS

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

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MEETING CLOSE

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

Next meeting, 10.45 am Sunday 2 June 2019

Diary Dates

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| Sunday | 7 April | 2pm – 4.30 pm | Games afternoon |
| Friday | 19 April | 9.30 am | Good Friday service |
| Sunday | 21 April | 9.30 am | Easter Day Combined service |
| Sunday | 19 May | 11am – 1pm | Pastoral Partners Seminar |
| Sunday | 2 June | 10.45 am | Special congregation meeting |
| Sunday | 4 August | 10.45 am | Meeting of the congregation |
| Sunday | 8 December | 10.45 am | Meeting of the congregation |

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| Meeting of Congregation 31 March 2019 | Attachment | 1. |
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ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

| PRESENT | PRESENT | PRESENT | APOLOGIES |
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| Arthur Tideman | Doug Hosking | Gaynor Hallows | John Secombe |
| Lesley Tideman | Bob Hutchinson | Joan Wagner | Christine Secombe |
| Betty M ^c Cormack | Merv Boundy | Margaret Dix | Colin Cargill |
| Ervine M ^c Cormack | Margaret Clogg | Aileen James | Cynthia Story |
| Christine Garner | Peter Thornley | Jenny Swanbury | |
| Adam Yearsley | Mary Thornley | Colin Sampson | |
| Tiffany Winn | John Beard | Faye Goldsworthy | |
| Margaret Whibley | Marion Beard | Roger Whibley | |
| Helen Drew | Kath Cheel | Ruth Pitt | |
| Doreen Matheson | Ray Clogg | Yvette Piller | |
| Dawn Colegrove | Margaret Cargill | Dale Corrigan | |
| Sam Colegrove | Judith Purling | Ruth Dunning | |
| Val Whittle | David Purling | Brian Corrigan | |
| Helen Stephens | Sharon Mackenzie | Ruth Wise | |
| Betty Omond | Arlene Lomman | Marie Elson | |
| Pauline Norman | Helena Begg | Joan Morrison | |
| John Drew | Pam Ayles | Jenny Hancock | |
| Rhonda Amber | Chris Ayles | Jill Kerr | |
| Brian Hogben | John Thornton | Carole Lyons | |
| Averil Nash | Jan Thornton | Anne Ind | |
| Mary Watson | Beverley Tredrea | Bruce Ind | |
| Rob Webbe | Craig Ottmann | Linda Johnson | |