



Embracing Christ - Impacting Community

PIBC Annual General Meeting for the Year 2021

Sunday 1st May 2022 at 12pm.

Minutes

1. **Chair:** Howard McCormick
2. **Opening Prayer:** Howard McCormick
3. **Acknowledgement of Country:** Howard McCormick – acknowledged the traditional owners of this land, and paid respect to their elders past and present, as well as those living in our community.
4. **Attendees:**
Present- As per attendance book
Apologies: as listed in the attendance book and mentioned from the floor. Those mentioned from the floor: Dorothy and Neil Belsar, Seb Sinnott-Smith, Barbara Gebert, David and Cathy Peck, Hilda and Mick Piening, Phyllis Veath, John Kroon.
5. **Explanation of Proceedings:** (Also explaining that this is the AGM, & Missions and Budget Meeting will be held later on in the year): Howard McCormick
6. **Approval of the Minutes:** from the 2020 AGM held on the 14th of November 2021.
Moved by: Helen McCormick **Seconded:** Kelly Kossena
7. **Nominations & Appointment of Church Council Members:** Carried out by secret ballot and scrutineers. Elected: Terry Holman, Helen McCormick, David Peck. John Kroon did not stand again.

Howard moved a vote of thanks to John Kroon (in absentia), for serving on Church Council for two years.
8. **Nominations & Appointment of Partners in Ministry:** Three nominees, Ben and Dorothy Koole, Pamela Parker. Carried unanimously.
9. **Statement from Senior Pastor:** Simon Schwartz
- personal reflection shared by Simon. His aim was to re-energise ministries post Covid, but ongoing and renewed restrictions made planned activities impossible. Strategies needed to be refocussed – streaming online services, bare bones of teams such as the music team, booking in and checking into church. Behind the scenes, work on ‘healthy churches’ has continued through Church Council. Building a Discipleship Culture initiative has continued. Simon sees his role as being an investor into people, encouraging their faith, and providing guidance. We are a faith community, that wants to see God move, and to be part of that movement. We are ready for that.
10. **Statement from Council Chairperson:** Terry Holman
(supplements the formal report available elsewhere). 2021 saw restrictions on people being able to come together, and other limitations. However, because of paid and staff actions, and YouTube, a lot of contact has been kept. Areas of concern include membership numbers declining throughout the year. Number of attendees was stable, as new people joined us. Personal visitation of aged care

facilities became more difficult. However, some programs continued. The absence of a Youth and Families Pastor was regrettable. Whilst operations were up and down, it was heart-breaking when some members left because of Covid restrictions. A highlight of the year was the degree of support that we gave to each other.

11. Reports from Ministries (refer to Book of Reports)

Chair: Howard McCormick

Pages: 2 Senior Pastor – Simon Schwartz
4 Church Council Secretary – Gillian Scoble
5 Church Council Chairman – Terry Holman
7 Annual Financial Report – Helen McCormick
9 Combined Churches Report – Gillian Scoble
10 Music Ministry Report– Rhonda Kroon
11 Mission’s Report – Gillian Scoble
12 Kids Hope Report – Ruth Turton
13 Youth group – Not Operational for 2021
13 Greenhouse – Not Operational for 2021
14 Playgroup Report – Corinne Schwartz
15 Connect Groups Report – John Ballantyne
16 Men’s Ministry Report – David Peck
18 KYB Report- Anne Ballantyne
19 Pastoral Care Report– Gillian Scoble
20 Safety team Report- Kelvin Gebert
21 Building and Maintenance Report- John Kroon

Howard: Thank you Jess for putting the reports together

Questions Arising from Reports: nil

Helen presented the financial report (see separate document) An amendment to her report (4) was that some costs have been reallocated. A Statement of revenue and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2021 was available.

Questions from the floor: David Veith asked about the mode of presentation of the financial report. Helen explained that she follows the auditor’s example. Howard suggested that both formats be included next year. Moved David, seconded Terry, carried.

Tithes: 10% goes to missions, other offerings at special times of the year are over and above it
Helen moved that her report be accepted, seconded Simon, carried.

Ann Ballantyne: there are now 4 KYB groups running within our church – point of clarification.

Questions: David Veath – re ICC report and carols – why the change in responsibility? Simon responded: It grew too big, and regulations were prohibitive for ICC alone. Nat Crestani reported that there is now a committee running the carols, and they will be held on Tuesday, December 13, this year.

Approval of The Book of Reports:

Moved by: Travis Thompson

Seconded: Ben Fokkens. Carried

Administration: Roll revision. See Partners’ Book

There were 86 Partners on the roll. Three new Partners were added today.

BUV Delegate: Terry Holman is the current delegate for our church. Someone can nominate to assist as a PIBC delegate to the BUV. Another member is needed. No volunteers indicated today.

Other matters: David Veith: Talked to the meeting re every partner receiving a copy of the Constitution; it includes a mission statement, vision statement, etc., and includes information on the workings of the church. He moved that all Partners in Ministry should receive a copy of the Constitution. Seconded Terry. Discussion: has it been happening? Not consistently. Is it a healthy idea? Yes. When? When people are considering becoming Partners. Suggested? Make it available on the website. Voted that all Partners have access on the website, or hard copies are available at the welcome desk. Carried.

Elsha Koole thanked CC and other ministries and partners for their support.

Howard McCormick, in conclusion: Despite the challenges, we've worked together as a team, with various special teams e.g. music, youth. Thankyou for attending.

Simon closed in prayer.

Meeting closed: 12:59pm