

Minutes of the Congregational meeting held at BCUC on Sunday 29th August 2021 at 11.30am

Welcome The Chairman Peter Morris took the chair and welcomed all present. He commenced with a time of prayer.

Peter reminded attendees that this was the first Congregational Meeting for 2021 and to be sure they had been signed in digitally.

There were 56 in attendance and eight apologies, as per attached. It was confirmed that a quorum was present.

Peter explained that the main focus of this meeting was to confirm a new chairperson and secretary of the congregation, and also, a second representative of the congregation for our Generate Presbytery. The already confirmed member is Andrew Pruszinski.

Minutes of Congregational Meeting of Sunday 6th December 2020 previously circulated, were approved without question. There were no matters arising.

General Business

- Election of new Chair and new Secretary of the Congregation
The positions were explained.
There was one nomination for each position: Chair of the Congregation – Rev. Nita West, Secretary of the Congregation Ms Heather Walraven. Voting papers were handed out by the scrutineers, the voting papers filled in and collected. The scrutineers withdrew to count the votes.
- One nomination was received for the position of Representative for Generate Presbytery: Mrs Anne Wierenga. Anne was elected by a show of hands.

Council Report

- **Nirmal Robinson** presented a verbal report in which he thanked the congregation for their encouragement shown to himself and the Council. He particularly expressed thanks for the support during the constant changes which we have all needed to make during the past year.
- Nirmal, on behalf of the congregation, thanked Peter and Jocelyn for their efforts during the recent years in their roles of Chair and Secretary.
- Also, thanks were extended to Nita and Heather for offering their gifts to take on these roles.
- Nirmal closed his report with prayer.

Financial Report

Tim Piper - gave an Acknowledgment of Country

- Tim then spoke to a visual display of BCUC Profit & Loss, and another of Income & Expenditure. These reports, along with the Auditor's Report were distributed as printed resources as well as email.
- Tim also spoke to the Auditor's Report.

There were no questions of the treasurer. His report was received with acclamation.

Time of Prayer was led by **Benji**

Benji sought topics for thanks from the congregation.

Topics offered were: sound financial expertise displayed by Tim Piper and Deb May, togetherness, faithfulness of our congregation, children's ministry, our Pastors, our BCUC vision, Power of the Holy Spirit through Jesus. A time of prayer followed.

Benji also thanked Peter, Jocelyn and Stuart for their work in preparation for the meeting.

Announcement Peter announced that Nita, Heather and Anne were elected to their Respective positions. The news was greeted with acclamation. Benji thanked Valerie for her work in preparation of the meeting.

The meeting was closed with the benediction at 12.06pm.

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