

## Cherry Gardens Uniting Church Minutes A.G.M. August 4<sup>th</sup> 2019

Present: Gill Marshman, Alex and Helen McFarlane, Ron and Phyllis Williamson, John Howland, Margaret Jacobs, Margaret Bennett, Ruth and Peter Work, Rob and Jane Linn, Dianne and Darryl Dyson.

Apologies: Alan Dube, Steph Dube, Anthony Hails, Jim Ward

1. Welcome : Gill Marshman
2. Opening Prayer: Rob Linn
3. The Minutes of the 2018 A.G.M were tabled. Phyllis Williamson moved that the minutes be accepted, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alex McFarlane - carried.
4. Business arising from the minutes- none.
5. Reports

(1) Chair's report was tabled by Darryl Dyson. The property report was included in this report. Darryl Dyson moved that his report be accepted, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rob Linn - carried.

(2) Treasurer's Report was tabled by Ruth Work.

- The church financial year goes from January to December. Ruth has sourced a new auditor, Graeme Rodda who will audit the books on a Pro Bono basis. Ruth moved that we accept him as auditor- carried
- Di commented that the budget was healthier than in previous years but we do have maintenance costs ahead.
- It is hopeful that the Onkaparinga Council will reinstate the proposed road alterations abutting the church at their cost.
- Balustrade to the southern timber steps to be done by the church.
- Peter Stevens will do the carpentry on the new Jacobs grave surrounds and the Jacobs family committee will keep the timber oiled. A letter of thanks on behalf of the congregation to go to Jim, Alan D, and Ron for their involvement in these projects and to Gill for her regular maintenance of the grounds.
- Ruth moved that her report be accepted, 2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Jacobs- carried.

(3) Flinders Overseas Group (F.O.G- working in West Timor) report was orally presented by Gill.

- Cherry Church has not been actively supporting this program as we have in the past. (*Di did email Gill about this prior to the A.G.M. and Gill stated that financial support was not needed at this stage but ongoing prayer support certainly was*).

Gill asked for prayer for a nun, Sister Sinta who is currently dying of cancer in the Philippines. The Oncology facility is being extended to include palliative care and a ward will be named after Sister Sinta.

### 6. Election of Officers

(1) Chair of the Congregation. Ruth Work nominated Darryl Dyson but Darryl felt unable to continue in this role but was happy to stay a member of LMT. Gill Marshman nominated Rob Linn but he felt that as he was away at least 1 day each week that this was difficult. However later in the meeting Rob reconsidered and expressed willingness to undertake the role. Rob was nominated by Gill Marshman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Phyllis Williamson - elected.

- (2) Treasurer. Phyllis Williamson nominated Ruth Work, 2<sup>nd</sup> ??? - elected.
- (3) Secretary. Jane Linn nominated Dianne Dyson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alex McFarlane. As Di expressed that the workload from the last 12 months was not sustainable Gill suggested a sub structure for support. Di did say that Steph overseeing the Carols and Jane doing the next roster was a great help - elected.

#### 7. Any Other Business

- (1) Newsletter. Discussion over future of the Newsletter as Darryl has been doing this, the Cherry Chatter article and maintaining the Website and Facebook on top of Chair's role. The article in the newsletter does go into Cherry Chatter which saves time. Alex said that he rings people regularly and many ask about the church. He suggested a weekly A5 newsletter. Di said that unlike Margaret Seyfang, she had not been emailing the newsletter outside of our congregation as she did not have an email list of recipients but this could be addressed. After other discussion the feeling of the meeting was to retain the current monthly newsletter but not a strict format. Trial this for 6 months - carried.
- (2) Steph Dube has requested a Carols committee to support her and Ruth Work, Gill Marshman and Di Dyson agreed to help.
- (3) Locking Up. Several times lights left on, door unlocked on one occasion and heater left on for several days. We are all aware of what needs to be done when leaving the church (there is an instruction sheet on the left hand side of the kitchen window). The Garden Club now have 2 people designated to check everything. Exit lights stay on.
- (4) Outside Lighting. A sensor light (solar?) is needed. Darryl is still waiting for a street light installation from the Council.
- (5) Ruth Work likes the Bible open on the Communion Table. Perhaps the Worship Leader could change it to the day's reading.
- (6) Lay Preachers. Di to send a Christmas card from the church to thank our Lay Preachers (could include pianists.)
- (7) Phyllis Williamson thanked the LMT for all their work.

8.2020 A.G.M. July/August- date to be arranged.

9. Rob Linn closed in Prayer

10. Darryl Dyson thanked Gill Marshman for chairing the meeting.

**'THANKS BE TO GOD'.**