

St Michael's Annual Meeting 2018

Tuesday November 20



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 – Kyria Webster

- We Believe
- Lord Let Your Glory Fall

(19:43) Intro (SW)

- Prayer said for the evening and the future of God's church
- Thanks for those who have come tonight, esp. those who are serving tonight

(19:45) Clipboard recording attendance is passed around – attendance recorded here at end of night

Present:

1. Greg Davies
2. Suzy Davies
3. Barry McGaw
4. John Sewell
5. Margaret Sewell
6. Allan Ray
7. Jack Verdins
8. Alan Nichols
9. Lawrence Davis
10. Chris Reynolds
11. John Young
12. Sharyn Young
13. Leanne McCoy
14. Graham McCoy
15. Julian McCoy
16. Hannah Young
17. Denise Nichols
18. Cindy Shay
19. Anne West
20. Bob Lile
21. Audrey Lile
22. Roslyn Loader
23. Mary Ann Lyttle
24. Franziska Dürrbaum
25. Emilie Franklin
26. Elizabeth Redman
27. Cathy Wilson

28. Katja Wagner
29. David Wagner
30. Kenya Kala
31. Hilary Toppin
32. Tony Jones
33. Peter Alsen
34. Catherine Merry
35. Fred Batterton
36. Diana Summers
37. Peter Summers
38. Steve Asquith
39. Catherine Ward
40. Chris Ward
41. Grant Mackenzie
42. Noelene Horton
43. Ian Jungwirth

Apologies:

- Janette Allen
- Dianne Shay
- Ann-Michel Greenwood
- Christine Hayward
- Carolyn Alsen
- Faye Jones
- Bill Toppin
- Nicola Reynolds
- Carolyn Alsen

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

- Jack Verdins
 - New fence!
- Cindy Shay
 - give thanks for move back to Melbourne - as if she hadn't left
 - Question: have we moved forward?
- Franziska Dürrbaum
 - Feels very welcome
- Sharyn Young
 - RAG - online survey response
 - 33 responses
 - using new platform
- Cathy Wilson
 - Encouragement of the playgroup
 - Special thanks to all those who participate and help out in the playgroup
- Catherine Merry
 - Grateful for Hannah's ministry - helpful, insightful, warm
 - (Hannah and family moved to Scotland mid-year)

- Audrey Lile
 - Suzy and Greg bringing community together with the market
- Prayer of thanksgiving offered by Catherine Ward

2. Minutes of previous annual meeting presented – SW

(19:52) Annual Reports and previous minutes available online

- Previous meeting held November 14, 2017
- Motion: that the minutes from the 2017 Annual Meeting be received as a true and accurate record.
 - Moved by: Cathy Wilson
 - Second: Suzy Davies
 - Further Comments: None
 - Result: Carried

Contact directories are available in hardcopy tonight or by request

3. Parish electoral roll – SW

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.

4. Annual report

(19:55) Vicar's Report – Steve Webster

- Vicar makes a few general comments, all can read the full report online or in hardcopy
- Comments:
 - Legalisation of same-sex marriage within Australia
 - Any questions can be directed to Steve - happy to chat and listen
 - Professional Standards changes
 - Royal Commission prompted changes, incl. in churches
 - Important matter within the church
 - Any questions about where this fits within St Michael's or the diocese can be directed to Steve
 - Many thank yous!
 - St Michael's is full of people who make the ministries happen both onsite, offsite and in your own communities
 - This church reaches many people and many places - so thank you!
 - Peter Alsen - on PC for 5 years, and must now retire
 - SW encouraged by his thinking and discussions around the parish council
 - Su-Hsien Kuan - apology, on annual leave
 - stepping down after several years as churchwarden
 - she's so involved and very mission- and evangelism-focused
 - She's hosted meetings, convened meetings, taken minutes for minutes
 - Mass applause for Su-Hsien!
 - Julian McCoy
 - took on treasurer role during first year on parish council
 - steep learning curve, but has done very well

- stepping down from the role
- round of applause for his work
- Catherine Ward
 - took up the role of Children’s and Families ministry assistant
 - she keeps the wheels turning on Sundays and Tuesdays (playgroup)
- Hannah Craven
 - it was a shock when she said she was leaving
 - but she has a great opportunity in Scotland and will keep serving God’s church
- Very thankful for people’s willingness to get stuck in and do things and SW’s joy to be able to say “yes” when people want to start something new

5. Finance Report

(20:05) Chris Reynolds

- Not a solemn report!
- Julian and Steve have done a great job
- Overall:
 - Budget surplus
 - Increased giving without haranguing
 - giving exceeded budget allocation
 - Hall hire has brought in great revenue
 - Maintenance budget was exceeded
 - upcoming/ongoing issues too
 - Contingencies made for increased maintenance costs
 - replacing family/children minister (can’t replace Hannah!)
 - looking to employ another full-time staff member
 - for a 25% increase in budget, we can afford a full-time worker
- Not required to have a CPA auditor look at the books in 2017/18
- Thanks to Ian Jungwirth for regular and diligent auditing
- Motion: to accept the budget for 2018/19
 - Moved by: Barry McGaw
 - Seconded by: Chris Ward
 - Further comments:
 - Denise Nichols - what are the “loan repayments” on the slides?
 - Julian McCoy - \$19,000 should be paid off in 18 months
 - Cathy Wilson
 - What’s the Smith Trust?
 - Steve Webster - supports Anglican churches in the inner north. We received a grant to build new fence. This trust contributes up to 75% of any given project
 - Result: Carried
- Thanks to those who give and do so generously and prayerfully

6. Other reports - SW

(20:15)

- Market report - Suzy Davies

- \$2500 in the year (2 markets)
- PC will consider what to do with this income
- There was a great feeling among the St Michael's people
- Lots of other stall-holders felt very comfortable and welcome at the market - it's a great outlet for people to sell/"find a home for" all the things they make (eg. pottery, photographs etc.)
- A great expression of God's creativity given to us all
- Mother and daughter, who were reeling from recent deaths, found such encouragement from the market
- Thanks to Catherine Merry - stall for Mother's Heart
- Lovely chats between parishioners and non-parishioners
- RAG - Songlines bus tour - Cindy Shay
 - very long and cold night! But wonderfully encouraging
 - Involvement at work - trying to get colleagues involved in the St Michael's RAG - no progress yet, but helpful conversations
- RAG - Songlines bus tour – Anne West?
 - Great eye-opening experience - things you don't learn otherwise
- RAG - Songlines bus tour - Barry McGaw
 - Uluru statement from the heart - helpful love shown by parish
- SW - Uluru Statement can be signed in the foyer

7. Parish Council 2018 Nominations - SW

(20:25)

- 2018 PC duly appointed (with applause), no election required:
 - Gillian Baker
 - Emilie Franklin (vicar's appointment)
 - Ann-Michel Greenwood (warden - vicar's appt.)
 - Kenya Kala
 - Mary Ann Lyttle
 - Barry McGaw
 - Chris Reynolds (warden)
 - John Sewell
 - Peter Summers
 - Jack Verdins
 - Katja Wagner
- Thanks to councillors no longer offering for service: Julian McCoy, Peter Alsen, Su-Hsien Kuan
- Ann-Michel Greenwood and Emilie Franklin are both vicar's appointments
- Vision/Action plans available up the back of the church
- Planning to spend in excess of \$200,000 in the new year in light of appointing a new minister in the new year
- We will now need a CPA auditor in 2018/19 because budget exceeds the \$200,000 limit
- Auditor cannot be elected tonight, but that will be an ongoing
- Pray for applicants and God's hand

8. Parochial Nominators Incumbency Committee 2018

(20:28)

- An incumbency committee is formed when the need arises to appoint a new incumbent (Vicar) at an AGM we elect two nominators. If the bishop forms an incumbency committee in the event of a vacancy, those nominators elected, plus one churchwarden, join with the bishop and other diocesan representatives to make up the whole committee.
- Dianne Shay and Chris Ward were the nominees for 2018/19 and are duly appointed as our parochial nominators.

9. General questions and comments

(20:30)

- Chris Ward
 - Personal thanks to Steve Webster for service and passion - wonderful time,
 - The minutes note great applause and excitement for future
- Grant Mackenzie
 - Question: SW what is most discouraging and most encouraging from this year?
 - SW - energised by conversations with those who were on the fringes who are now calling St Michael's "their church" - railway house, playgroup families, offsite locals etc. great conversations breaking down "church" barriers and seeking pastoral support. Known as "my vicar"
 - SW - greatest discouragement is lack of time and ability to do everything. Reminder that God is God and we are not
- Tony Jones - Synod
 - Very impressed by fewer groups in opposition to each other about major issues - both lay and clergy agreed on many big issues like taking the word of God to people who are detained
 - Great discussion around the acceptance of the LGBTIQ community
 - Great discussion about taking the word to those who doubt - great to see synod noticing and acting on this
 - First met Philip Huggins in the 1970s - great distress that he is retiring
 - Tony thanked with applause
- Steve Webster - Synod
 - new synod reps elected next year - works on a 3 year cycle
 - ask Dianne or Tony about what it's like - need to have people who understand the mission of the church in Melbourne
- Steve Webster - Victorian State Elections
 - election here this weekend
 - we want to show hospitality - Steve Manders, Suzy Davies, Steve Webster will be running BBQ
 - Great opportunity to have people come through the building
 - Please help out if you can!

10. Conclusion - SW

(20:40)

- The welcome cards, emails, phone calls, texts, conversations on Sundays - we welcome them all! Let's keep talking!
- Please consider the vision/action plan - where are we going, who will we employ?
- Let's be thankful for God's goodness to us!
- Thanks to all who are here tonight
- Blessing said to the congregation

Meeting concluded at 20:45