**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**

**10.45 am Sunday 05 December 2021**

**In attendance: 41 Chairperson: Bruce Ind**

**Apologies: 10 Secretary: Craig Mackenzie**

1. **WELCOME**

In opening the meeting and welcoming those present, Bruce

* acknowledged that we meet on the land of the Kaurna 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 11 April 2021

1. **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

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

1. Welcome, Kaurna Acknowledgement and COVID-safe arrangements
2. Confirmation of Agenda
3. Confirmation of Minutes – 11 April 2021 (taken as read)
4. MISSION IN ACTION
   1. Morialta Uniting Church – appointment of a congregation representative on the Wimala Presbytery
   2. Ministry Update
      1. Minister’s Reflections
      2. Council Chairperson’s Reflections
   3. Acknowledgement of Morialta UC commitment to Uniting Care SA’s Christmas Program
5. RESOURCING and ENABLING MISSION
   1. Finance Update
      1. Treasurer’s report to October 2021
   2. Discussion about Fundraising and Community Building events
   3. Student Accommodation Program
6. BEYOND MORIALTA MISSION
7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS and CLOSING REMARKS
8. MEETING CLOSE
9. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The meeting accepted (consensus), the minutes of the meeting held 11 April 2021.

1. **MISSION IN ACTION**
   1. **Morialta Uniting Church – appointment of a congregation representative on the Wimala Presbytery**

* Chairperson informed the meeting that Bev Tredrea was currently Morialta’s congregation representative on Wimala Presbytery, and is prepared to be re nominated. Bruce asked if there were any other congregation members who would also like to be nominated for the position.
* As there were no other nominations the congregation was asked to indicate their support – there was consensus agreement.
  1. **MINISTRY UPDATE**
     1. **Minister’s Reflections**
* Has been at Morialta for about 4 and half years – settled and privileged to be at Morialta
* Ministry is never dull – there are many opportunities, challenges, phone calls, emails, pastoral care, reflection on our lives, issues of justice, climate change, aging and local community
* Thankful for all those who participate and are involved in worship and ministry both here at Morialta and beyond
* Preparation for wedding of Lachlan and Nicole
* Recent involvement with the South Australian Afghan Association, and future opportunities
* Paracombe and Houghton service of thanksgiving for the Emergency Services at
* Thanked David Purling, Alice Kroker, Christine Garner, Jenny Swanbury, Jan Sillet for conducting worship
* Affirmed Bruce Ind (Council Chairperson) and Rhonda Amber (Council Secretary), and council members
* Thanked Nicole Charisson for her office administration and being a point of reference
  + 1. **Council Chairperson’s Reflections Reflection’s**
* Council Chairperson Bruce thanked Bob Hutchinson for his report
* Recently the Council has been exploring connections with Circle of Friends, and the opportunity to learn more about their work.
* Circle of Friends consists of a number of circles that work in various ways to support asylum seekers and refugees.
* Learning to live with Covid has occupied much of Councils time
* The decision to replace the church pews had finally come to fruition with installation of chairs in the church in the last few days.
* In May the Council applied for a grant to upgrade equipment - the application to purchase a new dish washer was successful.
* The Council are awaiting a grant decision on a further $2,500 for further equipment
* Bruce thanked Chris Ayles (Property Team Leader) for his contribution in pursuing the grants
  1. **Acknowledgement of Morialta UC commitment to Uniting Care SA’s Christmas Program**
* Church and Council recognised and thanked Jan Sillett’s long-standing commitment to Uniting Care – Adelaide East Christmas Hamper Program.
* Jan Sillett has been the main stay in the program of providing Christmas hampers for Adelaide East Care over the last 30 years.
* The program has seen preparation of Christmas hampers in the church hall with the help of Lesley Tideman which were then taken to Clayton Wesley, so that people could have Christmas lunch, and kids could have a pick of a toy:
* Uniting Care has moved on from this by now providing vouchers to: purchase food from foodbank, clothes/toys from Coles/Myers
* Rhonda and Jan are happy to provide information on ways of providing financial support for the Uniting Care program
  1. **Student Accommodation Report**

Anne Ind provided an update on Student Accommodation:

* Sophie is staying in the accommodation over Christmas new year period
* Lee and Alan Biglow’s niece has started in the accommodation
* 2 new students already booked for 2022
* Craig Ottman has trimmed/worked on the trees
* Things are looking positive for student accommodation in 2022

1. **RESOURCING AND ENABLING MISSION**
   1. **Finance Update**

* The Budget and Financial Report will be delivered in March 2022
* Synod (Sue Page), has approved this variation, as long as usual expenses can be met and paid – there is no issue with meeting this requirement.
* Carol Lyons presented the 2021 accounts that have yet to be audited in accordance with UCA requirements,
* Summary of income and projected expenditure against budget is presented in the table below, with a more detailed breakdown attached to the minutes:

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|  | **ACTUAL TO SEPT '21** | **PROJECTED TO DEC '21** | **BUDGET 2021** | **DIFFERENCE** |
| **TOTAL INCOME** | 147,379 | 195,080 | 188,250 | 6,830 |
| **TOTAL EXPENSES** | -156,202 | -202,900 | -233,597 | 30,697 |

1. **Discussion about future fundraising and community Building events**

Judith Purling in Colin Cargills absence put forward a number of community building and fundraising ideas, and sought an indication of response from the congregation:

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| **Idea** | **Warm reception** |
| * Male Voice Choir | ✓ |
| * Sunday Afternoon Concerts | ✓ |
| * Quiz event |  |
| * Movie afternoon | ✓ |
| * Second wind ensemble | ✓ |
| * Mini markets |  |
| * Emma Knight concert | ✓ |
| * Kym Purling concert |  |

1. **WIDER CHURCH – REPORTS**

**Beyond Morialta Mission Projects 2021**

B. Tredrea thanked everyone for their support in raising $1,800 for the 2021 Projects:

* + - Frontier Services,
    - Timor Leste: Community Health and nutrition education
    - Disaster readiness for Solomon Islands

**Projects for 2022**

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

1. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

* Merv. Boundy thanked the contribution of musicians and singers to worship
* R.Pitt reminded people of plants for sale in the Church court yard

1. **MEETING CLOSE**

There being no other business, Bruce closed the meeting.

**AGENDA**



**ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

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**REPORTS**

**Summary of the financial accounts to October 2021 – projected to December 2021**

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