

# St Michael's Annual Meeting 2016

Tuesday October 11

## Meeting convened 7:30pm

*Meeting chaired by the Vicar, The Reverend Steve Webster*

### 1. Introduction

(19:30) Welcome (SW)

- Prayer, praise, worship, testimonies

(19:35) Songs of praise are sung – Hannah Craven (How Great Is Our God & Amazing Grace)

(19:40) Intro (SW)

- “Let’s listen with great intent”
- Colossians 3: “clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience.”
- Prayer said for the meeting

(19:45) Roaming Mic: Thankfulness, involvement at SMNC in the last year, reflections on things that happen outside of Sundays

- Hannah Young – Thanks to Noelene for the Reconciliation Action Group establishment
  - Lots of people involved
  - Difficult to all gather at the one time
  - Noelene Horton – thanks to Hannah and Julian
- Ann-Michel Greenwood – valued the ministry team meetings each fortnight
  - Lovely, energised time
  - Good connection between two services
  - Good awareness of what’s going on all around the church
  - Thanks to everyone involved in the meetings
- Dianne Shay – thanks to Grant for movie nights
  - 40 people in January!
- Hilary Toppin – thanks to Audrey Lile keeping the garden beautiful
- Hilary Toppin – thanks to Bob Lile for the sermon recordings each Sunday
- Cindy Shay – thanks to those who painted the bathrooms
  - Particular mention to one person who doesn’t attend St Michael’s
- Roslyn Loader – Aleshia and Ray Shaw from the walking group
- Steve Webster – local St Michael’s, lots of people associate themselves with St Michael’s as their local church even though they don’t attend
  - Story about woman who lives locally and only attends at Christmas but is very much encouraged by the activity around the building
- Bob Lile – walking group, around 10 people from congregation, 10 from outside the church.
  - Great way to get into community and get people in to the church community

- Great support network
- Micah Edmonds – small group leaders
  - Really valuable to attend something throughout the week
  - Consistent, regular, encouraging
- Catherine Merry – great playgroup
  - Great to meet locals and families
  - Kids so excited about coming along
  - Ideas for future:
    - Struggling families – wanting to support them practically
    - Getting to know people well enough that there is trust to help
    - Seeking volunteers to do morning tea as a way of building trust
- Steve Asquith
  - Karla and Rod Kelly offered to run garage sales including people outside the church and outside St Michael's
  - Helped to encourage Sam Hargreaves to raise money for the Barbara May foundation (she's a board member)
  - Sam is very keen to promote the foundation

(19:55) A few moments spent talking in small groups about something you're thankful for in the past year.

(20:00) Clipboard recording attendance is passed around – attendance recorded here at end of night

Present:

- Roslyn Loader
- Grant MacKenzie
- Hannah Craven
- Peter Summers
- Diana Summers
- Melanie Lamb
- Janette Allen
- Chris Ward
- Beth Allen
- Andrew Allen
- Christine Hayward
- Sam Edmonds
- Kyria Webster
- Ann-Michel Greenwood
- Micah Edmonds
- Katja Wagner
- Greg Davies
- Suzy Davies
- Hannah Young
- Julian McCoy
- Mary Ann Lyttle
- Shelley Knight

- Kathrine Houghton
- Carolyn Alsen
- Peter Alsen
- Su-Hsien Kuan
- Anne West
- Hilary Toppin
- Bill Toppin
- Lawrence Davis
- Leanne McCoy
- Graham McCoy
- Noelene Horton
- Di Appleby
- Audrey Lile
- Bob Lile
- Cindy Shay
- Dianne Shay
- Suse
- Stephen Asquith
- Catherine Merry
- Jacob Edmonds (late arrival)
- Steven Webster
- Emma Sugars

Apologies:

- John Young
- Sharyn Young
- Peter Hutchinson
- Christine Hutchinson
- Lorraine Thomson
- Gillian Baker
- Sam Hargreaves
- Fred Batterton
- Tom Craven

Annual Reports and previous minutes available online

- Introduced a new offering to the wider community – Tuning In To Kids
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> course happening now
  - Leanne McCoy
    - great group, good size, information is valuable and needed by young families – very popular
    - great connection-building between participants
    - emotional coaching, local relationships, St Michael's relationship building
    - St Michael's generosity in preparing supper – current and old SMNC members

## 2. Minutes of previous annual meeting presented – SW

(20:00)

- Early meeting to get ahead and pitch new vision plan in the future
- Previous meeting held November 17, 2015
- Motion: that the minutes from the 2015 Annual Meeting be received as a true and accurate record.
- Moved by: Roslyn Loader
- Second: Cindy Shay
- Further Comments: None
- Result: Carried

Financial reports are available on the website

Contact directories are available in hard copy tonight – online databases are too costly.

## 3. Parish electoral roll – SW

Electoral roll list available for checking – we need to be up to speed with the diocesan  
Steve Webster submits parish electoral roll

Motion: That the latest version of parish directory be received as the electoral roll for tonight's proceeding. This is available for members to check tonight

Moved by: Dianne Shay

Second: Melanie Lamb

Further Comments: none

Result: Carried

## 4. Annual report

(20:05)

Vicar's Report – Steve Webster

- Summary:
  - 10<sup>th</sup> year as vicar at SMNC
  - Applied to the bishop for extended 5 year license
    - Incumbency committee will be called by bishop Genieve about this decision
    - Dianne Shay (IC) – spoke to bishop Genieve today, confirmed she will call committee soon
    - Talk to Dianne about any issues
  - SW wrote a youth ministry report on behalf of Penne Webster
    - Callum Goldby and Penne Webster worked this year to try to reboot youth ministry at SMNC
    - Callum's position was concluded in July
      - Unsuccessful attempts to build youth activity at SMNC
      - Callum's own schedule became too complicated
    - Considering the issue pastorally – how can we best serve youth at SMNC?
    - Penne Webster will continue as youth co-ordinator
    - Seeking feedback about youth ministry

- Across the diocese, churches struggle to get youth ministry happening
  - Since recent changes to Victorian legislation about Christian education and groups at schools, there has been growth in Christianity in schools
  - Consider looking into groups such as Mustard to coordinate with
  - SW – thank you to Callum Goldby for his work throughout the year
- Chance for questions later in the evening.
- Thanks to outgoing members of the Parish Council:
  - To Brad & Lucy Watson (and Digory) who moved to Texas recently
    - Brad was part of Parish Council and chair of Parish Council
  - To Cindy Shay
    - Has been a warden
    - Stepping down from this role
  - To Franco Di Stefano, Lawrie Smith, Leanne McCoy, Shelley Knight
    - Shelley has been treasurer and has helped to move SMNC along financially and training up Julian McCoy as the next treasurer.
- Next stage of parish council will change a little – hopefully more efficient and effective
- Thanks to those who minister in many different ways at SMNC
  - SMNC doesn't rely on the vicar to run – it runs so well just by the members of SMNC
  - SW encouraged by being able to sit under the teaching of others – not having to preach every week.

(20:20) General discussion of reports

- Cindy Shay – wardens report
  - Privilege to work with Su-Hsien Kuan and Brad Watson this year
  - The songs we sang in worship, two new songs based on old hymns, reminder of the changes that happen around us
  - We've been in transition recently, but our fundamental goals and mission do not change because our God does not change
  - Our role as wardens is to make everything happen such that ministry can happen effectively and our mission is realised
  - SMNC is a community where everyone is involved in some way, up the front and behind the scenes
  - Challenging and transitional year:
    - Shelley Knight – great role model of our responsibility to model to others in the community

- Steve Webster spoke about financials last year – we were able to fund a curate this year relying on donations, but it's difficult to build a budget relying on one-off donations
      - So far this year: \$13,200 given as offertory, need \$18,000
      - Reminder that SMNC needs to reiterate the need for giving on a regular basis – change is slow and requires repetition
      - Have not adjusted mission giving – met all commitments therein
      - Back page of 2016 report – Financial Report
      - Trying to rebuild hall hire revenue
        - No longer hiring to Reach Church – less money but greater flexibility to use the property as SMNC chooses
        - Hall hire is a really important way for SMNC to build relationships within the local community
- Steve Webster – we will report in early December about electronic giving
  - Pamphlets available at the back of the church concerning our attitude to giving
- Parish council officially receives and accepts the 2015/16 Financial report

#### **General comments from writers of reports – no comments**

(20:30)

#### **5. Parish Council 2016 Nominations**

(20:30)

- 2016 PC announced:
  - Jacob Edmonds
  - Bill Toppin
  - Suse
  - Peter Alsen
  - Bethany Allen
  - Ann-Michel Greenwood
  - Julian McCoy (treasurer)
  
  - Su-Hsien Kuan (warden)
  
  - Dianne Shay (IC)
  - Chris Ward (IC)
- Thanks to Ian Jungwirth as auditor for the year
- Ray Lenthall – unseen monthly book keeper for SMNC for the last 5 years. Ray will retire soon. We have appointed a new book keeper soon – thanks to Ray and welcome to new book keeper
- Motion to approach Ian Jungwirth about being auditor for the FY2016/17
  - Moved by Cindy Shay
  - Seconded by Mary Ann Lyttle

- Motion carried

## 6. General questions and comments

(20:40)

- Catherine Merry – thanks to Parish Council for considering mission giving. What was the discussion around dropping the ASRC from the list of beneficiaries?
  - Shelley Knight – was responsible for coordination of meeting to discuss the beneficiaries. Decision was to give to other groups as ASRC is fairly well-funded (we've been giving for 10 years), and money will be redirected to a group doing mission
  - Steve Webster – SMNC was mentioned in ASRC annual report 2016 and we will not stop our monthly collection of goods for the ASRC. Any concerns can be directed to Steve Webster
  - Dianne Shay – wardens report talks about building projects – are we applying for grants? How are we funding these projects?
    - Cindy Shay – plan to approach the Smith Trust for grant
  - Peter Summers – vicar's report talks about communications with Parish Council – how are we communicating with Parish Council?
    - Steve Webster – 3 ways:
      1. Welcome Cards – communication card to staff/parish council
      2. Members email list – we will be sending regular emails to this list and will involve information about
      3. Parish council members will be in church on Sundays – face-to-face conversations are encouraged.
      4. (and parish council meeting minutes are available on the website)
    - Bob Lile – there is one parish councillor rostered on every Sunday
  - Grant MacKenzie – ministry is a tough job, watching SMNC leaders growing (particularly Hannah Craven) is a joy
  - Graham McCoy – what is the organ National Trust Report?
    - Cindy Shay – the organ in the church is classified by the National Trust. It needs regular servicing – and donations are used to finance the servicing of the organ.
    - Dianne Shay – spent 3 years worth on the organ this year for necessary repairs
    - Steve Webster – organ is an important part of the church – there are a few key supporters for the organ
  - Steve Webster – communication is achievable in a church of our size if we talk to each other. Steve Webster, parish councillors and others are available to chat with regularly.

## 7. Conclusion

Steve Webster – thanks for coming along.

The grace is said by the whole congregation standing

Meeting concluded at 21:00