

Minutes of the 160th Annual Meeting of Knox Church, Dunedin held in Stuart Hall at 6 pm on Wednesday, 28 October 2020

1. Constitution

The Moderator constituted the meeting with prayer.

2. Shared Meal and Speaker

The meeting commenced with a shared meal and opportunity for conversation. This was followed by an address by the guest speaker, Rev Olivia Dawson, Chaplain at the University of Otago. Olivia based her presentation on Thessalonians 1 : 1-10. She commenced with asking for contributions to a letter which Paul might have written to Knox Church. This she would read at the end of her speech. Olivia then shared what she felt the passage was saying in relation to being ready for what might occur and relating that to Knox.

3. Opening Devotion

The Moderator opened the more formal part of the meeting in prayer.

4. Attendance and Apologies

The meeting was moderated by the Minister, The Rev Dr Kerry Enright, with approximately 36 members in attendance. Apologies were received from Lee Somerville, Janice and Pule Tofia, Sara Brown, Linda Holloway, Mavis Duncanson, Dirk Gootjes, Valerie and Gerald Wilson, Marita and Warren Jowett, Nancy Carr, Annette Hannah, Lyndal Hancock and Jill Rutherford.

5. Minutes of the Last Annual Meeting

The Minutes of the 159th Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 19 October 2019 had been approved by the Church Council and had been distributed with the papers prior to the meeting.

6. Presentation of the Annual Report for Year ended 30 June 2020

Each Council member shared their experience of serving on Council. These impressions included caring for each other, collegiality, being a commitment not a burden, encouragement to those familiar with Knox to share their gifts, generosity of spirit, a humbling experience, learning how we connect to faith, making ourselves accessible, moving toward 'why not try', diversity, comradeship, a safe place to speak, don't always agree but as a group a way forward is found

Alison Tait moved and Beulah Leitch seconded and it was **AGREED** : That the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2020 be received

7. Presentation of the Financial Accounts for Year ended 30 June 2020

Tony Haslam spoke to the audited Annual Accounts. While the overall surplus for the year was stated as \$123,899, it should be noted that this included \$101,000 revaluation of property. The end of year result was felt to be good given that 2020 has been a year unlike any other with COVID-19. The lockdown necessitated as a result of the pandemic, meant the rental income had diminished, and consequently expenditure had been less. We had been fortunate to receive a Government subsidy to help with staff stipend and wages. We are very grateful for the additional donations received from Knox people during the period of the lockdown. Tony expressed appreciation to the Finance Committee and Deacons' Court for their support.

During discussion a query was raised in relation to the Stuart Grave repairs. A figure of \$700 had been set aside to repair the grave inscription and it now seemed that the \$700 had been absorbed into the general funds. Tony agreed to investigate this and ensure that money was set aside for the purpose it was given. Appreciation was given for the presentation of a clear and understandable financial report

It was moved by Tony Haslam, seconded by Margot Skinner and **AGREED**: That the Audited Annual Accounts for the year 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 be adopted

8. Presentation and Adoption of the Budget for Year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

In presenting the annual budget for approval, Tony Haslam drew attention to the budgeted deficit of (\$9,900). He indicated that the apartment was to be rented from mid November 2020 which will be credited to the general funds to assist offsetting the deficit.

It was moved by Tony Haslam, seconded by Errol Holland and **AGREED**: that the Budget for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 be adopted.

9. Appointment of Auditor

It was moved by Tony Haslam, seconded by Suzanne Bishop and **AGREED**: That Audit Professionals Ltd be appointed as the auditors for the 2020/2021 Annual Accounts.

10. Nominations for Church Council

As advised in writing prior to the meeting, it was confirmed that there were four vacancies on Church Council following the concluding terms of service of Warren Jowett and David Crerar. It was noted that Jordan Redding had moved to being ex officio on his call as Associate Minister and Council had not filled all the vacancies reported at the 2019 Annual General Meeting.

On behalf of Council Beulah Leitch nominated Alisha Jefferis, Jamie Marra, Patsy Mason and Jody Takimoana and spoke to the nominations highlighting the process Council had undertaken in considering names put forward by the congregation and Council. She reflected on the diversity of the congregation and the need for Council to mirror that.

As each person is nominated and elected individually because the Church believes God calls people to ministries individually. The election is by secret ballot to enable people personally to express their discernment of God's call on these people's lives

There was a question in relation to the short amount of time the congregation had been given offer names for nomination. The Moderator indicated that the required notice had been given but Council would consider a longer period.

Voting papers were distributed for election to Council

11. Election of Scrutineers

The Council Clerk moved and it was **AGREED**: that Errol Holland, Sandra Goodchild and Chris Bloore be appointed scrutineers.

12. Result of Election

The Council Clerk moved, seconded by Beulah Leitch and it was **AGREED**: That Alisha Jefferis, Jamie Marra, Patsy Mason, and Jody Takimoana be elected to the Church Council, each for a three year term 2020- 2023 .

The Council Clerk moved, seconded by David Crerar and it was **AGREED** that the ballot papers be destroyed.

13. Appreciation

The Moderator expressed appreciation to a number of people who had given of their skills and talents to the life of Knox over the past year. These included, Maureen Smith who after seven years has concluded her time with the choir, Mike Hughes who has sung in the evening choir, Mike Garland, who has been able now to participate in morning worship, Robert Paterson for his many years of service on a welcoming team, Peter Stockwell particularly for his work with David Burchell in helping repair the organ, Patti Matheson who has been Cradle roll convenor for many years, all the phoners during COVID - 19 lockdown, David Mann for organising the candle bearers etc for Christmas Eve service, Stephen Packer for his role as Chair of the Hospital Chaplaincy Trust, Geoff Swift for his contribution to the choir and David Richardson for his leadership of a Welcoming Team.

Suanne Bishop expressed appreciation for Lindsay Miller's work as a deacon over many years, including as Property Convenor and Paul Crack for managing the Apartment refurbishment.

Rachel Tombs thanked David Crerar and Warren Jowett for their contribution to the Council over their terms and to Chris Bloore for his dedicated work on Deacons' Court particularly as the Chair of the Court.

Alison Tait expressed appreciation to all who had helped with the technology required to provide an online service during the pandemic lockdown. Appreciation was also expressed to Kerry Enright and Jordan Redding for their leadership during this period ensuring Knox maintained a presence in the lives of the congregation and wider community. Lastly appreciation was expressed to Karen Knudson for her work with the choir and along with Sara Brown for reforming the children's choir

14. Minutes

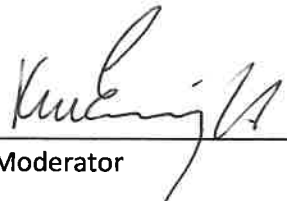
The Council Clerk moved, seconded by Margot Skinner and it was **AGREED** that the minutes of this Annual Meeting be approved by the Church Council.

15. Greetings

As is the custom, it was advised that greetings would be sent to surviving ministers and spouses of previous ministers.

The Moderator led in prayer and pronounced the benediction which was followed by the singing of the Doxology.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed 
Moderator

Date 25 November 2020