



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Waiapu Cathedral Parish of St John the Evangelist, Napier
Sunday 11 March 2024 at 11.30am

1. Opening Prayer - at 11.36am by Dean Di Woods

2. Attendance - register was completed and a quorum declared

Present were - Alison Thomson, Keith James, Sharon MacGregor, Fiona Davis, Marie Knight, Anna Zohrab, Kay Memmott, Marie Davis, Lyndsay Browne, Barrie Browne, Robin Gwynn, Richard Harris, Linda Harris, Jennifer Harris, Elisabeth Paterson, Graeme West, Howard Pilgrim, Sue Myles, Esme Heise, Helen Berry, Raewyn Towers, Clair Barrie, Charlene van Eeden, Francois van Eeden, Gloria Robertshawe, Jillian King, Deborah Broome, Wendy Probert, Martin Williams, Michael John Lowe, Roger Parr, Janine Melville, Nik Krawchenko, Lesley Carthew, Stephen Jacobi, Helen Jacobi, Lawrence Yule, Christine Kerr, Kerry Tattersall, Anthony Tattersall, Kate Hartland, Dorothy Brooker, Lesley Ennor, Judith Owen, Susan Wylie, Dean Woods.

3. Apologies (list was read out).

Dale Meredith, Pip Brooker, Christine Scott, Jenny Beale, Sue John, Jan Martin, Mary Rowlands, Jeanne Ayson, Derrick Olsen, Kerryn Yule, Julie Burt Andrews, Judith Howlett, Diana Thompson, Norman Smith, Malcolm Smith, Diane Hopson, Susanna Tayler, Helena Tayler, Adalgard Willemsina.

Apologies moved by Dean Di an accepted

4. Minutes of 2023 AGM

No corrections

Linda Harris/ Lyndsay Browne - accepted.

5. Matters Arising from 2023 AGM minutes - none

6. Reports

Deans'

Dean Di Woods presented her report and spoke to it. Her introductory comment was that during her recent training with Defence Forces, the team were asked to present a problem. Di brought the problem of the building, and the team discussed it as if it were a patient at the doctor needing serious surgery - or not.

The first part of her report is framed under the church's five marks of mission - Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform and Treasure. This reports on Ormond Chapel, the people, staff wardens and clergy, Finance matters and reality checks, seismic strengthening and other matters. She added a comment from Steve Liddell published in The Post and the need for a public consultation regarding the future of the building. Her report ends on a positive note referring to a recent financial gift to support the future of the parish.

Moved, accepted.

Wardens' report

Moved Richard Harris / Marie Knight - accepted.

Richard commented on stepping down from the role that there is so much going on, and he acknowledged the work of everyone who has served the church. He looks forward to a year of challenge and opportunity.

Treasurer's report & 2024 Budget

Financial Accounts - presented by Lyndsay Browne

Lyndsay explained the budget for 2024 and the decision to use the poor fund to support hospitality, and flower fund. There is still a large outlay repaying the roof fund.

However the biggest expense is our insurance \$50,000. This is also a problem for all other parishes, and they are working together aiming for some solutions towards the middle of the year. Building is worth less than the land so insurance is too high and we will not be renewing the insurance agreement.

Financial report moved Dean Woods/ Lesley Carthew, accepted
Budget moved Dean Woods/ adopted

7. Other reports (taken as read)

Dean Woods acknowledged the reports and good work done by many people

Children's ministry - Janine noted in addition to her Godspace report, there is one Sunday a month when she is not available to take children for their special time during the sermon - she is seeking a volunteer.

Seismic Committee - Lawrence Yule commented on progress since his report. Gemco and Red Steel have looked at the building and will report in the area of \$12-30m of cost. He will be meeting with the Napier City Council in April [now May] to discuss if there is any interest in partnership about the future of the building. Insurance will be important to consider - demolition will cost approx \$3m.

He commented that his report is pretty stark. The more pressing option is that the parish has five more years to use this building - despite the 14 years left to complete strengthening- and unless we are on the path to strengthening, we won't be able to use this building.

Di commented that insurance is for replacement value and clarified that the building belongs to the Board of Trustees and parish are tenants.

8. Elections

Christine Kerr and Linda Harris are standing down from Vestry after their set time is up, but they staying involved in some decisions work and Sue Myles will continue helping with safety. Roger Parr is also stepping down and Lesley has taken on the role of recorder in the finance committee which is a conflict of interest so is stepping down.

People's Warden - Sue John nomination - moved and accepted

Synod Rep - Susan Wylie nomination - moved and accepted

Dean's Warden - Graeme West appointed by Dean

Vestry Members - Nik Krawchenko, Susan Wylie, Dale Meredith, Jan Martin, Keith James, Susanna Taylor - moved and accepted

9. General business

A formal thanks for the gift of funds was moved.

Moved Sue John/Graeme West, all approved.
Action - Dean Woods to convey thanks.

Thanks from Dean Woods. She added that she will call special general meetings as there is need for progress. There will also be a survey of the parish on views regarding the building and future.

Vote of thanks was made to the Dean and clergy.

Stephen Jacobi/ Wendy Probert

12.30pm Dean Woods gave closing prayer