



BURNSIDE CITY UNITING CHURCH

Raising Children of God

Minutes of the BCUC Annual General Meeting Sunday 20 November 2022 at 11.30am in the Hall

Welcome

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

Opening Prayer

Following prayer, the Chair opened the 2022 Annual General Meeting of Burnside City Uniting Church (BCUC).

Present / Apologies

Members of the Congregation were reminded to ensure registration of being present. Chair called for any further apologies. Final number present 51. Final number of apologies 20.

Consensus Procedure

Chair reminded the meeting that a show of hands for consensus would be used for all voting and acceptance matters. Election of Mission Trust Fund managers would be by private ballot.

Minutes of the Congregational meeting 22 May 2022

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

Moved Valerie Aloa, seconded Marie Roberts.

Minutes of the Annual General meeting held 5 December 2021: Noted.

Business arising from the Minutes of Congregational meeting 22 May 2022

BCUC Values

Benji referred the meeting to the BCUC Values sheet that had been distributed prior to the meeting. The Values for BCUC were a result of the accumulated comments and ideas gathered and forwarded to the BCUC Council following the Congregational May 2022 meeting.

After prayer and fasting the Council discussed and affirmed the following values: 'Prayerfully Listening', 'Learning Love', 'Encouraging Friendship' and 'Spreading Joy'. Benji called for open

discussion, input and impressions on: 1. What can you affirm? 2. What gives you cause for hesitation?

It was generally felt the four values were attainable and that BCUC was well on its way towards achieving them. Cause for hesitation was levelled at 'Learning Love'. How can this be put into practice? We need to grow and live in love. The terminology 'Learning Love' is an open definition and needs further unpacking. Learning can be applied to all four values. The four values could be encouragingly taken to the wider community.

Comments from those present have been recorded and the table working papers will be forwarded to the Church Council for further development. Nirmal Robinson confirmed that the values are a work in progress.

Benji asked for affirmation of the four values. Moved Tim Piper. Seconded Di Croft.

General Business

Minister's Report

Chair welcomed the Minister Benji Callen to the floor. Benji referred those present to his report in the BCUC 2022 Annual Report reiterating the focus of the Church Council this year was on developing the congregational values, spiritual discernment and oversight. He gave thanks to the many groups and teams and expressed his appreciation and gratitude of the work carried out by Stuart MacAdam, Nancy Gao and Rob Williams. In particular the work Rob carries out in pastoral care.

Acknowledgement was given to the wonderful legacy left to us by those we lost from our midst this year. Benji thanked the teams who gave of themselves for the grieving. Thanks were given to the new members of our congregation brought to us through the Kettle Club, Election days and the various activities held at BCUC.

Leading into 2023 there is a need to for BCUC to structure itself to move more to the OUT (reaching out and raising more disciples) for the future.

Benji concluded by confirming to the meeting that he "loved his job at BCUC".

Chair of Council Report

Chair welcomed the Chair of Council, Nirmal Robinson to the floor. Nirmal thanked those in attendance. He also gave thanks to those who have focused on the principals of UP, IN, OUT.

UP: the Worship Working Group. A highlight being the sermon series, not only beneficial to the BCUC family but across the globe made possible through live streaming.

IN: the momentum of the Youth group and how it is engaging with other youth in the area, growth of the Kids ministry, the Kettle Club holiday programme. The smooth running of the Church properties and facilities, Tim Piper for Finance/Budget and the Mission Trust Fund managers.

OUT: congratulations to Nancy Goa, Connections Coordinator and her outreach work to BCUC members, visitors and the local community. Good missional relationships with nearby schools, rebuilding relationships with Seymour College. Opening our doors to the community and

strongly supporting outreach locally, nationally and internationally through Mission Focus Group, Women's Fellowship and BCUC Cares.

Nirmal thanked the administration team, the Church Elders and their families. He invited everyone to feel free to approach the Church Council to talk over ideas for the Church values.

On closing Nirmal reminded the meeting of Ashley Davis' sermon series "This will be the Best Year Yet" with opportunity for new beginnings. Indeed 2022 was just that.

Financial Report

Chair welcomed the Treasurer, Tim Piper to the floor. This is the fourth Budget prepared by Tim. Tim reminded the meeting that the Financials and 2023 Budget had been made available in advance and would speak to both agenda items as one. Tim explained the trend of the Income and Expenditures for the past 8 years.

Offering income has maintained past years. However, BCUC hire income is expected to exceed budget. Savings against salaries budget and the facilities budget have been adopted.

The budget deficit for 2023 compares favourably with the deficits adopted for 2021 and 2022, neither of which eventuated. BCUC Finance continues to budget prudently, "planning for the worst outcome but praying for the best".

Tim called for questions from the meeting. No questions of the Treasurer.

Chair thanked the Treasurer for his reports and called for the BCUC Financials to be accepted. Acceptance moved Deb May, seconded Dorothy McQuistan. Financials accepted unanimously.

Chair called for the 2023 Budget to be adopted. Adopted moved Valerie Aloa, seconded Rosemary Sarre. The 2023 Budget adopted unanimously.

Acceptance of the Annual Report 2022

The BCUC 2022 Annual Report was accepted, by show of hands, unanimously.

Election of Elders/Councillors

For the BCUC 2022 Annual General Meeting no nominations for Elders/Councillors were received for the one vacant position.

Election of the Mission Trust Fund Managers

Three positions were declared vacant. Three renominations were received, being Angus Paton, Mike Croft and Deb May. Members of the congregation present were asked to cast their votes on the Ballot paper provided. Scrutineers collected the Ballot papers and were able to inform the Chair following the meeting that Angus Paton, Mike Croft and Deb May all received over 50% of the votes cast, thus elected as Managers of the Mission Trust Fund.

Any Other Business

Benji reminded everyone that on Sunday 27 November a photographer will be taking photos throughout the Church for inclusion on the new BCUC website. It was considered advisable not to wear name tags while being photographed.

Video: The Year that Was

Chair Closed the meeting inviting Rob Williams for the closing prayer.

Meeting closed at 12.45pm.

Confirmed on By

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