



St Luke's Lutheran Church Congregation

Minutes Annual General Meeting - 30th April 2023 – 11am

- 1. Welcome and Opening Prayer** – Lynne Cox and Pastor Will Frost
- 2. Roll Call and Apologies** – refer attendance sheet – 52 in attendance.
Apologies: John McGrath, David Grulke.
- 3. Adoption of minutes from previous AGM held on March 27th, 2022**
Passed: John McClelland
Seconded: Hadyn Blaess

Business Arising from the previous meeting – 27/3/22

- Amended MoU between St Luke's Lutheran Church, Albury, St John's Jindera Church Plant and LCA NSW and ACT District which was signed on 19th October 2022. Peter Reed is being mentored by Pastor Will Frost. MoU will be reviewed when Peter Reed moves to 5 days per week at St John's which commenced at Easter 2023.
- Call Committee: This group nominated and established at 2022 AGM have met on a regular basis and in 2022 two ministers were called to St Luke's and both declined their Call. It is planned to have the next Congregation Call Meeting on May 21st, 2023 when the Call Committee plan to present three names to the congregation for consideration. Pastor Frost will conduct this meeting as the Bishop is unable to attend.
- Corrective Services: Currently we have a female who is coming to St Luke's each Thursday from 10 am until 2pm. There are currently 9 people authorised to supervise but more are needed as some of these people will be away on holidays during the next few months. Usually one person supervises from 10am until 12 and then another from 12 until 2pm.

4. Incoming correspondence

- Amended MoU
- Letter from Bishop Robert re Pastor Frost's employment position
- Letter from Bishop Robert re Ministry and sacrament permission for Peter Reed and John McClelland for a period of 12 months

5. **Outgoing correspondence**

Nil

6. **Pastor's Report – Pastor Will Frost.**

As per book of reports

- Clarification on confirmation classes requested from John McClelland. Verna McGrath advised that she has followed up and there is currently only 1 possible confirmee.

Passed: Leigh Caldwell

Seconded: Heather Heinjus

7. **Music/Tech/St John's Report – Peter Reed**

As per book of reports

- Lynne thanked Peter for his contribution to St Luke's over the last few years. He is now working 5 days a week at St Johns.
- Peter and Robert Schulz have discussed dealing with ongoing technical problems. Lucas Scholz has been regularly assisting with technical work.

Passed: Heather Schilg

Seconded: Hadyn Blaess

8. **Church Council Chairperson's Report – Lynne Cox**

As per book of reports

- Lynne advised of an amendment to her report - Pastoral Carers are doing Home Communions.
- Nicki is now working in the office 1 day a week and will soon commence working on a Thursday.
- Nicki advised that membership forms are being returned.
- John McClelland asked for clarification on the MoU arrangements with St Peters. To be discussed at Business Arising.

Hadyn Bless thanked Lynne for her very competent leadership over the last year.

Passed: Edna Galvin

Seconded: Gill Bahr

9. Church Council Treasurer's Report – Terry Caldwell

As per book of reports

Terry explained the receipts and expenses to the congregation - (detailed in the book of reports and presented on the screen during the meeting).

- John McClelland queried reimbursements– confirmed by Terry that all payments for Bronwyn and Malcolm have been received from the NSW District.
- Ian Bahr asked for more detail on the Repair & Maint (\$4819) and Music, AV & IT expenses (\$9175).

Terry advised that the costs relate to repairs and maintenance of 440 Guinea Street which included a new air conditioner.

Music, AV & IT costs are due to connections, subscriptions, Planning Centre.

Peter Reed advised that the bulk of expenditure was used in upgrading the sound desk last year.

Appreciation shown for John McClelland who has been conducting services.

Ian Bahr thanked Terry for his work as Treasurer over the past years.

Passed: Noel Frohling

Seconded: Neville Lowe

10. Pastoral Carers Report

As per book of reports

No questions raised from the floor.

Passed: Ruth Grulke

Seconded: Dulcie Schmidt

11. Property Report – Robert Schulz

As per book of reports

- Amendment to list of Corrective Services Supervisors: Colin Parry has not signed the form to supervise as per the report.
- Lynne would like more volunteers to assist in the Corrective Services Supervision.
- Toilets are now locked.
- Light has been replaced outside the hall near car parking and internal disabled toilet light needs repair.
- Lynne is going to ask Nicki to audit cords at the front of the church to determine what is needed and to avoid trip hazards.

Passed: Gill Bahr

Seconded: Verna McGrath

12. Ladies Fellowship Report

As per book of reports

- Gill Bahr advised that the afternoon ladies fellowship report would be the same as the evening fellowship report.
- Monies raised at the afternoon fellowship goes to the evening fellowship.

Passed: John McClelland

Seconded: Myrna Frohling

13. Elections

Call Committee

Nominations as follows:

- Leigh Caldwell (Chair)
- Lynne Cox
- John McClelland
- Colleen McRae
- Maureen Timms (St Peter's)
- Dianna Semmler (St Peter's)

Kerrie Kohlhagen has stepped down from the committee.

John McClelland suggested that a younger person join the committee.

Passed: Edna Galvin

Seconded: Di McClelland

Church Council

Nominations as follows:

- Chair: Lynne Cox
- Vice Chair: Noel Frohling
- Secretary: Christine Essex
- Treasurer: Terry Caldwell
- Pastoral Carer 1: Dorothy Dunkerton
- Pastoral Carer 2: Verna McGrath
- Property Officer: Robert Schulz

Lynne advised that we could have 9 members on Church Council as per the Constitution. Congregation asked if any members were interested in joining – no responses received.

Passed: Heather Schilg

Seconded: Hadyn Blaess



14. New Business

- Memorandum of Understanding between St Luke's Lutheran Church Albury and St Peter's Lutheran Church Lavington is still in draft. Lynne read out the draft MoU document to the congregation. Terry, Noel & Lynne have an upcoming zoom meeting with the Bishop to discuss the document.

John McClelland asked where this initiative originated from and why there was not a lot of information discussed with the congregation re the initiative.

Lynne explained the background to the MoU: St Peters cannot afford to pay a pastor after June this year and Pastor Fuhlholm will be retiring next year. St Peters contacted the Bishop who suggested an MoU be drafted between St Luke's & St Peters.

Comments made on the lack of visibility at the commencement of the draft MoU between the 2 congregations. Lynne advised that this was due to the fact that the congregations had to meet to discuss possibilities.

John asked if they congregation could receive a copy of the draft – Lynne advised that this could occur after the next meeting with the Bishop.

Confirmed that each congregation will still be keeping their own Church Councils.

Service Times for both congregations discussed:

Combined Church Council members have previously discussed issues with the feasibility of having alternating times each week.

It was suggested that fellowship after the service should be considered when confirming times e.g. Commercial Club Lunch

Question raised as to when the MoU will be finalised/signed – Lynne advised that it probably won't occur until Pastor Peter retires.

A draft of the MoU will be included in the Call documents.

Lavington Manse – asked whether St Luke's should have input into the suitability of the St Peter's Manse? Lynne advised that this could be reviewed to ensure the manse meets requirements.

By end of May, there should be more details available.

- The Child Safety Plan was lodged with the LCA in December 2022. John & Di McClelland completed the initial assessment and Church Council completed the Plan. Copies can be provided by Lynne on request.
- St Luke's Organisational Statistics document was lodged online with LCA in March 2023.



Other New Business:

- Dave Anderson is leading a small group of folks from USA in October and is asking if we could host them at 10 homes. They would love to present a concert in October and would contribute \$500 to St Luke's. Church Council has discussed and accepted the invitation.
- Offerings/Counting: Terry discussed offerings and advised that John McClelland has been doing the counting on his own and we are looking at more counting volunteers. Ian Bahr, Noel Frohling, Colin Knobel and Di McClelland volunteered to be counting volunteers. Nicki would then do the banking each week. Currently, only Lynne & John have keys to the safe. This will be discussed at the next Church Council meeting.

15. Meeting Closed - 12.25pm.
Closing Prayer – Lynne Cox.