

GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION HELD 14th MAY, 2007

Meeting Chaired by Murray Lowe, Chairperson of the Congregation.

1. **WELCOME** The Chairperson Murray Lowe, welcomed 100 members to the meeting, and opened the meeting with a reading from Colossians 1: from v 15: "the image of the invisible God".

Those attending were then asked to share with their neighbour their thoughts on 'blessings at GWUC'.

APOLOGIES were received from: Heather Hon, Lyn McDonald, Walter Skilton, Alan Lemke, Amy Whittaker, Alison Barr, Peter Barr, Graham Ward, Mary Ward, Judy Edmonds, Keith Boundy, Beryl Boundy, Geoff Willis, Geoff Saxton, Pam Graham, Elwyn Pederson, Judith Boucher.

'CONSENSUS' As this meeting was planned to use the Consensus method of 'voting', Murray gave an explanation of how this process would take place.

Those attending were asked to agree on use of Consensus method for this meeting. Questions asked and answered. Meeting agreed.

2. **MINUTES** of the meeting held 18th February, 2007 were taken as a true record.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- 3.1 Delegates to MaroonDAH Presbytery

As one of those nominated withdrew their nomination following the previous meeting, no election was held. Those nominated, Evelyn Fleming and John Hurst were duly elected.

4. **MINISTRY TEAM REPORT** - given by Rev. Greg Fry

Greg outlined some of the recent events and made special mention of the number of baptisms held. Also brought to the attention of the meeting the Anniversary Service to be held on June 24 - one service only at 10.00am. Theme: 'Around the vine'.

5. **AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR 2006**

Outgoing Treasurer, Graham Peters spoke to the written report and noted:

- Planned Giving fractionally below expectations
- Open Plate giving increased
- Ross Lennon's work as Property Convenor - estimated savings to church \$30,000. The meeting responded with acclamation.
- Successful recent Planned Giving Program - led by Leon Pederick.
- Will be substantial property costs in future - carpet, upgrade of manses, etc.
- 2006 loss about \$6,000
- 2007 loss expected to be about \$60,000.

It was moved "the adoption of the Audited Accounts for 2006"

Moved Graham Peters, Seconded Graeme Frecker.

Accepted.

Murray Lowe acknowledged the excellent work of Graham Peters, and the Finance Committee. The meeting responded with acclamation.

6. CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT - given by Chair of Church Council, Graeme Frecker.

- Acknowledged the work of Graham Peters as Treasurer, and stressed that this is really the last Budget Graham will prepare. A replacement **MUST** be found urgently.
- Outlined the details of the Building Redevelopment. Plans are about to be lodged with City of Monash. Manses should be ready early in 2008.
- Outreach Funding - an explanation of this was given.

Questions were asked and answered.

7. TERMS OF PLACEMENT FOR REV. LYNETTE DUNGAN

Church Council have received a request from Lynette for changes to her terms of placement. Details are listed in the following motion.

That this meeting of the Congregation:

- a] affirms Rev. Lynette Dungan's call "to follow and further her ministry in Spiritual Direction and Formation", and acknowledges her request to change the terms of her placement at Glen Waverley;
- b] recommends to the Presbytery that Rev. Dungan's current terms of placement at Glen Waverley be changed to a 3/5 placement for a period of up to eighteen months commencing in July 2007;
- c] agrees that the Congregation will continue to provide the manse at 19 Southdown Avenue free of rent for Rev. Dungan and her family;
- d] authorises the Church Council to appoint a supply minister to join the ministry team in a part-time capacity during the further period that Rev. Dungan will remain at Glen Waverley;
- e] authorises the Church Council, in consultation with the ministry team, to determine the duration of this transitional arrangement, and negotiate the respective roles of the two part-time ministers;
- f] authorises the Church Council to initiate the steps necessary to call a minister to succeed Rev. Dungan, given advice that her placement at Glen Waverley will become vacant during 2008.

Moved: Graeme Frecker.

Following the presentation of the motion there was an open and vigorous discussion.

The motions were to be voted on separately.

Following further discussion, the following motion was moved by Beth Hancock, seconded, Iris Pederick, "that we move to formal procedures of voting for points a,b,c,d,e,f,". Carried - not unanimous

The motions moved by Graeme Frecker, were seconded by David Jackson, and then voted upon.

- a] Carried - not unanimous.

Beth Hancock then moved, seconded Lois Hosking, "that the vote of 2/3rd majority be required to register approval." Carried.

A number of people spoke, both for and against the motion [put by Graeme Frecker].

Points b] and c] were then voted on, and passed with a 2/3rd majority.

d] Beth Hancock moved, seconded David Jackson - an amendment to the wording of point d] "that we authorise the Church Council to arrange to fill the vacancy in the ministry team in an appropriate manner, with the approval of Presbytery".

Following discussion, it was accepted by Beth Hancock and David Morgan that point d be worded as follows:

d] authorises the Church Council to arrange to fill the vacancy in the ministry team, with the approval of Presbytery;

Carried.

The motion was then voted on by the meeting and carried with a 2/3rd majority.

e] David Morgan moved, "that the words *two part-time ministers* be changed to *the members of the ministry team*". This was accepted by the original mover of the motion, Graeme Frecker.

The motion then became:

e] authorises the Church Council, in consultation with the ministry team, to determine the duration of this transitional arrangement, and negotiate the respective roles of the members of the ministry team;

The motion was then voted on by the meeting and carried with a 2/3rd majority.

Discussion followed on the wording of point f.

Graeme Pratt moved, seconded Di Greenwood, that the wording be changed to: "that we authorise the Church Council to initiate the steps necessary to call a minister to succeed Rev. Dungan".

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8. BENEDICTION

Those attending joined in the saying of The Grace.

Supper followed.

Information only

See over for final wording of the motion.

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