

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

Date: 8 November 2016

Action

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

1. **WELCOME:** Lesley M welcomed everyone.
2. **APOLOGIES:** All present
3. **DEVOTIONS** Lesley M. read a prayer "A Future Not Our Own" by Archbishop Oscar-Romero from 'Changing Landscapes' - Synod/Presbytery July 2013. We can't always do our best if we take on too much. We are not the master builder – God is. We can't do everything.
4. **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:** Gordon Richardson - deceased
5. **NEW FACES:**
6. **MINISTRY AREA COORDINATOR** No-one invited (Susan has met with all coordinators in recent months)
7. **PASTORAL CARE MATTERS**
Susan prayed for the pastoral matters.
8. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** 11 October 2016 accepted

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1. **IN:**

- 9.1.1. National Church Life Survey
- 9.1.2. Bible Society "Save the Date"
- 9.1.3. Thank you and Certificate from Mission & Service fund
- 9.1.4. Email - Act for Peace (Christmas Bowl)
- 9.1.5. Email re Victor Harbor Christmas Pageant
- 9.1.6. Spinners & Weavers - not using premises Monday 31 Oct
- 9.1.7. Di Pratt - gate to steps in hall
- 9.1.8. Jim Miles - gate to steps in hall

9.2. **OUT:**

- 9.2.1. Email to Peter Battersby - Synod Resources Board

10. BUSINESS ARISING

- 10.1 Child Safe Environment Training – cancelled Need to seek an initial one, not an update. **Agreed** we email Linda Vinall requesting date early 2017.
- 10.2 Meeting at Newland (Susan & Marg) Discussed what is happening within the 3 churches and preparing a calendar of events within the churches. 40th Anniversary of UCA next year.
- 10.3 Footloose costs (Ruth) Soft surface around cubby house and slide – various possibilities of matting at various prices from Clarke Rubber. Possibility of second hand cubby to be donated (will be checked to see if suitable)
Agreed 3 gym mats @ \$100 be purchased
Finance committee preparing 2017 budget and will be including funds for Footloose
Agreed submission to Victor Harbor Council for community grant
- 10.4 Banners - Bear Grylls banners for Alpha are free.
Sign for Garage Sale 1800 x 900 approx \$275 incl GST from Southcoast Signs for \$60 the sign is stored, date changed every year and they put up the sign.
Agreed to obtain both signs

Vanessa advised

Lorraine

Ruth

Peter

Ruth

<p>10.5 <u>Barrier for steps to stage</u> Agreed as an OHS&W issue, gate to be kept in place. Agreed Property committee to be advised of this decision. Agreed response to Di Pratt – Appreciate her suggestion. Agree chairs need to be moved and refer back to Property Agreed response to Jim Miles -for OHS&W reasons, the gate to be kept in place. For now, suggested that large pew at back of hall be removed and cream chairs stored in its place. Agreed Property Committee be asked to research lighter, stackable chairs (to be approved by Church Council) – for next year’s property committee. Susan will attend next meeting – last one of current property committee. Large tables are too heavy and need replacing with lighter ones.</p> <p>10.6 <u>Web site</u> Synod advised Playford site is the model of what we should be doing. Are we going to move to UC format? Not sure who’s hosting our site. Get Website committee together to make a decision, but stay as we are for now.</p> <p>10.7 <u>Green Team</u> Agreed that Adare support the Green Team by seeking donations of biscuit, slices, individual cakes for the Baptist Church's Recharge tent. Notice in Newsletter</p> <p>10.8 <u>National Church Life Survey</u> Forms have arrived. Need a coordinator to gather up forms, complete information. Agreed survey take place on Sunday 20 Nov with 'catch up' for those not present on 20th, on Sunday 27th before congregation AGM.) Agreed information into newsletter and DVD be shown this Sunday 13th this Sunday. Agreed Vanessa and office volunteer to coordinate</p> <p>10.9 <u>Bible Society "Save the Date"</u> 200 years of Bible Society in March 2017. Agreed no special involvement by Adare</p> <p>10.10 <u>Act for Peace (Christmas Bowl)</u> Envelopes available for congregation to put in offering over Christmas Agreed we decline offer of a speaker.</p> <p>10.11 <u>Peter Battersby - Synod Resources Board</u> Agreed for Peter Battersby and others to meet with Men’s Shed leaders and Church Council re finance side of Men’s Shed 2 questions from Peter B:- Does Adare UCA view Men’s Shed as an outreach of Uniting Church? Yes What do we see as outcome? Mental health issue, serving community, outreach not available within the community. Agreed. Agreed we need a Church Council member on Men's Shed executive.</p> <p>10.11 <u>Victor Harbor Christmas Pageant</u> - Ministers’ group looking for someone to organise Nativity float. Anyone willing to do this, see Susan</p>	<p>Lesley S Lorraine</p> <p>Lorraine</p> <p>Lorraine</p> <p>Peter</p> <p>Lorraine</p> <p>Susan</p> <p>Susan to arrange</p>
<p>11. <u>REPORTS</u></p>	
<p>11.1 <u>Resources</u> next Property meeting -24 Nov. Finance meeting tonight. Managing balanced budget</p> <p>11.2 <u>Christian Growth</u> Susan had fruitful meeting with coordinator</p> <p>11.3 <u>Worship and Prayer</u> Susan recently met with Worship leaders. First Sunday of month, no choir but possibility of others having an opportunity to be involved.</p> <p>11.4 <u>Mission and Outreach</u> nothing to report</p> <p>11.5 <u>Pastoral Care and Fellowship</u> nothing to report</p> <p>11.6 <u>Men's Shed</u> refer to #10.11</p> <p>11.7 <u>Minister</u> Busy fortnight with Moderator’s retreat and Synod. Susan & Glen very settled here. Glen away on & off until March.</p>	
<p>12. <u>WORK HEALTH & SAFETY</u></p>	

13. NEW BUSINESS INCLUDING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS

- 13.1 Moving On Susan wants to do something special in a positive way ASAP for those who are still hurting following the split.
- 13.2 Church Seating Preliminary notice – we need to start to consider replacing at least some of the pews with chairs as some folk are now unable to attend worship due to health aspects resulting from hard seats.
Further changes about to happen in church foyer to improve/modernise appearance of Adare.
Maybe some of Garage sale money could be used towards purchase of chairs. Initially, only a partial area to be done. Families may choose to purchase chair/s, but concern expressed about asking congregation again for funds.
Agreed further discussion next meeting
- 13.3 Property Committee and Finance Committee nominations - need to be in by AGM of congregation on 27 November. Nomination forms will be distributed this Sunday 13 November.
- 13.4 60th Anniversary Joyous celebration with 200 in attendance and very positive feedback.
Work of steering committee, especially Fay Anderson, **acknowledged**.
Income \$341 Expenses \$320
Brian Chalmers' email of appreciation read out.
Alan thanked by Church Council for his work.
Agreed Thank you letters be sent to committee: Don Overall. Max Vincent, Faye Anderson, Helen Williams, Doris Lush, Pip Burfield. Bob Arnold, Alan Field, Dirkie Bezuidenhout
- 13.5 Church Council members – **Agreed** elections to be held first Sunday in February (nominations in by mid January) but start in March. Gives time for new members to receive Council pack well in advance.
To be announced at congregation AGM.
Let Lesley S know if retiring/continuing

14. Close/Benediction Lesley closed in prayer

Next Meeting: Tuesday 13 December 2016, 9:15am for 9:30am

Devotions: Lesley S.

Next meeting

Peter & Lesley S.

Lorraine

Peter M.
Members whose tenure ends

Confirmation of Minutes 8 November 2016

Chairperson/...../16