

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

Date: 13 December 2016

Action

PRESENT: Alan Field, Lesley Mableson, Lesley Stevens, Lorraine Carbins, Marg Irrgang, Neil Pontifex, Peter Manuel, Ruth Williamson, Susan Doughty

1. **WELCOME:** Lesley M welcomed leaders.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Johanna McCallum
3. **DEVOTIONS** Lesley S. read from C.S Lewis (The Christian Way) "God Has Come Down into the Created Universe" The Resurrection - A new mode of being had appeared in the universe. Jesus is life and has overcome the whole universe. Romans 8:28-39
4. **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:**
Jean Gilchrist - Deceased
Vanessa Wiese - transfer from Victor Harbor Church of Christ

5. **NEW FACES:**
Bev Wakefield

6. **MINISTRY AREA COORDINATOR** One to be invited for February meeting. Susan will meet with each coordinator individually once per year. Each Coordinator meet with Council once per year.

Susan

7. **PASTORAL CARE MATTERS**
Susan prayed for all Pastoral Care matters.

8. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** 8 November 2016 **Accepted**

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 9.1. **IN:**

- 9.1.1. Email from Geoff Penhall - Draft Calendar for 2017 UCA Victor Harbor congregations.
- 9.1.2. Property Committee - chairs for the church and little storage space for stackable chairs.
- 9.1.3. Email from Helen Lindqvist re donation towards Alpha's "Join the Adventure" campaign.
- 9.1.4. Victor Harbor Church of Christ - Transfer of membership for Vanessa Wiese to Adare UCA. **Accepted**

- 9.2. **OUT:**

- 9.2.1. Letter to Di Pratt advising of Church Council's decision re gate on stairs to stage.
- 9.2.2. Letter to Jim Miles advising of Church Council's decision re gate on stairs to stage.
- 9.2.3. Letter to Property Committee asking them to research lighter, stackable chairs.
- 9.2.4. Email to Linda Vinall re Child Safe Environment Training.
- 9.2.5. Thank You cards to members of 60th anniversary planning committee.
- 9.2.6. Victor Harbor Church of Christ - transfer of Vanessa Wiese's membership to Adare.

All correspondence **accepted**.

10. **BUSINESS ARISING**

- 10.1 Draft Calendar for 2017 UCA Victor Harbor congregations. Tabled

- 10.2 Web site

Good meeting with internet committee recently. After the committee had looked at each of the revised UCA websites and discussed their merit/limitations, it discussed the "Site Map" and information provided by Clair Halkias before looking at the content and purpose of the current Adare Website. The committee then agreed by consensus:

- (a) The UCA template has a focus on a wider viewing audience and a lesser focus on the current membership.
- (b) The the UCA template would not fully meet the dual purpose we felt was needed – even with the addition of a church management package
<https://www.elvanto.com/au> @ \$792 extra per year.
- (c) the current Adare website needed some radical pruning, and this should be done as we move towards a new package/site.

<p>It was noted that the cost to us of the new site through UCA would be \$240/year plus domain costs.</p> <p>Local hosting from Sandra Caballero through Virtual Visions could be achieved for \$109 per year plus domain costs @ \$10 p.a. Sandra Caballero willing to work with committee to develop a Word Press template for church use.</p> <p>The Committee recommends Adare use local host and condense current web site making it more user friendly.</p> <p>Church Council agreed the committee pursue this option.</p> <p>Peter and committee thanked for all the work they've done in researching web site options.</p> <p>10.3 Church seating. Agreed Susan provide information to congregation in February 2017 - for health / comfort reasons to enhance worship, Mission & Outreach, demonstrates we're a modern, vibrant church. Ask congregation if some Garage Sale money can be set aside for this and to pray too. Also need to show what we've done for / in the community as well as starting to plan our vision for mission.</p> <p>Suggested we survey congregation to see what they see as Adare's strengths.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Susan prayed for wisdom and discernment in this.</p> <p>11. REPORTS</p> <p>11.1 <u>Resources</u></p> <p>11.1.1 Chairs in the church See #10.3</p> <p>11.1.2 Pin boards removed from the hall - 1 to Kidz Church room, others to be offered to Robert Bailey's congregation, any left over to be sold in Garage Sale. Accepted</p> <p>11.1.3 Unused pew in hall to be given to John Williams in lieu of payment for stair gate & railings. Accepted</p> <p>11.1.4 Finance request to replace 7 hall fluoros with LEDs @ \$710. Agreed this be done early 2017, financed from 2017 budget.</p> <p>11.2 <u>Christian Growth</u> see #13.4</p> <p>11.3 <u>Worship and Prayer</u> - New prayer area not private and some people try to stop and chat. May move to corner of church foyer. Reminder of using prayer cards in pews. In new year, workshops to update and continue to improve worship.</p> <p>11.4 <u>Mission and Outreach</u> – Sit and Stitch will not continue next year. Love quilts will continue.</p> <p>11.5 <u>Pastoral Care and Fellowship</u></p> <p>11.6 <u>Men's Shed</u></p> <p>11.6.1 Meet for conversation 9:00am on Friday 13 January 2017 in the church: Men's Shed Exec, Church Council members along with Synod reps - Beth Seaman, Rob Brown, Insurance Rep, Property Rep, Property Insurance Rep, Building Rep. Agreed Church Council members cater for light lunch.</p> <p>11.7 <u>Minister</u></p> <p>11.7.1 Holidays - Request for 3 weeks from 23 June to 17 July 2017 which includes a few days study leave to attend President of Assembly's Ministers' Conference in Darwin. Granted</p> <p>11.7.2 Blind in Minister's office for Privacy. Exec agreed Wally Humphrys purchase and organise installation. Accepted</p> <p>11.7.3 1 request for Baptism and membership.</p> <p>12. WORK HEALTH & SAFETY</p> <p>12.1 A member of Spinners and Weavers Guild tripped on the uneven entrance to the kitchen from the entry foyer. The trip hazard already had black and yellow striped hazard tape on it and a notice on the door not to enter the kitchen through that doorway. Spinners and Weavers spoken with about the correct access to the hall. That particular kitchen door to be locked when Spinners and Weavers are about.</p> <p>12.2 Need a Work Health & Safety Rep</p> <p>13. NEW BUSINESS INCLUDING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS</p> <p>13.1 Pinnaroo Preaching Plan – Milton Hender liaising and wants to spend extended time there.</p>	<p>Peter</p> <p>Ladies to organise</p> <p>Lesley S. to action</p> <p>Property Committee</p>
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<p>13.2 Property Committee nominations Bob Arnold (Coordinator), Jim Miles, Wally Humphrys, Ken Pratt, Di Pratt, Ken Mableson, Church Council Rep (Lesley Stevens), 1 vacancy <u>Endorsed</u></p> <p>13.3 Finance Committee nominations Bob Arnold (Coordinator), Graeme Koch, Lesley Stevens (Treasurer), Graeme Chapman <u>Endorsed</u> Agreed Greg Wiese be co-opted to Finance Committee. Susan prayed for both Property & Finance members and those considering leadership positions.</p> <p>13.4 Kidz Church - future? Barb. Gepp needs a break. Age range of children too wide; becoming difficult to cater for teenagers. Suggested to meet and chat with Barb in new year.</p> <p>13.5 Church Council Nominations – due 6 January 2017</p> <p>13.6 No general meeting in January Agreed but hold a Special meeting at 9:30am 17 January to discuss #10.3.</p> <p>13.7 Ruth thanked for Garage Sale notice on road into Victor Harbor.</p> <p>14.Close/Benediction Lesley M closed with prayer at 12:05pm.</p> <p>Next Meeting: Tuesday 14 February 2017, 9:15am for 9:30am</p> <p>Devotions: Lorraine</p>	<p>Discuss in January Susan, Ruth</p> <p>All Leaders</p>
<p>Confirmation of Minutes/...../16</p> <p>Chairperson</p>	