

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

Date: 8 March 2016

Action

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

1. **WELCOME:** Lesley M welcomed everyone to first meeting of the 'new year' of Council, and to Neil in particular.
Susan encouraged members to remain focused to topic in order to keep meetings efficient.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Ruth Williamson
3. **DEVOTIONS** Lorraine read Isaiah 43:18-19a. Sometimes we cling to the old and familiar and fail to see new pathways that may bring even greater blessings. What are we clinging to that needs to be discarded? She then led in prayer.
4. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** Rev. Susan called for nominations. Chairperson - Lesley M, Secretary - Lorraine, Treasurer - Lesley S all elected unanimously
5. **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:** Paul & Robyn Glazbrook – Members in Association
Recent status checks revealed:
 - Cousins family - Matt & Nicole are adherents but children not
 - Robyn & Wes Hutchinson - no status re membership
 - Wiese family - no status re membership
 - Pamela Bruce - maybe needs membership transferred
 - Roydon, & Angela Ellison?
6. **NEW FACES:** none
7. **MINISTRY AREA COORDINATOR** No-one to be invited until Susan has met with Coordinators
8. **PASTORAL CARE MATTERS** Lesley Mableson prayed for several people.
9. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** 9 February 2016 accepted
10. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - 10.1. **IN:**
 - 10.1.1. Paul & Robyn Glazbrook re Membership at Adare
 - 10.1.2. Information re Michael Hawn's Visit 14-17 July 2016
 - 10.1.3. Alpha update from Helen Lindqvist
 - 10.1.4. Recommendations from Finance Committee meeting 2/3/16
 - 10.2. **OUT:**
 - 10.2.1. Unity Church, Pt Lincoln - Confirmation of Susan's membership transfer to Adare
 - 10.2.2. Letter to Paul & Robyn Glazbrook seeking confirmation their desire to be Members in Association at Adare.
 - 10.2.3. Letters of Appreciation to Sharonne Price and Beth Seaman.
 - 10.2.4. Card of thanks and appreciation to Property Committee re work on Manse.
 - 10.2.5. Letter to Colin Gepp in principal approval of Work Party to Manna Hill, but budget details required.
 - 10.2.6. Thank you cards to Rev. John Magor and Neil & Helen Pratt for leading Pastoral Visitation Team.

Letter - Lorraine
Marg to follow up

11. BUSINESS ARISING

- 11.1 Peter (Council's Mission & Outreach support) reported on meeting with John Murchland wants support to attend Synod with him. Susan will be meeting with John soon as part of her meetings with Ministry Coordinators. John Murchland and Lesley Stevens are leading a CAP course in Goolwa John is helping with set-up and packing up for Footloose each week and group appreciate it. Agreed a letter of appreciation be sent to John.
- 11.2 Feedback from meeting with Meredith Koch - Susan has given Meredith 4 questions to think about for future discussion. Meredith has support from Council - Marg, Joh and Lesley S.
Agreed roles etc in Mission Action Plan 2013 need amending
- 11.3 Holidays – Susan. Best time? *Executive approved Susan having 3 weeks' leave September/October2016.* Accepted
- 11.4 Banners - Maybe John Matheson could be asked to design new banners. We should commission quilters to produce any new banners. Agreed this should be put on hold until Mission Plan has been reviewed.

Lorraine

Future meeting

Pending

12. REPORTS

12.1 Resources : Recommendations from Finance Committee2/3/16:

- 12.1.1 Treasurer be included as part of Church Council Executive - *agreed by Executive* Accepted
- 12.1.2 Work Party to Manna Hill - *Executive agreed to pay \$2000 for building materials, from Missions ledger account.* Accepted
Frontier Services will cover transport costs of materials. All financial donations need to go through church books.
- 12.1.3 Support to Mission Families - *discontinue support to Rice family and use that allocation to support Carter family.* Accepted
- 12.1.4 Charges for hire of Church hall - *increase to \$50 with \$5 discount for Choral & Arts and Spinners & Weavers.* Accepted
Prepaid funerals - need to revisit fees for services that Funeral Directors receive but not passed on to church for member's funerals.
Get UC Invest info re funeral fund
- 12.1.5 Love Offerings -*Church Council Executive establish policy on when & why to hold Love Offerings.* Agreed. Need to decide guidelines for having love offerings. Recommended that congregation be directed to websites for many requests (e.g. UC World Mission for Fiji appeal)
- 12.1.6 Bank Signatories - Agreed any 2 of the following to sign: Lesley Stevens, Bob Arnold, Greg Wiese, Graeme Koch, Graeme Chapman.

Lesley S to speak to Dennis Williams

Congregation meeting

Lorraine

12.2 Christian Growth Ruth in contact with Home Group leaders

12.3 Worship and Prayer Helen Lindqvist is Adare's key person working with Alison Whish re Michael Hawn's visit 14-17 July 2016.

Susan agreed to be Council's Support person (prayer) in place of Ian.
Easter cards available for people to take and distribute - advise congregation on Sunday.

Susan

12.4 Mission and Outreach refer to # 11.1

12.5 Pastoral Care and Fellowship refer to # 11.2

<p>12.6 Minister</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amazing feeling of belonging with exceptional hospitality & welcome. • Meeting with each leader and ministry coordinator in next few months. • Times available for 'Get to Know' people, and meet with Home Groups and Pastoral Families. • Desire to undertake mediation training in Adelaide, Nov 2016 - approved by Church Council. • Enjoying collaboration with worship leaders and others. • Wants Peer review in 6 months. • Hebrew training has been deferred so has now made Wednesday her day off. • Agreed Susan's openness has been well accepted and Adare is blessed. <p>13. WORK HEALTH & SAFETY no issues</p> <p>14. NEW BUSINESS INCLUDING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS</p> <p>14.1 Use of Church Services on website - Peter provided stats. Agreed printed matter no longer to be added; continue uploading audio and video each week. Agreed all Easter services be taped and uploaded.</p> <p>14.2 Do we want a church Facebook page? Agreed a Minister's blog instead to be added in near future..</p> <p>14.3 Areas of responsibility for coordinators - <i>refer to Church Council Handbook (black folder.)</i> Print 5 more copies - Susan, Alan, Peter, Neil, Ruth Susan speaking with Ministry Area Coordinators re their understanding or roles etc.</p> <p>14.4 Listen with quiet respect to speakers at Congregation meetings - reminder at beginning of Congregational meeting</p> <p>14.5 Property – not doing maintenance during a booked activity. Agreed need reminder to Property Committee</p> <p>14.6 Prayer chain –revert to emails? <i>Executive agreed, for Church Council chain. Susan to email requests.</i> Accepted</p> <p>14.7 Induction of Church Council members - <i>Palm Sunday, 20 March</i></p> <p>14.8 Agreed to consider a retreat</p> <p>14.9 Mid-year congregational meeting - reminder of numbers on Church Council</p> <p>14.10 Role of Exec? To discuss, and for some issues, make recommendations to Council. Agreed that the acting office holder becomes part of Exec when an office holder is away.</p> <p>14.11 Marg to act as secretary next meeting - Lorraine an apology</p> <p>15.Close/Benediction Susan closed with prayer at 11:20am</p> <p>Next Meeting: Tuesday 12 April 2016, 9:15am for 9:30am</p> <p>Devotions: Marg</p>	<p>Lorraine</p> <p>Peter/Susan</p> <p>Lesley S</p> <p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Peter</p>
<p>Confirmation of Minutes /.../16</p> <p>.....Chairperson</p>	