

## Church Life Meeting Minutes - 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017

The Service began with a song and Liz Scott welcomed everyone to the Church Life Meeting. Aleah Gooding sang two worship songs she had written. The SPARK children performed a song they had written with Ben Warne. Liz invited all the children up to the front and everyone sang. Liz prayed for the children and families.

David Poulden welcomed everyone and shared the announcements. Next weekend the women will make Gingerbread houses and the men will be away at Shallow Crossing for the Men's camp. David prayed for the children as they went out to Children's Church.

Janelle introduced herself and gave a brief overview of the business aspect of the meeting. Janelle then sort adoption of the previous meetings minutes (August 2017). Wendy Debenham moved the motion that the minutes from the 27<sup>th</sup> August AGM meeting be accepted and Gail Pritchard seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The financial report was presented. Income: Giving \$71,506, Manse Lease \$7,577, Insurance Claim payment (faulty switch in kitchen) was \$1,620, and gifts were \$57, a total of \$80,760. Expenses were \$80,347 and our Mission giving was \$7,974 a total of \$88,321. The Mission funds were sown into SECET, GMP-Fiji, Compassion, NFNH, TEAR, A Taste of Paradise and GMP-Maternal Health. Janelle re-iterated how blessed we are as a community and how wonderful it was to be in community especially working together in the recent working bee. Our working account is at \$ 10,360 and the reserve account is \$ 21,678. The loan account is at \$ 306,120.

Graeme Poulden moved that the financial report for 1<sup>st</sup> July – 11<sup>th</sup> November be accepted, and this was seconded by David Poulden. The motion was passed unanimously.

A video interview with Wendy Kettlewell was presented. Wendy shared about her experience as a SECET Teacher and impact of the gospel with some of the students. Wendy also shared about attending the Tuesday morning prayer meetings. Lee Dobson spoke about the wonderful work Wendy is doing. Lee then spoke about small groups and the 90 or so people who are in a small group. He encouraged people who were not in a small group to consider joining one and spoke about the resources that are available for small groups.

Lee showed a small clip about the work that TEAR do. Shona Hojem spoke about the TEAR useful gift catalogue. Gifts that give to others, such as a goat for a family.

Lee showed a clip about a program we could consider running next year. This program would be Mainly Play and it would be another contact point for the church with the community.

Lee spoke about the working bee and displayed some pictures showing the retaining wall and the slab (Café Area) preparation. Some other photos were shown of other work done on the day.

A video interview with Sue Bell was presented and she described her situation and the wonderful things Jesus has been doing recently in her life.

Lee stated that everyone has a story and he spoke about things shared at the Church Life Meeting November last year (2016). As the Leadership shared earlier in the year we, as a community, are on a journey of praying, fasting and seeking God. Lee wanted to know that this process is continuing and encouraged people to share what God is saying to them regarding our community and/or our community's Identity. If anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to ask one of the Elders or himself. Lee shared the names of the Leadership Team (Elders and Ministry Team Leaders).

Lee shared about private and corporate prayer and the importance of prayer. The 'Australian Prayer Network' have been invited to run the first in a series of courses titled 'Watchmen School of Intercession'.

Lee spoke about connecting to other churches to reach the community and this will be explored further in the coming year.

Lee explained that all the work involved in Tax Compliance, Audit Requirements, Workers Compensation & Legislation, Insurance Management, Risk Management, Long Service Leave, Annual Leave, Superannuation, General Financial Management, Bill paying, Financial decisions, Annual Budgeting and reporting is huge and has been run by a team of people led by Janelle Evans.

The faithful team that has been doing all this work will be transitioning out of these roles according to their calling and the changes in their lives. Anyone who has experience and would like to take on any part of this work, please contact Lee.

The congregation sang to finish the meeting.