
**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
10.45 am Sunday 03 April 2022**

In attendance: 42
Apologies: 17

Chairperson: Bruce Ind
Secretary: Craig Mackenzie

1. WELCOME

In opening the meeting and welcoming those present, Bruce

- acknowledged that we meet on the land of the Kurna people
- Outlined the COVID-19 requirements and measures that had been implemented, including social distancing, the method for indicating to speak to the meeting (blue card and sanitised hand-held microphone)
- members attendance to be recorded by the secretary and invited members to voice apologies they may know of to the secretary after the meeting
- drew attention to the papers distributed by email, delivery and available on the website for viewing/downloading before the meeting (paper copies are available at any time from the office on request) and summarised in a PowerPoint presentation during the meeting being:
 - Agenda,
 - Minutes of meeting of the congregation held 05 December 2021

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

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

1. Welcome, Kurna Acknowledgement and COVID-safe arrangements
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Agenda
4. Confirmation of Minutes – 05 December 2021 (taken as read)
5. MISSION IN ACTION
 - 5.1. Ministers Reflections
 - 5.2. Annual report from Church Council and chairperson's reflections
 - 5.3. Stewardship plans
6. Elections
 - 6.1. Appointment of scrutineers
 - 6.2. Election of elders
7. RESOURCING and ENABLING MISSION
 - 7.1. Finance report as at 31 December 2021
 - 7.2. 2022 Budget
 - 7.3. Community Building and Fundraising Plan
 - 7.4. Student Accommodation Program
8. WIDER CHURCH – REPORTS
 - 8.1. Beyond Morialta Mission projects 2022
9. DECLARATION OF BALLOT
10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND CLOSING REMARKS
11. MEETING CLOSE

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The meeting accepted (consensus), the minutes of the meeting held 05 December 2021 and Agenda for the meeting.

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The meeting accepted (consensus), the agenda for the meeting

5. MISSION IN ACTION

- **Minister's Reflections**

- Bob reflected on the last two years of Covid, as being similar in a way to the Jewish peoples' exile to Babylon. It has been a period in which we have experienced

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worshipping remotely gathered; live streaming of worship (time before the return to the promised land) and now as COVID restrictions ease a return to singing and worshipping together. It has been a time of change; people have come and some have left, there have been weddings and funerals and hopefully a baptism soon. Our numbers are smaller but our reach is larger with links to people worshipping with us from Kimber; Elizabeth, Sydney, and overseas.

- Bob has been elected as the Chair of Pastoral Relations for the Wimala Presbytery
- Thanked all those who participate in serving the wider church and all those who serve within the Morialta - team leaders, church council, worship leaders and Audio Video, serving coffee, playing music, fixing things.
- In August Bob will have been with us five years –have been filled with change and if the last few years tell us anything the future will be one of further change.

• Council Chairperson's Reflections

- Council Chairperson Bruce thanked Bob Hutchinson for his report
- Bruce said the key theme of the Annual Report is one of "Change". However despite all the planned and imposed changes that have occurred, there is one thing that doesn't change – "The Steadfast love of the Lord never changes, His mercies never come to an end..."
- Lunch on Chapel and Tuesday Morning Playgroup programs have come to a conclusion. The Japanese playgroup has not resumed it's Monday program since the last Covid shutdown. These changes have come reluctantly, and caused some grief, however we should celebrate the impact of these programs.
- We have farewelled a number of our dear friends who have made significant contributions to our community.
- Recognised the contribution of retiring Elders from Church Council
- Acknowledged Margaret Cargill's contribution as Team Leader of Pastoral Care and the stepping back from these responsibilities to assist with the expanding needs with Audio Visual support
- Thanked Jenny Swanbury for her leadership of the Worship and Faith Education Team, In the interim, Bob Hutchinson will pick up this responsibility
- The Market made its return in November and for the first time the church Hall was used as a State Election polling booth
- The provision of information through our weekly newsletter and periodical 'Morialta Vision' has continued – thanks to all who prepare and assist with the circulation of these.
- Thanks to all those who volunteers who assist in streamlining of our worship and provision of information in various digital forms, and those who distribute information to those who are not able to access information electronically.
- Thanks to all members of the congregation and community for all that you do to provide a space for Hope, Faith and Love.

• Stewardship Plans

- The Council has not had the time to consider our response to stewardship, but this will be a focus for the Council in the very near future, as we face the challenge of how best to use our talents, time, finance as we focus on the challenge of our future mission.

6. ELECTIONS

• Appointment of Scrutineers

- Bev Tredrea and Margaret Clogg were appointed as scrutineers

• Election

- Members were asked to vote for the Bruce Ind and Rohnda Amber who were standing for election as elders
- Congregation was informed that 75% of votes would be needed for successful election.

6.3 Declaration of Ballot

- Both Rhonda and Bruce were declared to be successfully elected

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7. RESOURCING AND ENABLING MISSION

7.1 Financial Report as at 31 December 2021

MORIALTA UNITING CHURCH Profit & Loss			
(Budget Analysis Summary) January to December 2021			
GIVING INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Envelope Giving	20,649	28,000	-7,351
Egive	69,482	75,000	-5,518
Electronic Funds Transfers	15,500		15,500
Loose Plate Giving	4,620	5,000	-380
Total Giving	110,251	108,000	2,251
			Over budget

OTHER INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Student Accommodation	42,817	46,000	-3,183
Hire of Facilities	18,875	15,000	3,875
Hire of AV Equipment	500	0	500
Major Fund Raising	10,016	5,000	5,016
Community Centre	9,011	7,750	1,261
Morialta Mission Projects	1,808	0	1,808
Interest Received	3,683	4,500	-817
Donation - General	3,590	0	3,590
Morialta UC Netball Club	5,951	2,000	3,951
Sundry Income	5,854		5,854
Total Income	212,356	188,250	24,106
			Over budget

EXPENSES	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Children & Youth	37	480	-443
Community Centre	3,152	7,150	-3,998
Pastoral Care	178	590	-412
Worship & Faith Education	880	2,750	-1,870
Audio Visual Leadership	2,907	6,000	-3,093

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EXPENSES	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Administration			
MS Fund & Presbytery	25,435	20,640	4,795
Minister Stipend & Allow.	85,348	89,997	-4,649
Relieving Minister	6,180	0	6,180
Office Coordinator	30,152	26,500	3,652
Office Expenses - General	9,659	10,100	-441

EXPENSES	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Communications	23	1,750	-1,727
Finance Operations	0	4,200	-4,200
Morialta Mission Projects	1,808	0	1,808
Property			
26 Chapel Street	29,325	39,960	-10,635
13 Highland Ave	6,988	6,200	788
24 Chapel Street	15,630	17,100	-1,470
TOTAL EXPENSES	217,702	233,417	-15,715

SUMMARY	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
TOTAL INCOME	212,356	188,250	24,106
TOTAL EXPENSES	-217,702	-233,417	15,715
OPERATING PROFIT	-5,346	-45,167	39,821
BUDGETED DEFICIT			-45,167
ACTUAL DIFFERENCE			39,821
ACTUAL DEFICIT		\$	-5,346.00

Notes

- Loss off members drop in envelope giving of \$7,000
- Solar has off set expenses
- Income from hire of hall greater than budgeted
- Hire of hall for election \$700
- Honorary Reimbursement for Alice Kroker
- Chris was thanked for efforts to manage property

The 2021 Financial report was accepted with Consensus

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7.2 2022 Budget

- The 2022 Budget was presented and questions taken after

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INCOME		
Giving Envelopes		17,000
Giving Electronic (eGive & EFT)		85,000
Giving Loose Plate		4,500
Student Accomodation Rent		33,000
Student Accomodation Utilities		7,500
Hire of Facilities		18,000
Major Fundraising (net of cost)		6,000
Community Centre Programs		4,000
Hospitality / Catering		900
Interest Received		3,000
Donations - Morialta Uniting Church Netball Club		2,000
TOTAL INCOME	\$	180,900

EXPENSES		2022 BUDGET
Children & Youth		0
Community Centre		1,700
Pastoral Care		420
Worship & Faith Education		2,500
Audio Visual		12,000
Administration		143,450
Communications		800
Finance Operational		4,200
Property Operational		67,150
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	232,220

TOTAL INCOME		180,900
TOTAL EXPENSES		-232,220
2022 PROPOSED BUDGET DEFICIT	\$	-51,320

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<u>CAPITAL ITEMS TO BE REIMBURSED FROM EXCESS PROPERTY FUNDS</u>	
<u>AUDIO VISUAL</u>	
New microphones	1,500
Projection PC & monitor for church	1,500
Replace existing house lighting to LED	4,000
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>	
Computer for office	1,500
Laptop for Minister	1,500
	\$ 10,000
MISSION PROJECTS (Liability account)	\$ 3,000

Questions and discussion related to the 2022 Budget

Steve Begg raised the following concerns

- Concerned as we have rarely had a deficit budget – how conservative is this budget?
- Concerned if this is not a “temporary dip” and an ongoing concern if this budget is a reflection of a trend of declining income and the need for resources and financial assistance on how to address this
- 3 years of \$50,000 deficits would wipe out all of Morialta’s investment funds.

This is a presentation to the congregation and will need evaluation of Morialta’s mission priorities

Christine Garner raised the discussion that was initiated just prior to COVID – Scenario 1 and Scenario 2 which scenario are we looking at? We are in scenario 1

Steve Begg and Helena Begg displayed blue cards

- Uncomfortable with the budget as presented, would like Church Council to reconsider the budget

Carole Lyons – would endorse the comments made by Steve Begg –

- This is an interim budget
- Not happy about the deficit – it has been through the Finance team and team leaders and to Church Council

Christine Garner

- The Budget is a tool
- Happy to accept, but needs to be used to address the situation going forward

Steve Begg

- Happy to accept that the budget is seen as a tool to address the issues rather than a tacit approval of the budget
- Effort to diminish budget expenses must be taken seriously

Margaret Webb

- Can’t accept the budget as it stands

Robb Webb

- Supports Margaret Webb’s comments – and proposes expenses be capped at \$180,000

Bruce Ind

- How do we propose to vision our mission

Robb Webb

- In the public Services, the approach taken is to reduce expenses by x% in order to keep operating

Joan Wagner

- Can we prune Audio /Visual and Admin expenses?

Bruce Ind

- In the AV area, standards are changing and next year will need to be improved.
- Perhaps we can encourage those receiving the service to provide some financial contribution

Margaret Thornley

- Need to approve a budget, and accept and work with the budget in the most prudent way.
- This is a crucial time for Morialta and the congregation
- It is not just up to the Council to come up with a strategy and solution
- The congregation needs to work and contribute towards finding a strategy and solutions

Jenny Swanbury

- Don't have to wait for another Annual General Meeting to progress this – an extraordinary meeting can be called to adjust the budget

Bruce Ind

- The budget can be adjusted up and down at any time
- People in leadership have heard the concerns that have been expressed and are prepared to address the budget issues.

Steve Begg

- Can withdraw the blue card if the budget is taken seriously and a serious and critical look is taken at the expenditure and raising funds

Bruce Ind

- Reinforced the importance of the blue cards
- Provided assurance that the budget will be critically examined
- A stewardship program is about to be embarked upon
- Undertake and visioning and evaluation of resources needed for Morialta Mission

Proposed that we go forward in faith with the proposed budget, and that Council will undertake a stewardship program, engage the congregation in visioning Mission and resources required, and critically examine the budget to reduce expenditure to achieve a sustainable budget.

The budget proposal was accepted with consensus.

Bruce Ind concluded the discussion of this section in prayer:

7.3 Discussion about future fundraising and community Building events

Planning for the following events

- Adelaide Male Voice Choir in October
- Second wind ensemble
- Emma Knight concert
- Mighty Magill Market
- Soiree afternoon

7.4 Student Accommodation Program

- Anne Ind provided a report
- There are currently 8 students
- All are students are getting along together
- Minimal maintenance needed – wasp nest had to be removed
- Anne was thanked for her efforts

7. WIDER CHURCH – REPORTS

Projects for 2022

- Oodnadatta Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress in South Australia
- Uniting World; providing education to remote villages in Northern India

- Funds have also been raised in support of Afghan refugees, and Australian victims of flooding and Ukrainian victims of war

8. MEETING CLOSE

Bruce Ind thanked Carole Lyons for her work on the Budget
Steve Begg thanked Bruce for his contribution and efforts

Bruce summarised the difficult issues talked about today, and encouraged members to ask questions and express concerns and raise opportunities, possibilities and share ideas, with himself, leaders, church council members.

Bruce closed the meeting in prayer

May we be filled with the Love of God
Be encouraged through the hope of the Holy Spirit
Move forward with faith
God hear our prayer, be our prayer

AGENDA



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ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES



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REPORTS



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Summary of the financial accounts to end of December 2021 and Budget 2022



Finance Report to
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