



# **BURNSIDE CITY UNITING CHURCH**

Raising Children of God

## **Minutes of the Congregational meeting held at BCUC**

**Sunday 22 May 2022 at 11.30am in the worship area**

### **Welcome**

The Chair, Nita West welcoming all present, followed by the Acknowledgement of Country.

### **Opening Prayer**

Following prayer, the Chair opened the May 2022 Burnside City Uniting Church (BCUC) meeting of the Congregation.

### **Present / Apologies**

Members of the Congregation were reminded to ensure registration of being present and ensure apologies had been noted. Final number present 50, final number of apologies 16.

### **Consensus Procedure**

Chair reminded the meeting that a show of hands for consensus would be used for all voting and acceptance matters.

### **Minutes of the Annual General meeting 5 December 2021**

Chair called for acceptance of Minutes. Accepted as distributed without question.

Moved Nirmal Robinson, seconded Valerie Aloa.

### **Business arising from the Minutes,**

Acknowledgements: Andrew Pruszinski nominated and accepted to BCUC Council, Anne Wierenga re-elected and accepted to BCUC Council. Chair congratulated both members.

### **General Business**

#### **Chair of Council Report**

The Chair of Council, Nirmal Robinson thanked those in attendance. Council this year has had a focused agenda with three main aspects – UP, IN, OUT.

1. UP

Focus being worship. Nirmal thanked the Worship Working Group which has made a difference in BCUC Worship. A Service Director role was created last year to coordinate Worship services on Sundays. More Service Directors are needed. Members of the congregation are encouraged to step forward and let the Chair or Jenny Olver know of their willingness to participate as Service Director. A new all ages Community Choir is being formed. Please contact Benji with your interest in joining this Choir.

2. IN

Last year Church Getaway was a successful event which was highly enriching spiritually and socially. A time of getting to know all (long timers or new) people who have been attending our church services. This year a one day Church Getaway is planned for Spring. Dates to be advertised soon. Chair thanked the pastoral team headed by Rob Williams for pastorally caring for the BCUC family members during the uncertain times.

3. OUT

Position of a Connections Leader has been created with a goal of outreach into the community and also to liaise with many different activity groups meeting in our church to raise Children of God. The position will be advertised soon.

### **Financial Report**

Chair welcomed the Treasurer, Tim Piper to the floor. The Treasurer referred the meeting to the Financial and Auditors Reports, made available in advance.

Treasurer spoke to the Financial Income v Expenditure giving a snap shot of “what we (BCUC) do , rather than how we do it”. Noted that Income to Expenses is well balanced. Treasurer thanked the Finance Committee, in particular Susan Peng for her strong behind the scene support and Ray Nichols for his recording role. Noted that Ray is looking to hand over this position. The role will be picked up by Administration.

No questions of the Treasurer. Treasurer concluded with prayer of thanks.

Chair called upon the congregation to confirm the appointment of Freddy Bartlett to the Mission Trust Fund. Moved Valier Aloa, seconded Ian Clarke.

Chair thanked the Treasurer for his reports and called for the BCUC Financial and Audit reports be accepted. Acceptance moved Donald Sarre, seconded Andrew Pruszinski. Acceptance unanimous.

### **Burnside City Uniting Church Values**

Benji Callen led this agenda item. Those in attendance were asked to group into 6 or 8 persons. Each group received a sheet of 3 questions to work through. Questions had been made available to whole of Congregation through the weekly email.

1. What are the characteristics of a ‘child of God’?
2. What do you value at BCUC?
3. What do you hope we would value and be known by in 10 years time?

Following discussion and completion of the sheets each group was asked to give short summary of the values the group considered. All sheets were collected to be collated and

forwarded to BCUC Council for consideration. This is only the beginning of the process of exploring what we value at BCUC. Exploring the values of BCUC will continue over the next few months leading up to the Annual General Meeting. Question sheets are available for those unable to attend the Congregational meeting.

**Any Other Business**

No other business.

Following prayer and the Benediction, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 12.30pm.

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