

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 | | | |
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| | 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:

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| 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

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| 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 |

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| 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 |
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| Giving Envelopes | 32,000 | |
| Giving Electronic | 88,000 | |
| Giving Loose Plate | 11,000 | |
| Student Accommodation Rent Received | 30,800 | |
| Student Accommodation 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 Accommodation 24 Chapel St & Fox Ave | | 20,040 |
| Student Accommodation 10 College Drive | | 8,000 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | | 304,255 |
| 2018 BUDGET SUMMARY | | |
| TOTAL INCOME | | 226,400 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | | (304,255) |
| BUDGET DEFICIT | | (77,855) |