

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

Date: 11 April 2017

**Action**

**PRESENT:** Johanna McCallum, Lesley Stevens, Lorraine Carbins, Peter Manuel, Ruth Williamson, Susan Doughty, Vanessa Wiese

1. **WELCOME:** Susan welcomed everyone and opened in prayer.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Lesley Mableson, Neil Pontifex
3. **DEVOTIONS** Peter spoke on managing change. Red crabs on Christmas Island have a rigid breeding routine and are inflexible yet are endangered. (e.g. unable to adapt to man-made obstructions to their route back to forest) As a church, we need to know how to respond to things that change around us, but keeping in mind there are some things that don't change (God's word, His love and our need to love) We need to use our purpose (WHY) to manage change. We need to promote our purpose with processes reflecting love. Are we exercising patience, kindness etc in our response to those who resist change?

Peter concluded with prayer.

4. **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:** Check re\_Rodd Sprigg's transfer of membership.

Lorraine

5. **NEW FACES:**

6. **MINISTRY AREA COORDINATOR** Meredith (Pastoral Care & Fellowship Coordinator) Pastoral Care leaders met last year , supporting one another. Meredith intends to arrange another meeting soon. She gave a brief feedback on how the various pastoral care groups are functioning, having met with leaders individually. New leaders needed for www.com group. Recommend a mature aged person/couple be approached to move into the group and take on leadership. Groups should be encouraged to share the leadership.

Meredith

Discussed how we can further support those who are lonely and would like to fit.

Susan prayed for Pastoral Care groups and Meredith as coordinator, especially when negotiating possible changes.

7. **PASTORAL CARE MATTERS**

Susan prayed for several people as well as our whole church family.

8. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** 14 March 2017 **Accepted**

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

9.1. **IN:**

9.1.1. Email – Men's Shed grants, including a copy of City Council Grant Submission

9.1.2. Property Committee Minutes - 23 March 2017

9.2. **OUT:**

9.2.1. Email to Murray Horsnell advising his nomination for Property Committee accepted

9.2.2. Letter to Property Committee thanking them for providing information on suitable chairs for the church; updating them re Project Team to look at chairs in the church; Council's decision re general 3<sup>rd</sup> party notices: members with 1 year term and those with 2 year term.

9.2.3. Letter of thanks and appreciation to Sandra Caballero for her work on setting up new web site.

9.2.4. Email to Barb Gepp advising of Council's support for Kidz Church to hold soup day fundraiser for BEE 21 May.

10. **BUSINESS ARISING**

10.1 Ruth provided an update from the Project Team re chairs. She has Powerpoint to show the congregation in due course. Divinity College chapel is closing and they have chairs to dispose of:- 98 wooden chairs and 77 sled type stackable chairs. **Agreed** we acquire these chairs. Team has suggestions re questions about Bibles, cards, communion glasses when sitting in chairs

Ruth

**Agreed** Project team work out where chairs go – some each side, some in middle  
Susan has information on Hackett Foundation that has provided a project funding application form for grants (mainly given for Christian outreach)

Ruth (Susan,  
Peter)

**Agreed** we apply for \$20,000

Susan

<p><b>Agreed</b> we store pews, stack sled chairs on stage until we decide how/where to use them.</p>	
<p>10.2 Storage tied in to Mission &amp; Purpose</p>	Ongoing
<p>10.3 Transforming Worship Conference in Adelaide 27 - 30 July. Should we subsidise/fund 1 or 2 people from our congregation? Susan to be reimbursed for the days she attends. (see web site for costs) Susan attending Thursday/Friday Helen Lindqvist looking at info and will pass on info to Worship Leaders</p>	Helen L
<p>10.4 Helpers for Church services at Ross Robbie. No volunteers thus far to step up for the 10 weeks Fords away.</p>	
<p>10.5 Peacemakers Course – Meredith has agreed to attend with Susan &amp; Lorraine and needs to be registered. To be offered as a study group on a Sunday afternoon to whomever, with soup and roll afterwards. Starting on 30 April. <b>Agreed</b> any purchases (rolls, plates etc) be funded.</p>	Lesley S  Susan (Lorraine & Meredith may help)
<p>10.6 Statement / policy re maintenance on the church's buildings:</p>	Next meeting
<p>10.7 Mission Statement Planning - Purpose &amp; initial planning. Re-vision, our goals etc.</p>	September?
<p><b>11. REPORTS</b></p>	
<p>11.1 <u>Resources</u></p>	
<p>11.1.1 \$800 has been gifted specifically for pie warmer e.g. for Funeral catering. Could be mounted on a trolley to overcome taking up bench space.</p>	
<p>11.1.2 LED down lights over sanctuary – submission to be provided for consideration.</p>	
<p>11.1.3 Alarm not always being set at lockup (Alarm also turns on fire alarm.) Key holders need to be reminded.</p>	
<p>11.1.4 Financial accounts went to Synod two weeks ago for audit.</p>	
<p>11.1.5 First quarter budget figures ‘on track.’</p>	
<p>11.2 <u>Christian Growth</u> New afternoon group still settling in.</p>	
<p>11.3 <u>Worship and Prayer</u></p>	
<p>11.4 <u>Mission and Outreach</u> Susan ensuring relevant information pinned up.</p>	
<p>11.5 <u>Pastoral Care and Fellowship</u> refer to #6 above</p>	
<p>11.6 <u>Men's Shed</u> see above. Catherine Stock –head of Synod Property now has Dennis’ contact details</p>	
<p>11.7 <u>Minister</u></p>	
<p>11.7.1 Susan on leave April 16 – 27 when new grandchild is born (5 days holiday plus regular weekend and days off)</p>	
<p>11.7.2 22 June – 17 July – holidays and study leave</p>	
<p><b>12. WORK HEALTH &amp; SAFETY</b></p>	
<p>12.1 Wayne Booth has been contacted - awaiting response</p>	Susan
<p><b>13. NEW BUSINESS INCLUDING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS</b></p>	
<p>13.1 <u>Retreat</u> – <b>Agreed</b> to meet on 23 July</p>	
<p>Work Health &amp; Safety, Prayer point, Storage</p>	
<p>13.2 <u>Website</u> ‘Contact Us’ now going to Peter who forwards to Church Office Sandra Caballero suggests :-</p>	
<p>+ website should go back to .org.au for greater security <b>Agreed</b> Sandra be authorised to set up the change (Won’t affect current access.)</p>	Peter
<p>+ Need Account Manager. <b>Agreed</b> Church office should have access to full set of records related to website</p>	Peter
<p>13.3 <u>Welcome Service</u> – Eva and 3 children, Paul, Bec deLuca &amp; 4 children, Graeme &amp; Judy Schwartz. Ask Ruth Keith if she’s given them Information pack. Anthea and Graham Butler ?</p>	Peter
<p>13.4 <u>Mission</u> –May/ June July One Sunday a month, Susan preaching about what’s happening</p>	

<p>13.5 <u>Adare Conference Centre</u> – want to make semi-permanent booking for using our premises as a contingency. Meeting with Jim Miles and Amanda Dixon re their concerns.</p> <p>13.6 <b>Agreed</b> Barb Gepp be reimbursed for KCO expenses</p> <p>13.7 July meeting – change to 18 July? June meeting??</p> <p>13.8 Christian Bookshop looking for a Treasurer</p> <p><b>14.Close/Benediction Susan closed the meeting with prayer at 12:02pm</b></p> <p><b>Next Meeting: Tuesday 9 May 2017, 9:15am for 9:30am</b></p> <p><b>Devotions: Ruth</b></p>	<p>Susan Lesley S Next meeting</p>
<p>Confirmation of Minutes ..... /.../17</p> <p>Chairperson</p>	