

# Agenda for Annual Church Meeting – held @ 3:00 pm on Sunday 23 August 2020

Meeting commenced @ \_\_\_\_ Hrs

<b>Chair</b>	<b>Ian Read</b>
<b>Scribe</b>	<b>Karen Read</b>

## 1. Reading of the meeting covenant, devotion and opening in prayer

Steve Hales – Senior Pastor.

Steve opened in prayer, delivered the covenant and a devotion, making reference to Hebrews 13:7-17 and Isaiah 43:18-23

## 2. Confirmation of minutes: Quarterly Church Meeting held on 23 February 2020.

Ian Read – these were made available to all members prior to the meeting.

Moved – Ian Read, seconded George Gourlay. Carried unanimously.

## 3. Church Health Review

Steve Hales

Steve outlined some of the benefits in participating a Church Health Review. These included:

- Taking stock – we do not want to lose the opportunities we have.
- Seeking – what does God want to teach us?
- Examine – staffing in relation to financial sustainability now and post Covid19. JobKeeper is helping now, but is not long term
- Pastoral leadership
  - Multicultural ministry/church
  - Children and youth
  - Compliance

The timing for this not locked in but committing tentatively to early 2021 would be a good step. Parameters are still to be established along with further discussions, prior to going forward.

## 4. Finance Report –

Ken McGill and Kim Poon

Ken asked for acknowledgement and thank you to go to Kim Poon and Gary Dorey.

Giving is slightly below budget for the period prior to Covid.

Ken explained that Gary has made allowance provision for the 2021 payroll which spans a 54 week window. Gary has placed funds aside to cover this event which occurs every 12 years.

There is a concern about the dependence of Government Covid subsidy with the day to day running of 8 part time Pastoral and Admin staff at the Church.

Motion for acceptance of the Finance reports, dated 7 August 2020, and accompanying budget was put forward. Moved Ken McGill, seconded Ian Read.

Ian moved a vote of thanks to Ken McGill for stepping in to assist in the role of temporary treasurer, assisting Kim Poon.

## 5. Annual Reports 2019 – 2020

All reports as distributed, plus the following reports will be spoken to:

- Elders – Betty Moore
  - Betty referred to her report. Ian moved a vote of thanks to Betty for her six year service. Betty replied this was a privilege. Both challenging and rewarding, 'but God has always been with us'
- Property – Milton Purkiss
  - Milton is also stepping down from this position – thank you for your tireless service Milton.
  - Project Refresh is a compliance issue and must happen, currently a strong candidate for the Review
  - Other reference made to the roof leaks, with a tentative quote costing, in the vicinity of \$26,000 to be put to the meeting in November. This has initially been received by Church Council.
- Safe Churches – Dan Waugh
  - We have travelled well through the process in the last 6 months.
  - Policies are clearer, current and available in both the Church Foyer and through the website, in English, Mandarin and Korean.

All report writers will be available, and your questions are invited.

Ian Read invited questions from the Members, however there were none forthcoming.

## 6. Membership – Ian Read

- Update on numbers
  - Currently sitting at 149 members
- New members:
  - Becky and John Dawkins
  - Malcom Bae

Were received in this meeting amidst a resounding clap of hands. Moved Ken McGill, seconded Margy Ridley.

## 7. Election of Elders & Ministry Team Leaders (secret ballot)

Ian Read thanked Betty Moore and Karl Hochstetter (refer Extract below) for time and commitment to the Elder position.

Don Mathewson provided a review of the Elders responsibilities, then conducted and interview with both nominees, Amy Danyang Li and Jason Xiao.

**Extract** from ACM Agenda, 23 August 2020.

#### **“Elders**

1. Alan Worsley – Is currently serving and is eligible to continue for a further two years, subject to a vote of affirmation.)
2. Betty Moore has completed her third consecutive two year term and is stepping down.
3. Karl Hochstetter will not be standing for re-election.
4. Patsy Lees – has one year remaining to serve of her third consecutive two year term.
5. Amy Li is standing for nomination as Elder.
6. Jason Xiao is standing for nomination as Elder.

#### **Ministry Team Leaders**

7. **Treasurer** – Nominations, if received for this role, will be voted upon at this meeting.
8. **Property** – Nominations, if received for this role, will be voted upon at this meeting.
9. **Secretary** – Ian Read is currently serving in this role and is eligible to continue for a further four years, subject to a vote of affirmation.
10. Other Ministry Team Leader roles are current. No action required this year.

**Note:** the following is an extract from our meeting advice, issued via the Bulletin:

**“How will we vote? A:** We’re actually going to mail out the ballot paper, including the notices of motion, to all church members in the week before the meeting. Then, as part of the meeting, after discussion, we’ll all be given the opportunity to vote. Even though the ballot papers will be sent to all members, only those present at the meeting will be able to vote. We’ll ask you to indicate on the ballot paper that you were, indeed, present. You will then need to return the paper in a reply paid envelope provided ASAP so we receive it within 7 business days. We will email and announce the results of the ballots on the following Sunday 6th September.” ”

Agreement was received for appointment of Betty Moore and George Gourlay as scrutineers.

Ian provided instructions for the filling out of the secret ballot.

Karen Baker has indicated she will take on the role of treasurer. Karen’s tenure will commence in November, following a ballot for her appointment.

Malcom Bae has indicated a willingness to step into the Property Management Portfolio. A special vote of thanks was delivered by George Gourlay, to Milton, in recognition of his steadfast devotion to the role. Malcolm will be mentored in this role by Milton Purkiss, George Gourlay and Ken McGill while he completes the first 6 months of membership and attains eligibility to hold office.

A question from the floor was raised concerning the role of Social Justice Leader, who was initially appointed in 2018, meaning they were up for re-election at this Church meeting. Ian took it on notice to follow up and action for the next quarterly business meeting in November 2020.

## 8 Prayer

In support of elders and ministry team members.

- Prayer was carried out in various break out rooms.

## 9 General Business

- Auditor for 2020/21 – Mark Crawford’s name was put forward.
  - This motion was moved by Ian Read and seconded by Kim Poon. It was carried unanimously.
- Delegates for the NSW Baptist Assembly meetings for the next 12 months (usually two meetings per year).
  - Accredited ministers Steve Hales, David Choi and Dan Waugh.
  - Sylvia Collinson, Karl Hochstetter, Ian Read, David Arnold are willing to represent our Church.
  - Affirmed at the meeting by a show of hands.
- Where to from here? Please ask your questions now.
  - There were no further questions received from members.

Meeting closed @ \_\_5:00 pm

Betty M closed the meeting in prayer at 5:00 pm.