

Trinity South Christchurch Incorporated
Annual General Meeting 2023
7:30pm Monday, March 27th 2023
Hillview Christian School

1. Welcome and devotion

DC reads Psalm 103, which has wonderful truths scattered throughout. The Psalmist gives us reasons to praise the Lord, as he has done these wonderful things for us.

The meeting sings All People that on Earth do dwell.

DC welcomes everyone.

2. Attendance & apologies

a. Attendance

Rev. Dave Clancey (Chair)(DC), Rev. David Thompson, Mackenzie Shewan (Minutes), Aimee Gray, David Wong (DW), Colin Penno, Joy Penno, Barry Williams, Denise Williams, John McGowan, Kay McGowan, Paul Lubbers, Lynley Shewan, Sarah Anthony, Ross Anthony, Heather Burlton, Matthew Burlton, Megan Wilson, Anita Leeson, Grace Phillips, Luke Phillips, Linda Howe, Rosemary Knowles, Yvonne McNulty, Else George, Mary Logan, Janet Lockyer, Selwyn Manning, Wayne Wright, Colleen Wright, Mike Weller, Rich Burrridge, Jamie Hunt, Thomas McAven, Wayne Radford, Amanda Clancey, Morgan Brown, Liz Cousins, Andy Cousins, Martin Winder, Jole Cameron, Glenda Bly, Charlotte Graham, Josh Winder, Karen Winder, Ivan Phillips, Janice Phillips, Rachael Winder, Rob Vosslander, Rudy Verbeek, Chris Field, Monika Clarke, Sam Butcher, Tim Wilson (TW), Bevan Small, Geraldine Maffey, Paul Horne

b. Apologies

Kyla Horne, Anita Probert, Pam McClelland, Pauline Elliot, Bruce Logan, David Fenton, Shirley Fenton, Phyllis Hyde, Amy Hyde, Matthew Phillips, Pat Clancey, Ray Spring, Lois Spring, Joel Wilson, Denise Gearry, Roy Gearry, Roger Foster-Smith, Bill Pascoe, Elizabeth Pascoe, Kate Batstone, Michael Batstone, Mandy Lubbers, Paul McAven, Nikki McAven, Andy Vosslander, Milena Weller, David Lockyer, Abin George, Abbey Davison

3. Minutes

a. **2022 Annual General Meeting**

Janet – “payers” on point 6, paragraph 1 be changed to “prayers” and point 7 paragraph 1 be changed from “keeping is word” to “keeping his word”

DC moves that the minutes are a true and accurate meeting as amended from last year.

The motion carries.

4. Ministry Reports.

a. Evangelism and Missions

- b. Fellowship Groups
- c. Music
- d. Pastoral Care
- e. Seniors and Rest Home Ministry
- f. Sunday School
- g. Trinity South Christchurch Property Trust
- h. Women's Ministry
- i. Men's Ministry
- j. Youth Group

DC takes that the reports have been read, but asks for questions, comments, or concerns.

General questions regarding:

Housing of the new Vicar - To be determined by needs the new Vicar has and will be addressed more later in meeting.

Pastoral care coordination - still being worked out.

DC thanks all those who wrote reports, and for those who serve and care for one another in a way that doesn't get a report, the church is well served by all these people, and that he is thankful for the way that these roles are done.

5. Financial Reports

a. Treasurer's Report – David Wong

i. 2022 Financial Performance Report

ii. 2023 Budget

DW notes that financially speaking, 2022 went largely according to plan.

Operating surplus is very similar to last year, but that it is \$35,500 surplus (not \$37,000 as written in the report). This is significantly ahead of budget (\$16,000).

Regular giving was slightly down on last year, including the number of givers down by about 5 from last year. The treasurer is keeping a watch on this.

Outgoings for mission partners were \$45,000 (not \$44,000 as written). This included about \$9,000 for Rahila Julius given by the congregation outside of budgeted giving after her sharing specific needs.

A significant financial event for the church was the gifting of \$353,000 to the Trinity South Christchurch Property Trust (TSCPT) for the purchase of 253 Colombo Street (as agreed by a SGM in 2022).

DW noted that our financial position is very healthy for a church of our size and age, especially given the amount we have in reserves. Summarily, so far, so good, but there are challenges ahead.

Questions regarding:

Reason for 9k in admin costs: A - Mostly costs for GAFCON conferences (Rwanda and Australia).

Clarification of what constitutes the 'giving base' of the church: A - the number of different bank accounts from which money comes into the church.

There was an observation that income from camps never covers the full costs of the camp.

DC extends his sincere thanks to DW for preparing the reports, and for his work month by month for vestry, and his other work during the year.

DC moves that these are accepted, and the motion carries.

6. Wardens' Report – John McKie & Tim Wilson

Warden's report taken as read.

TW extends his thanks to DW.

TW is thankful for the other warden (John), the staff, for the effort given in the last few years to get through all that we have been through. He is particularly thankful for the Clancey family and for Aimee, who won't be with us by this time next year, so now is a great time to be thankful for them, to send them off well to do theological training. His prayer is that they walk out the door ready for this.

7. Vicar's Report – Dave Clancey

One comment made additional to the written report - DC noted that some people are becoming less frequent in how often they attend Trinity - our reduction in numbers is not because people are leaving Trinity, but because they are coming along less frequently. While this is not a planned or intended thing, it's worth us all thinking about so that we might commit to running the race to the end.

Question about the impact of changing hours (both DC and AG) and how that is being managed.

Query about Pastoral Care, especially home communion and visiting - something staff and clergy are maintaining.

A comment made that attendance at prayer meetings is less than at the AGM, and a query about how this can be encouraged in the church.

8. Appointments

- a. Vicar's Warden - Tim Wilson (appointed by the Vicar)
- b. Treasurer - David Wong (to be appointed by the AGM)
- c. Reviewer – Gerald Reinders (to be appointed by the AGM)

Is it your wish that David Wong and Gerald Reinders be appointed?

U: It is the AGM's wish that DW is appointed as treasurer.

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9. Elections

a. **People's Warden (one required) – one year term**

John McKie (Tim Wilson, Mackenzie Shewan)

b. **Vestry Members (minimum three, maximum ten) – one year term**

Rob Vosslander (Abin George, Elsa George)

Elsa George (Wayne Wright, Colleen Wright)

Martin Winder (Abin George, Elsa George)

Sam Butcher (Colin Penno, Mackenzie Shewan)

Is it your wish that John McKie be elected as people's warden?

U: It is the AGM's wish that John McKie be elected as people's warden.

Is it your wish that Rob Vosslander, Elsa George, Martin Winder, and Sam Butcher be elected to vestry?

U: It is the AGM's wish that Rob Vosslander, Elsa George, Martin Winder and Sam Butcher be elected to vestry.

DC welcomes Sam to Vestry, and thanks Bruce Logan, who has chosen to not stand again, for his service.

A query whether there are enough people on the Vestry.

Noted that Vestry comprises of clergy (2), wardens (2), synod reps (2) as well as four elected members.

A query as to why synod reps aren't being re-elected.

Synod reps are elected for a three year term - we elected Joy Penno and Kyla Horne last year for that three year term.

c. **Trinity South Christchurch Property Trust (minimum two, maximum four) – two year term**

Existing Trustees (elected by the AGM in 2022 one for a three year term, one for a two year term): Kyla Horne, John McKie

Chris Field (Linda Howe, Rosemary Knowles)

Andy Vosslander (Abin George, Elsa George)

Andy Vosslander, since the papers were circulated, has withdrawn her nomination.

Is it your wish that Chris Field be elected to the TSCPT?

U: It is the AGM's wish that Chris Field be elected to the TSCPT.

DC thanks Chris for being willing to serve us in this way.

A query about who Gerald Reinders is.

A Chartered Accountant, a member of a Reformed Church, who is willing to serve us pro bono.

10. Process for appointing the next Vicar – Churchwardens

TW wants to explain how this process works before it begins. We are part of a diocese, so this process is part of the diocese's canon for appointing vicars.

The process is driven by a board of nominations, the first meeting of the new Vestry will appoint 4 nominators from our parish.

A parish consultation (being held on the 29th of April), led by the bishop, helps us consider our needs, strengths and weaknesses are, and what kind of person we would like to be our next Vicar. Then the nominators go away and write a parish profile, which essentially becomes our advertising.

Once we advertise, it frees the nominators up to shoulder tap some people to apply for the role. The advertising will probably go out in June/July, meaning that interviews will happen in August/September, with the hope that the new Vicar will be able to start in the new year.

General discussion seeking to understand the process of appointment, including:

Advertising (where, how, etc.)

Who can apply (and be appointed) for the role

What involvement the wider Trinity church has beyond the consultation.

The conversation finished with the church being urged to realise that the new Vicar won't be like the old, and that the church as a whole can participate in ministry and preparation for the new Vicar as we take our place as part of the church family.

11. General Business

A number of questions were asked about 253 Colombo Street including:

Process from here: A discussion document to help us think about buildings and ministry, as well as data on costings to help us make a decision as a church - hopefully in May.

Concerns re parking (both required by CCC and what is best for the church)

Relationship with other churches around the location.

Continued exploration of other locations (we're still looking)

Use of buildings beyond sundays.

Expressions of thanks to:

Hillview who have been our, very good, landlords for a number of years.

Clergy and staff for the work that they do in ministry for the church.

DC replies that it would be entirely appropriate for the meeting to move a motion of thanks to Hillview and St Martins C3, which we are working on a way to do this as we prepare to move on from Hillview.

DC moves that the meeting pass a motion of thanks to Hillview, and to St Martins C3 Church

12. Close with Prayer

DC closes in prayer.