

## GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION HELD 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2007

A basket lunch was served.

1. **WELCOME** The Chairperson, Murray Lowe welcomed all to the meeting, and extended thanks to those who had prepared the lunch.  
He then said Grace.  
  
Agendas were handed out, and Murray asked if there were any additional items.  
Margaret Williams requested that the matter of the Creche in church be discussed.
2. **APOLOGIES** were received from:- Evelyn Fleming, Herb Fleming, Lyn McDonald, Jan Clarke, Brian Clarke, Alison Barr, Peter Barr, John LaFontaine, Frances LaFontaine, Clare Tanzmann, Alison Dingwall, John Baines, Pam Graham, Beth Hancock, Alan Lemke, Margaret Lemke.
3. **MINUTES** of the previous two meetings were received as a true record.  
Moved: Walter Skilton, Seconded: Judy Lowe Confirmed.
4. **MATTERS ARISING from MINUTES** will be covered later in the meeting.
5. **DISCUSSION** An opportunity was given over lunch for 'table' discussions:-  
'Where have we been in 2006?' 'What excites us as we head into 2007?'

It was requested that comments be written on the notepads provided, and added to the posters on the walls. These comments will be collated, and where possible, followed up by Church Council, and Elders.

6. **APPOINTMENT OF CONGREGATION DELEGATES TO MAROONDAH PRESBYTERY**  
These have been held by Evelyn Fleming and John Hurst.

Nominations were called for:

Evelyn Fleming	nominated by Iris Pederick, seconded Margery Snare
John Hurst	nominated by Jan Clear, seconded Eileen Scott
Roger Vass	nominated by Arthur Davey, seconded Max Whittaker

There being 3 nominations for 2 vacancies a ballot will need to be held.

Murray Lowe moved, John Muir seconded "that we conduct a ballot for the appointment of our two representatives to Maroondah Presbytery".

Suggestion from the floor, that the third person - not elected as a delegate - be our representative if either of the two elected are unable to attend.

The motion was voted on, and carried.

Murray Lowe extended thanks to Evelyn Fleming and John Hurst..  
The meeting responded with acclamation.

## **7. REPORT FROM CHURCH COUNCIL**

Chairperson of Church Council, Graeme Frecker presented a comprehensive report.

### **Ministry**

During 2006 there was transition and consolidation in the Ministry Team.

Rev. Greg Fry [Minister of the Word], and Alanee Hearnshaw [Youth Ministry] were called to Glen Waverley. The ministry team has been ably supported by Alison Dingwall, Carolyn Blakemore, Julian Hamilton, Elwyn Pederson and Rev. Ineke Gyles.

There is a good feeling of togetherness in the team.

The meeting responded with acclamation.

Graeme then led the meeting in the singing of 'We are One - We are Many [abridged]

### **Ministry Directions**

We are diverse community -

we are learning to love

learning to care

learning to share

There have been some changes in the Council committee's roles, and these are continuing to be discussed at Church Council.

M.O.S.E.S. Committee has been disbanded.

Social Justice issues will still be part of our ministry.

Worship Committee has been altered - we have diverse worship services, and there is a need to develop tolerance with change.

Volunteer resources are vital to our church life, and thanks were extended to the members of the Property, Finance and Pastoral Care committees.

Mention was made of the need for extra helpers on the Cleaning/Lawn Mowing roster.

### **Planned Giving Outcome**

The recent program saw an increase of 15% - however there will be considerable challenge ahead if we are to 'grow further'.

### **Building Development**

Roger Vass spoke to this.

There is a display in the foyer of the 2 houses planned, and the hall extension.

One builder for the whole project.

Endeavour to have 'no cost to our Budget'.

Timing - planning, permits [could take up to 5 months].

Congregation will continue to be kept up to date of situation.

Graeme Frecker moved "that the Report of Church Council be received".

Questions were taken, and answered.

The motion was seconded by John Boucher and then voted upon. Carried

## **8. ACCOUNTS 2006 & BUDGET 2007**

Treasurer, Graham Peters, spoke to the written report, which had been distributed.

Graham Peters moved: 'that the Budget for 2007 be adopted'.

Julie Ross, offered congratulations to Graham on his excellent and comprehensive report.

The meeting responded with acclamation.

## 8. ACCOUNTS 2006 & BUDGET 2007 continued . . .

Questions were asked and answered.

- Children and Families ministry - will be reviewed later in year. Appointment initially for 2 years. If we extend it, how do we fund it?
- Welfare - \$2500 to be drawn down for the next two years and then reviewed.
- Flower money - Margaret Frecker explained how the money is obtained for the flowers [Weddings, funerals, thoughtful flowers] - and she extended sincere thanks to the 16 volunteers who help on this roster.
- COP - restructure doesn't allow for 'small fundraising efforts' by groups. These funds could be allocated to COP on an individual "outreach" project.

Graeme Frecker spoke of the many ways in which people can "give" to the church, and spoke of the significant contribution of volunteers.

Graeme gave special mention of Ross Lennon, who spends many hours at GWUC attending to Property/Maintenance matters, and saves the church a considerable amount of money. The meeting responded with acclamation.

The motion was seconded by Peter Thorpe. Voted on. Carried

Murray Lowe thanked Graham Peters, and the meeting responded with acclamation.

Graham Peters then advised the meeting of his desire to vacate the position of Treasurer, and asked that members give this serious thought.

## 9. OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1 Margaret Williams spoke about the Creche which is currently being held in the back corner of the Church during Worship - and moved "that the Church Council consider that the Creche be removed from the body of the Church during the 9.00am service".  
Seconded: Iris Pederick.

Chairperson, Church Council, Graeme Frecker spoke to the motion and advised that it is for a trial period only and will be reviewed by Church Council.

Bruce Clear commented that there were no young families here at this meeting to make their thoughts known.

The motion was voted upon. The motion was lost.

10. There being no further business, Murray Lowe brought the meeting to a close.  
The Grace was said together.

The meeting closed at 1.20pm.