

ADARE UNITING CHURCH

MINUTES OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 10 October 2017

Action

PRESENT: Johanna McCallum, Lesley Stevens, , Neil Pontifex, Peter Manuel, Susan Doughty, Lesley Mableson, Ruth Williamson

1. **WELCOME:** Lesley M welcomed everyone and opened with prayer.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Lorraine Carbins , Vanessa Wiese, Dennis Williams
3. **DEVOTIONS** Lesley M spoke of her experience while on holiday overseas where she experienced different behaviours from other tourists and was reminded of the Christian values of tolerance, patience and love. Colossians Ch 3 Vs 12-14
4. **FIXED ORDER OF THE DAY** Dennis Williams was unable to be present at today's meeting.

Council agreed that Lesley S, Peter and Dennis would work on the Memorandum of Understanding between Synod and Adare Uniting Church, showing the relationship of Victor Harbor Men's Shed to Adare's congregation.

Lesley S, Peter, Dennis

5. **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:** Alison Wildy has indicated she wishes to transfer her membership to Adare.

Susan will talk to Ruth Keith about whether she is still able to continue being the contact person for new members and issuing the 'welcome packs'.

Susan

6. **NEW FACES:** None since the last meeting.
7. **MINISTRY AREA COORDINATOR** No-one invited

8. PASTORAL CARE MATTERS

Lesley M prayed for various people and situations.

9. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** 12 September 2017 **Accepted** with amendment to the spelling of Osten.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

IN:

10.1.1 Uniting Church SA, Management Review Group – Approval of Bridging Loan Application for VH Men's Shed, including Loan Contract for signature, and Direct Debit Authority (to pay monthly interest charge on drawings) from VHMS bank account for signature by VHMS signatories.

10.1.2 Email from Catherine Stock SA UCA Building Projects and Compliance Officer, re Insurance for VHMS building project and ongoing activities.

Council agreed a copy of this information is to be placed in the "Men's Shed" file (Susan), and Adare's insurance policy information (Lesley S)

Susan, Lesley S

10.1.3 VHMS Project Working Group Minutes, September 2017.

10.1.4 Certificate of appreciation from UCSA regarding Adare's contributions to Mission and Services Fund in 2016.

10.1.5 Resthaven Incorporated: Ageing and Wellness Grant .

Council agreed Peter would talk with Dennis Williams about any items requiring funding for the new Men's Shed, and that a special Council meeting be held after the worship service on 15 October, to discuss/authorise a funding application if required.

Peter, Dennis

10.1.6 Email: UCA Synod regarding ordering of 2018 UCA Calendars. 50 to be ordered.

Lesley S

OUT:

10.2.1 Astrid Kuivasdaari, General Manager, Resources UCSA-accepting loan offer for VHMS, and return of signed documentation.

11. BUSINESS ARISING

11.1 Lighting in front of Church – Ken Pratt (Property Committee) still researching.

11.2 Licence for video publishing / streaming of church services
Invoice for the period 1/11/17-31/10/18 received from APRA \$86.38 (inc. GST). Lesley S has asked APRA what this covers – awaiting a reply. **Council agreed** this invoice remain unpaid until APRA can guarantee our requirement for online viewing of our services, with music video content, is covered by the licence.

11.3 Succession Planning / Congregation AGM
Council agreed a longer term plan to cover the next 4-5 years was required as several Council members will not stand for election again, and agreed a personal approach to possible candidates was more effective than just asking for volunteers; several people were identified. Lesley M and Lorraine will not nominate for Council in 2018. Neil may not re-nominate. Lesley S will not nominate for Congregation Secretary for 2018.

Council agreed nominations and elections for Church Council members would be postponed until February/March, after Beth Seaman has run the Mission and Planning sessions with the congregation.

11.4 “Safe Church” Representative
To be discussed at the next meeting.

11.5 Outcome of Church Council/Chair Committee/Property Committee meeting 24/9/17

Council agreed

1. the Chair Committee be disbanded as its work was now completed.
2. on advice from Murray Horsnell (Property Committee), the donated carpet not be used in either the Church or the Hall. It will be offered to congregation members or their families.
3. Property Committee was advised that Council would arrange purchase of chairs to complete the number required for the Church.

11.6 Care group changes
Ongoing. We will consider this further after the Mission and Planning session with Beth Seaman.

12. REPORTS

12.1 Resources

Finance Committee will discuss the 2018 Budget prior to presenting it to the Congregation AGM. 2017 Budget is overrun due to unforeseen expenses.

12.2 Christian Growth – no report

12.3 Worship and Prayer – no report

12.4 Mission and Outreach – no report

12.5 Pastoral Care and Fellowship – no report

12.6 Men’s Shed

Bridging Loan has been approved, as per 10.1.1, above.

Agreement between UCSA and Victor Harbor Council for use of Martha Close for the Men’s Shed has been signed by UCSA.

Memoranda of Understanding, as per 4. above.

“Building Better Regions Fund” grant documentation signatures – Dennis Williams following up with UCSA.

Lesley S

<p>12.7 Minister</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Susan will be away from 16 – 20 October on a retreat. Rev Rodger Bassham will be available if required for pastoral care needs. Advent and Christmas celebrations as per Item 14.1 below. Paul Glazbrook has resigned from Frontier Services. At the National Assembly in 2018 the Uniting Church will address the issues of “Same Sex Marriage” and the way in which the debate has been divisive and distressing for many congregations and individuals. The secular media has not promoted UCA’s underlying written statement on the issue, resulting in UCA members seeking a more definitive statement from the National Assembly. <p>13. WORK HEALTH & SAFETY As per item 11.5 above.</p> <p>14. NEW BUSINESS INCLUDING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS</p> <p>14.1 Advent and Christmas Worship services: Theme will be “Joy in Service – Joy in Life” – encouraging people to see and use their own gifts in their life generally, as well as using them in the life of the Church. “40 Days of Prayer” diary commencing mid November – this reflection will also lead us into considerations around succession planning and the mission planning sessions with Beth Seaman late January/early February. Advent calendar books will be given to Kidz Church children and child visitors. A new way of lighting the Advent candles. Kidz Church will be invited to present a worship segment at one of the Advent services.</p> <p>14.2 Footloose Playgroup Discussion about having more people to support the facilitators at Footloose, especially child supervision. Council considered more parents could be encouraged see taking part in the playgroup organisation, as their ‘church’ time. Ruth suggested Adare pay 1 hour per week to a person to assist. Ruth will encourage parents to bring their children to the Kidz Church advent service.</p> <p>Council agreed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ruth approach Vanessa about being a paid assistant in the first instance. Make a request for volunteers at the Congregation AGM Ruth work with parents who attend to see what they can do to help on a roster basis. <p>14.3 Meeting in January 2018 Council agreed there would be no Council meeting in January 2018.</p> <p>14.4 Updated Police Checks Council agreed Susan will talk to B Osborne about his overdue police check; Lesley M will talk to J Gear.</p> <p>14. Close/Benediction Lesley M thanked all members for their attendance before closing with prayer at 12 noon.</p> <p>Next Meeting: Tuesday 14 November 2017, 9:15am for 9:30am Devotions: Ruth.</p>	<p>Ruth</p> <p>Susan, Lesley M</p>
<p>Confirmation of Minutes /...../17</p> <p>Chairperson</p>	