

**ADARE UNITING CHURCH**  
**MINUTES OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

Date: 12 April 2016

**PRESENT:** Alan Field, Johanna McCallum, Lesley Mableson, Lesley Stevens, Marg Irrgang, Neil Pontifex, Peter Manuel, Rodger Bassham, Ruth Williamson Susan Doughty

1. **WELCOME:** Lesley welcomed all present.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Lorraine Carbins,
3. **DEVOTIONS** Marg led a reflection with quiet music, a reading from 2 Corinthians 5 15-18, and a prayer that we might encourage God's kingdom to be in our part of his world.
4. **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:**  
Marion Giles - deceased
5. **NEW FACES:**  
Sylvie ?
6. **MINISTRY AREA COORDINATOR** No-one invited, but discussion on "Kids Church" and how we can give encouragement. Resources discussed – "Godly Play"- a seminar to be held at Uniting College at end of May.
7. **PASTORAL CARE MATTERS**  
Various people and situations were prayed for.
8. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** 8 March 2016. Signed by Chairperson.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE**
  - 9.1. **IN:**
    - 9.1.1. Email from Pamela Bruce - referred to Susan
    - 9.1.2. Email from UCinvest re Funeral Fund
    - 9.1.3. Letter from Colin Gepp re work party
  - 9.2. **OUT:**
    - 9.2.1. Letter to Pamela Bruce re Membership
    - 9.2.2. Letter of appreciation to John Murchland
    - 9.2.3. Email to UC invest re Funeral fund
    - 9.2.4. Letters advising Choral & Arts and Spinners & Weavers of hall hire increase.  
(Lesley S)
10. **BUSINESS ARISING**
  - 10.1 Pinery Bushfires Work Party to be held 15-18 May. This is an official work party from Adare Uniting Church.  
Request for \$400 to cover accommodation costs for team of 8.
  - 10.2 Mission Action Plan
  - 10.3 Banners
  - 10.4 Retreat to be held after church service on Sun 5<sup>th</sup> June at the Manse. Lunch TBA.
  - 10.5 UC Invest Funeral Fund Information to be presented at next Congregational Meeting.  
Susan is looking at leading information & discussion on Advance Directives.
  - 10.6 Query on next Meeting of the Congregation. It was announced at the last meeting that it would be on July 10<sup>th</sup>. (Roster had it listed as June 26)

**Action**

Marg to check

May agenda

To be kept on Agenda

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## 11. REPORTS

11.1 **Resources** - Report from Finance and Property Meetings. Lesley presented an Audited Report.

11.1.1 Manna Hill Project. Exceeded amount allocated, due to necessary electrical wiring, and payment of shortfall authorised to Manna Hill workparty.

11.1.2 Increasing funeral fees? Referred to Finance Committee.

11.1.3 Hall hire for face painting/children's parties? Further enquiries to parents at "Footloose on Fridays"

11.1.4 Advertise hall and facilities for weddings, parties etc? Hall is able to be used for outreach activities of the church, but not commercial ventures.

### 11.2 **Christian Growth**

11.3 **Worship and Prayer** Written report from Helen Lindqvist. Reference to prayer pew caused some discussion & this will be evolving. It was noted that those on Roster for prayer are there for the pre-worship Prayer Room.

11.4 **Mission and Outreach** John Murchland has had a heavy load, and is re assessing his work load.

The use of the Website through the UC is changing, with a cost increase, and Peter Manuel is obtaining more information from the synod office.

### 11.5 **Pastoral Care and Fellowship**

### 11.6 **Minister** see 13

## 12. WORK HEALTH & SAFETY

## 13. NEW BUSINESS INCLUDING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS

13.1 Back-up/standby minister/preacher for each roster – Susan and Peter to ascertain preachers available for emergencies over the 4 month roster.

13.2 Structures/guidelines re Work Parties

13.3 Adelaide West Men's Choir visit - July 10 or 17?  
July 17<sup>th</sup> only possibility for Adare. Susan to confer.

13.4 National Church Life Survey - Recommend Adare undertakes the survey. This would cost \$250 + \$1.50 per survey form. Agreed to go ahead with this as a single Church – not cluster of local churches. It will be held in October/ November, with results by Easter next year.

13.5 Agreement on how long records etc (e.g. Newsletters, Orders of Worship, Reports) be kept. *Recommend 3 years*. Agreed.

Susan to check with Greg Walker on Governance records.

13.6 Kids Camp Out. Melissa Neuman sent information (after consulting with Lesley & Ruth) on the use of facilities, and help Adare UC can give the Camp Out on 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

14. **Close/Benediction**. Susan closed with prayer.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 10 May 2016, 9:15am for 9:30am**

**Devotions: Neil**

Guidelines for Work parties to be discussed at Retreat.

Ruth

Peter & Retreat

Retreat

Susan

Susan

Discuss at Church Council Meeting on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 4.30pm.

<b>MINUTES OF SPECIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 17 MAY 2016</b>	
<b>PRESENT:</b> Alan Field, Johanna McCallum, Lesley Mableson, Lesley Stevens, Lorraine Carbins, Marg Irrgang, Neil Pontifex, Peter Manuel, Rodger Bassham, Ruth Williamson Susan Doughty	
Lesley Mableson thanked everyone for making themselves available for this special meeting then opened with prayer.	
<b>BUSINESS:</b>	
<p>1. Each member shared their thoughts/responses to the letter received from Melissa Neumann, State Coordinator - Children and Family Ministry with regard to KCO which will be held at the Adare Conference Centre on 10, 11 September 2016. Her letter suggested ways in which Adare Uniting Church may possibly support KCO, but raised several issues of concern to Council.</p>	
<p>2. Much discussion and prayer ensued with all in agreement that we need to be clear on what we want/can provide to overcome assumptions.</p>	
<p>3. Agreed a letter be sent to Melissa with the following points:</p> <p>3.1. An in principle decision to support this year's KCO.</p> <p>3.2. Agreed that alternative arrangements be made for worship at another venue on Sunday 11 September, thereby helping to alleviate some of the parking issues.</p> <p>3.3. The car park, church hall, small meeting room and church foyer will be available for the weekend but the church sanctuary, along with the office and Resource room will not be available.</p> <p>3.4. No decision has been made about the use of our premises should there be extreme weather. To be discussed further at a future meeting with Melissa.</p> <p>3.5. Adare will provide free use of the Hall for planning meetings - 9 April, 30 July.</p> <p>3.6. There will need to be a fee charged for the weekend hire to help cover additional expenses for electricity, water, cleaning as there is a cost to our congregation with no offerings income due to closing the Sunday Service.</p> <p>3.7. Invite Melissa to next council meeting, Tuesday 10 May when we can work through further questions together.</p> <p>3.8. Some of the points that Council seeks clarification/ more information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• more definite times when our premises will be needed.</li> <li>• purpose for storing, people sleeping at Adare UC.</li> <li>• time for setting up.</li> </ul> <p>3.9 It would be prudent for Melissa to have a good conversation with Mr Brenton Robins, Victor Harbor Primary School Principal, prior to meeting with us.</p>	Lorraine
<p>4. Write down things that need to be discussed with Melissa at our May meeting.</p>	All members
<p>5. Need to involve Property Committee re KCO - eg security, parking attendants. Ask Di Pratt re 1 or 2 people to meet with Melissa at next Council meeting.</p>	Lesley Stevens
<p>Confirmation of Minutes ..... /.../16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chairperson</p>	