

**ADARE UNITING CHURCH**

**MINUTES OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

Date: 6 February 2018

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**PRESENT:** Lesley Mableson, Lorraine Carbins, Neil Pontifex, Peter Manuel, Ruth Williamson, Susan Doughty, Vanessa Wiese

1. **WELCOME:** Lesley M welcomed everyone to first meeting for 2018, along with Milton & Wendy Hender
2. **APOLOGIES:** Johanna McCallum, Lesley Stevens
3. **DEVOTIONS** Peter referred to Matthew 6 that teaches how to pray. Lord's prayer starts with focus on 'Our Father' then 3 petitions about 'us' - present, past, future (body, soul, spirit). We tend to focus on second part – us. "Daily bread" (not 'cake') Luther referred to this as everything that feeds our body and meets our very basic needs.
4. **F.O.D. (Fixed Order of the Day)** Dennis Williams - Men's Shed  
Using Adare credit account at Mitre 10 at the moment. Lesley S aware. Still waiting for account to be opened at Stratco. Gyprock purchased at Trade price thanks to Tony Berends.  
Work on schedule. Good number of men arriving daily to work.  
Victor Harbor City Council have inspected and happy with everything, including electrical work. Also impressed with quality of work.  
Excellent camaraderie amongst the men.  
Budget – second fix may go over but not big numbers.  
Acknowledged Lesley Stevens' help in being able to work out electrical account as a separate line under Adare's account.  
Acknowledged Tony Berends' input and support.  
Susan prayed for VHMS, including Dennis and other leaders..
5. **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:** John Phelps - deceased
6. **NEW FACES:**  
Isobel Year 10 student at VHHS from Pinnaroo  
Leslie Barns
7. **MINISTRY AREA COORDINATOR** No-one invited MILTON
8. **PASTORAL CARE MATTERS**  
Lesley M prayed for several people and situations.
9. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**  
Church Council, 12 December 2017      **Accepted**  
Meeting with Barb Gepp, 16 January 2018 re Kidz Church      **Accepted**  
Footloose discussions, 16 January 2018      **Accepted**  
Footloose meeting, 19 January 2018      **Accepted**
10. **CORRESPONDENCE**
  - 10.1. **IN:**
    - 10.1.1. Minutes of VHMS Management Committee 19/1/18 and 2018 Officers
    - 10.1.2. KCO Update
    - 10.1.3. Email from Linda Vinall re Child Safe Environments course at Adare 27/28 October 2018
    - 10.1.4. Di Pratt re including Kidz Church in Victor Times' Church Service Times ad.
    - 10.1.5. Minutes of VHMS Management Committee 30/1/18

<p>10.2. <b>OUT:</b></p> <p>10.2.1. Letters to Ken Pratt, Di Pratt, Ken Mableson advising accepted as Property Committee members for 2 years.</p> <p>10.2.2. Letters to Greg Wiese, Graeme Koch, Jill Sprigg advising accepted as Finance Committee members for 2 years.</p> <p>10.2.3. Letter to Bob Arnold, reaffirming his position on Finance and Property Committees in his role as Resources Coordinator.</p> <p>10.2.4. Letter of thanks to John &amp; Ruth Keith for their involvement in welcoming newcomers to Adare.</p> <p>10.2.5. KCO Update and Leader's Handbook to Barb Gepp.</p>	
<p><b>11. BUSINESS ARISING</b></p>	
<p>11.1 <b>Agreed</b> Property Committee be asked to research cost of 3 or 4 tables (approx 3m x 1m), of GOOD quality, and with mechanism that is easy to use to replace the heavy, large folding tables</p>	Lesley S
<p>11.2 Welcoming newcomers / Welcome Packs - Colin Gepp has happily agreed to take on role of approaching new folk after they've attended for a few weeks, then visiting and welcoming them in worship in due course. Newcomer's information lists to go to Lesley Stevens for processing. Welcome Pack needs form re activities of interest removed.</p>	Vanessa
<p>11.3 Meeting with Barb Gepp re Kidz Church Susan has since met with Di Pratt and Barb Gepp. Di wants to continue with activity still in holidays only. Barb has asked for 3 weeks of Christian education followed by 1 week all-age (intergenerational) service during term time. <b>Agreed</b> intergenerational service be the last Sunday of every month, with Pizza Box ministry for children, (supervised by Rae Cranwell) on that Sunday. Susan has spoken with Helen Lindqvist re impact on Worship Leaders – should be OK. Planning to organise a meeting of all Worship Leaders and Barb Gepp and other Kids' Church helpers 25 February. Susan seeking to find someone to talk about intergenerational worship at this meeting. <b>Agreed</b> first all-age worship 25 March.</p>	Susan
<p>11.4 Child Safe Environments courses to be held at Adare <u>Saturday 27 October, 9:30am - 4:30pm</u> <i>Child Safe Environments - Reporting Child Abuse &amp; Neglect</i> <u>Sunday 28 October, 1:30pm - 4:30pm</u> <i>Called to Care</i></p>	
<p>11.5 Including Kidz Church in Victor Times' Church Service ad. <b>Agreed</b> not to alter ad at this stage. Need to review children's ministry. <b>Agreed</b> Di and Barb be invited attend Church Council in May after 2 inter-generational services.</p>	Susan New Church Council Secretary
<p><b>12. REPORTS</b></p>	
<p>12.1 Resources</p>	
<p>12.1.1. Finance report from Lesley S- Small operating loss as at 31 December 2017, partially due to lower loose offerings.</p>	
<p>12.1.2. Church lighting -Property Committee trying some different lighting combinations to see if there is a better result with new lighting.</p>	
<p>12.1.3. Defibrillator request from Property Committee. Will need a complete register of especially trained (Advanced Life Support) people if you have a defibrillator. <b>Agreed</b> we wait until we do Safe Church training to find out minimum requirements. In meantime, phone ambulance</p>	
<p>12.1.4. Church foyer</p>	Next meeting
<p>12.1.5. <b>Agreed</b> Wally Humphrys be chairperson of Property Committee.</p>	Lorraine
<p>12.1.6. New wireless lapel microphone - purchase <b>approved</b> .Advise Wally, Property Chairperson.</p>	Lorraine

12.2 Christian Growth –Update in the newsletter about Home Groups.	Ruth
12.3 Worship and Prayer Susan met with Helen Lindqvist. Peter Cranwell has agreed to be Prayer chain coordinator. Remind participants of confidentiality.	Susan
12.4 Mission and Outreach	
12.4.1. Pinnaroo Support - Milton Hender prayed then thanked Adare for supporting Wendy & him. Geranium, (vital Christian youth club), Pinnaroo (ageing ) Karoonda (active congregation) All have lost their youth to further study or work outside the area.	
In the past, the church didn't involve/care for the general population. Now need to reach out and support the local community whether or not they attend church. Major work and mission for the week by the key people in small churches is preparing for Sunday worship with no time/energy to get out into the community. Money (with very low funds) has come before mission	
Milton has shared resources such as Project Reconnect DVDs, Adare DVDs, internet sites, to ease the burden for the church folk.	
Milton & Wendy encourage church folk to follow up community needs 'discovered' when attending other community activities e.g. bowls, over 50s etc	
Possible answers : Synod – patrol padre with regular visits.	
Adare has been providing a preacher to Pinnaroo once per month - relieves Stephanie. Rev Darren Lovell visits Karoonda and Geranium.	
Adare has a covenant with Pinnaroo. <b>Agreed</b> we continue to provide preachers monthly. (to be reviewed annually.)	
Each church is doing a Mission Plan to work out their purpose. The churches are trying to do something about their situation.	
Mission planning meeting at 1:30pm on 25 Feb with Darren Lovell at Pinnaroo. Milton and Wendy attending as Adare reps.	
Another rep from Adare would be good. See if Pip Burfield able to attend.	Lesley M
Services now at 11:00am	
Peter Manuel still happy to coordinate. Encourage Home groups to take a turn. Provide complete list of Pinnaroo's music to preachers.	Milton
<b>Agreed</b> , we admire Milton & Wendy's passion for folk in the Mallee.	
Susan prayed for Milton and Wendy and their ministry amongst these churches.	
12.5 Pastoral Care and Fellowship	
Evening Fellowship continuing this year. Edith Reddin is chair.	
12.6 Men's Shed	
12.7 Minister	
Susan thanked the church for love, cards, prayers during her compassionate leave.	
Mission planning can no longer be deferred but Beth Seaman about to start as full time minister at Dulwich-Rose Park in March. Discuss with Philip Gardiner re a mentor to work with Adare on Mission Planning.	Susan
Susan has prepared a personal bible journal for 40 days of Lent: to be made available to everyone as from next Sunday. Then Easter to Pentecost, a new one with specific prayers for Adare.	
Susan is doing Masters Intensive in Christian Education Mon 12 Feb to Friday 16 Feb in Adelaide.	
<b>13. <u>WORK HEALTH &amp; SAFETY</u></b>	
<b>14. <u>NEW BUSINESS INCLUDING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS</u></b>	
14.1 KCO - use of Adare facilities etc, Awaiting feedback from KCO. Adare Service Time to be 3:00pm	
14.2 Gift from Phelps family – Framed "Lord's Prayer" Acknowledge/Thank Alan	Lorraine

<p>14.3 Windows on "The Drive" side of church - Possibility of darkening/blacking out the church e.g. Good Friday. Quote of &gt; \$3000 so <b>agreed</b> not to proceed. Maundy Thursday service to be 7:30pm.</p> <p>14.4 Volunteers – <b>agreed</b> people need to be actively part of Adare fellowship for at least 6 months before accepted as volunteers in office or areas of responsibility. Volunteers need to show commitment to Adare church community.</p> <p>14.5 Length of worship services – Some concern that a number of January services were too long. Some children's talks and final song have been too long.</p> <p>14.6 Agreed Chris Wessells &amp; Bernice Humphries be invited to give Footloose update at our next meeting .</p> <p>14.7. Agreed apology re confusion about Footloose honorarium to Kiara. Also in Update and Newsletter.</p> <p>14.8. Church Council nominations – people are being approached.</p> <p><b>15.Close/Benediction Lesley closed meeting at 12:30pm</b></p> <p><b>Next Meeting: Tuesday 13 March2018, 9:15am for 9:30am</b></p> <p><b>Devotions: Susan</b></p>	<p>Lesley M</p> <p>Lorraine Lorraine</p>
<p>Confirmation of Minutes ..... /...../18</p> <p>Chairperson</p>	