

MINUTES OF THE 49th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, 25 August 2019

1. OPEN

The meeting was called to order by Andrew Muir, at 12:07 and he extended a welcome to all participants. Andrew Muir explained the proceedings of the meeting and that the ministry leaders would be given an opportunity to provide comments and answer questions on their reports.

2. Bible reading & Prayer

Paul Robertson opened the meeting in prayer.

3. ROLL CALL

The secretary called the membership roll: There were 84 members present which exceeded the required quorum.

(P = Present, AP=Apology, NP=Not Present)

>>*Insert members list*<<

4. NOMINATION COMMITTEE AND VOTE

Robyn East explained the nomination process for church office (Elders & Deacons) positions and a ballot paper was issued to members of the congregation to vote for the candidates presented for election. There had been no additional nominations made.

The votes were counted and each of the candidates nominated received a majority of the votes cast and were therefore elected to office.

MINUTES OF THE 2018 AGM

Adopted: The minutes were adopted as presented. A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Ian East and seconded by Alan Castle.

The agenda circulated prior to the meeting was accepted as read. A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Vanessa Woodburn and seconded by Graham Dietrich.

REPORTS

The reports were taken as read.

SENIOR PASTOR'S REPORT

Ben welcomed everyone at the meeting and thanked the church for their support over the year. He provided a short summary of various events during the year and highlights of WVAC ministries. He thanked the leadership teams including the board of Elders and Deacons. He also thanked the pastoral staff for their support and diligence including Antoinette for her good work as the office manager and serving as the church treasurer over the past 10 years (volunteer role). He explained that Nico Mellett will be taking over from Antoinette as the new Treasurer and Antoinette will be given an additional 1 Day p/w (paid) to concentrate on church administration duties.

Ben acknowledged the good work of Nathan & Colleen Burns for their work with Kidz church, Young families and Stromlo High. Sadly, Nathan & Colleen will be completing their ministry at WVAC by the end of this year and they will be greatly missed by all of us.

Ben also acknowledged the ministry of Ted Stapinski, serving on the Board of Elders for the last 14 years. Ted

also lead the Pastoral Care team of the church and played a key role as part of the outreach program at Stromlo High (mentor program & breakfast club). His leadership and servant heart will be greatly missed on the Elders board!

Questions:

Ian East asked about the "Gathering Service" and if it attracts people which normally do not attend the morning service?

Ben responded that the afternoon service has attracted different people through advertising on the church website. Attendance of people is not very regular and numbers are up and down at present, but it is expected for numbers to stabilize and in time more people will join.

There were no further questions. All thanked Ben.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT

Andrew Edwards thanked the congregation for their support and encouragement and highlighted the need for ongoing prayer for his ministry at WVAC.

He reported that the "Gathering Service" attracts between 15-25 people per week with a core group of approximately 10 regular attendants. He explained the dynamics of the service and building relationships is the focus of the meetings.

Safe Ministry Compliance – Andrew highlighted the need for all church ministry leaders and helpers to comply with safety standards to make the church a safe environment for everyone.

ELDER'S REPORT

Andrew Muir thanked the church for their support and confidence in the board of elders. He also thanked Ted for his service on the Board for the past 14. He also thanked Ben & Helen for their leadership.

Questions:

There were no questions. All thanked Andrew Muir.

DEACON'S REPORT

In the absence of Mike Prunty, Ben provided a brief summary of the work the Deacon's had accomplished over the past year.

Ben specifically thanked Antoinette for the good work she had been doing as the outgoing Deacon/Treasurer for the last 10 years.

Questions:

There were no questions. All thanked Ben.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Nathan Burns expressed his thanks to all the teachers, assistant teachers and volunteers for their commitment to the ministry. He also thanked the church for their confidence in him to fulfill this role.

Questions:

There were no questions. All thanked Nathan Burns.

MISSIONS TEAM REPORT

Ben reported that there is a need to fill the role of the Mission's Coordinator at WVAC and people interested should reach out and contact him.

Missions Convention 2019 - This year's guest missionary will be Suzanna Tse from Thailand.

Questions:

There were no further questions. All thanked Ben.

PLAYGROUP REPORT

Julie Steller briefly spoke to the Playgroups AGM report and acknowledged the dedication and the good work of all volunteers assisting at playgroup every week. She also thanked the church for their encouragement.

Questions:

There were no questions. All thanked Julie Steller & Barb Dietrich.

CHOIR MINISTRY

Fiona Robertson thanked the congregation for their support and prayers for the choir ministry over the year. She also thanked Heather Purcell for her support.

Questions:

There were no questions. All thanked Fiona Robertson.

YOUTH REPORT

Hannah Hunter thanked the congregation, youth group leaders and the youth for their support.

Questions:

There were no questions. All thanked Hannah Hunter.

SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY

In the absence of Alberto Memme, Andrew Muir highlighted the importance of small groups and encouraged members of the church to reach out to Alberto for more information on people becoming part of a small group.

WORSHIP

Andrew Edwards thanked James Petterson for his good work optimising the sound system and the members of the worship team for their diligent service.

Questions:

There were no questions. All thanked Andrew Edwards.

CREATIVE ARTS

Helen Betz explained that creative arts were her passion and that it was used as a tool to enhance/complement the message preached during the morning service.

Questions:

There were no questions. All thanked Helen Betz.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Helen Betz briefly spoke to her report and informed the congregation that it is her passion to work with the Interns. She also thanked the church for their ongoing support.

Questions:

Andrew Edwards asked about the age limit for Interns? Helen B. responded that the program is open to all age groups who could commit to the 18-month program.

There were no further questions. All thanked Helen Betz.

KIDS HOPE

Ted Stapinski stated that Kids Hope and other ministries at Stromlo High school are very important and are well received by the school leadership. Ben briefly mentioned the ministries of WVAC at the Stromlo High school.

Questions:

There were no questions. All thanked Ted Stapinski.

PASTORAL CARE

The pastoral care team looked after members of the congregation who required assistance with physical & spiritual needs. Ben stated that it is important for the team to be kept informed to be able to assist people in need.

Questions:

There were no questions. All thanked Ben Betz/Ted Stapinski.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Iva Plessnitzer thanked the ladies currently serving as part of the women's ministry team. She also asked the ladies of the congregation to reach out to her and let her know of ideas for future activities.

Questions:

There were no questions. All thanked Iva Plessnitzer.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Craig Woodburn thanked the men's leadership team for their support and encouraged the men of the congregation to participate in future events to build up relationships between the men in the church.

Questions:

There were no questions. All thanked Craig Woodburn.

ALPHA

Andrew Muir spoke to the Alpha AGM report and acknowledged the dedication and the good work of all leaders and volunteers supporting this important ministry.

Questions:

There were no questions for Andrew Muir. All thanked Andrew Muir.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Andrew Muir spoke briefly to the Prayer Ministry AGM report. He thanked all of the volunteers for their support in the ministry. He also thanked Suanu & Victoria for their faithful service running the Saturday evening prayer group and end of the month prayer during the church service.

Questions:

There were no questions for Andrew Muir. All thanked Andrew Muir.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Antoinette Hildebrandt. thanked the church for their faithfulness in giving.

The church had also provided generous financial support during the Deacon's A/C appeal for the church hall which is now completed in preparation for summer.

Antoinette reported that last year's faith promise (Great Commission Fund) was just over the pledged amount budgeted. This year's faith promise pledge is tracking well with one month to go.

Questions:

Ian East asked a question about the loan repayments if we repay interest only? Antoinette will find out further details of the loan and get back to Ian with details.

No further questions. All thanked Antoinette Hildebrandt.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The vote to accept the Auditors Report was called for and **Carried**.

George Cilliers motioned the resolution and Ian East seconded it.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2018/2019

Antoinette Hildebrandt briefly highlighted aspects of the proposed budget.

Questions:

There were no questions for Antoinette on the budget. All thanked Antoinette.

DECLARATION OF ELECTION

Following counting of the returned votes, all those nominated received a majority of the votes cast and were thus elected to the designated positions as follows:

Board of Elders (3 year term)

Elder:	Paul Robertson	(1 more year)
Elder:	Stefan Plessnitzer	(1 more year)
Elder:	Andrew Muir	(3-year term)
Elder:	Andrew Edwards	(3-year term)
Elder:	Gary Bates	(3-year term)
Elder:	Alberto Memme	(2 more years)

Board of Deacons (1 year term) **

Deacon:	Paul Britt
Deacon:	Graham Deitrich
Deacon:	Josh Vear
Deacon:	Mike Prunty
Deacon:	George Cilliers
Deacon	Vanessa Woodburn
Treasurer:	Nico Mellett
Ex-officio:	Pastor Ben Betz

** The Pastor or Consulting Pastor is the Chairman of the Elders. The Elders Board elects a Secretary of this Board.*

*** The Deacons Board elects a Chairman and Secretary of this Board.*

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed in prayer by Ben Betz and adjourned by Andrew Muir. at 13:18 pm.

The next AGM was scheduled for Sunday, 30 August 2020.

Respectfully submitted.

Stefan Plessnitzer

Secretary

