

St Michael's Annual Meeting 2019

Tuesday November 12



Meeting convened 7:30pm

Meeting chaired by the Vicar, The Reverend Steve Webster

1. Introduction

(19:30) Welcome (SW)

- Opening scripture:
- Prayer, praise, worship, testimonies

(19:32) Songs of praise are sung – Kyria Webster

- O praise Him
- Worthy

(19:39) Intro (SW)

- Romans 11 read
- Prayer said for the evening and the future of God's church
- Thanks for those who have come tonight, despite the weather
- Annual reports are available online or hard copies available down the front
- Agenda - Kim will speak about her time here so far, and other reports will be presented

Clipboard recording attendance is passed around – attendance recorded at end of night

Present:

- Steve Webster
- Marilyn DiStefano
- Kim Messieh
- Emma Sugars
- Bob Lile
- Janette Allen
- Gillian Baker
- Suzy Davies
- Lawrence Davis
- Hilary Toppin
- Anne West
- Audrey Lile
- Mary Ann Lyttle
- Roslyn Loader
- Margaret Sewell
- John Sewell
- Jack Verdins
- Greg Davies
- Shelley Knight
- Allan Ray
- Katja Wagner

- David Wagner
- Grant MacKenzie
- Chris Reynolds
- Nicola Reynolds
- Peter Summers
- Diana Summers
- Sharyn Young
- Catherine Merry
- Fred Batterton
- Emilie Franklin
- Alison Brown
- Samuel Edmonds
- Kyria Webster
- Cathy Wilson
- Kenya Kala
- Elizabeth Redman
- Stacey Slater
- Hany Messieh

Apologies:

- Carolyn Alsen
- Peter Alsen
- Dianne Shay
- Cindy Shay
- Catherine Ward
- Chris Ward
- Alan Nichols
- Denise Nichols
- Ann-Michel Greenwood
- Jacqui Wagner

(19:41) Roaming Mic: Thankfulness, involvement at SMNC in the last year, reflections on things that happen outside of Sundays

- Kenya K – thanks to God for mercy and love, for the chance to be part of parish council, thanks for support of those in the parish. God has been good, blessings in the tough times
- Grant M – community choir, good outreach potential, heard great things
- Anne W – thanks for the opportunity to be part of the pilgrimage to the NT, and generally being part of the reconciliation effort
- Stacey S - Thanks for support in role as student minister
- Sharyn Y - thanks to those who have worked on update of buildings and gardens
- Margaret S - loves play group, wonderful to be part of
- Kim M - grateful to be part of the ministry team, very exciting about what happens here during the week
- Steve W - very thankful to God to see his kingdom at work in St Michael's
- Short prayer of thanks

2. Minutes of previous annual meeting presented – SW

(19:48) Annual Reports and previous minutes available online

- Previous meeting held November 20, 2018
- Motion: that the minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting be received as a true and accurate record.
 - Moved by: Roslyn L
 - Second: John S
 - Further Comments: None
 - Result: Carried

Contact directories are available in hardcopy tonight or by request

3. Parish electoral roll – SW

(19:49) Steve Webster submits parish electoral roll

- Motion: That the latest version of parish directory be received as the electoral roll for tonight's proceedings. This is available for members to check tonight.
 - Further Comments: None
 - Result: Carried and formally received

4. Annual report

(19:50) Vicar's Report – Steve Webster

- Vicar makes a few general comments, all can read the full report online or in hardcopy
- Please contact Steve directly if you need/want to discuss anything
- Child Safety
 - has been a theme of 2019, and will continue to be an important area for us going forward
 - all organisations and entities are required to submit a large survey
 - This includes WWCC and police checks
 - People love using this site for many different activities
 - We need to respond and make sure we are a sentinel of safety for children and all people
- Seminar of the Prevention of Violence Against Women
 - has been a point of focus for 2019, and will continue to be an important area for us going forward
 - Staff and those who are able to come along to the PVAW seminar next year - It's a great training course that empowers our community
 - We want to be promoters of liberty and justice
- Great pleasure to serve
- A great year of change
- Read on in the report

(20:05) Assistant Minister's Report - Kim Messieh

- Really thankful to be here
- Can't believe it's been 6 months
- Lots of teas, coffees, and food
- Brief has been to slow down and assess and observe with a view to understanding how things are done and how we can do them better
- emphasis on agility - we need to be agile

- 350 people come on site during the week
- Wrestling with her role here, her purpose, how she can best serve in her role
- One of her first ideas was to serve and get to know the parents and kids who come through the doors each day
 - There's now a group of about 12 parents who sit and chat while their kids are in ballet etc.
 - Focus on going slowly
- Has been enjoying the garden and being present, observing the slow changes
- Astounded by the "favour" around St Michael's
 - so many great conversations with people coming through the building
 - openness of others to the church and to see the church as "theirs", "their sanctuary", "their church"
 - Conversations coming out like buds - who's going to bring Kim a big question, and openness, next?
- There are so many opportunities everywhere - she needs to be selective and make sure she's not overdoing it!
- Hany and Kim feel very welcome
- Very thankful, finds lots of energy to do her job
- McCrindle study – lots of barriers to the church, and we counter this by opening it up and talking to people, rebuilding trust
- Chaplaincy means holding people well, being present and available

5. Farewell to Stacey

(20:09) Steve interviews Stacey Slater about this year and what's ahead

- Stacey:
 - second last year of study with Ridley
 - Working towards ordination and working for the army
 - This placement year is part of the path to ordination
 - "Year of Discernment" - meeting with chaplains etc., and heading to selection conference in March
 - Trying to sort out when to join the army, after study, after ordination etc.?
- Card from the church presented to Stacey
- Prayer of blessing

6. Finance Report

(20:14) Chris Reynolds

- Only good things to report!
- Very blessed through God's provision through church members
- Highlights:
 - The foyer loan has been paid in full – it is now ours!
 - Appointment of Kim
 - Good cash reserves from increased generosity
 - allows transition to new staff team
- Acknowledgement of John Sewell and Peter Summers
 - lots of time given, lots of compliance/Child Safe changes
 - preparation for audit
 - creation of internal

- Acknowledged up the front with applause and presented with bags of chocolate coins(!)
- Open mic questions:
 - Cathy - what's the drawdown savings?
 - Chris Reynolds and Steve Webster respond:
 - saving a small amount each year to put aside for coming changes
 - \$30,000 in cash reserves that can be used for staffing over the next three year
 - The hope is that we don't require that money because giving increases, and the money is used for another purpose
 - We try to keep \$40,000 in savings for general good management
 - Motion: formally receive financial documents as a true and accurate record
 - Moved by: Janette Allen
 - Second: Fred Batterton
 - Result: Carried
 - No further comments
 - Chris is retiring as churchwarden, but will remain on the SMMAC Committee
 - Chris' last laugh – the new wardens have an urgent job: fix the urinals!

7. Parish Council 2018 Nominations - SW

(20:20)

- 2019 PC duly appointed (with applause), no election required:
 - Katya Wagner
 - Jack Verdins
 - Peter Summers
 - Mary Ann Lyttle
 - Gillian Baker
 - Emilie Franklin
 - John Sewell (warden)
 - Anne West (warden)
- Thanks to Barry McGaw, Kenya Kala for their time on the council last year. Ann-Michel Greenwood and Chris Reynolds will also be stepping down from their roles as churchwardens. Many thanks expressed.
- Those part of the new council are welcomed with applause and duly appointed (Matthew Duncan is an apology)

9. Parochial Nominators Incumbency Committee 2019

(20:28)

- Steve Webster is the incumbent
 - If something happens to SW or SW leaves, the incumbency committee will be in charge of the new appointment
 - Others would be invited onto this committee

- Dianne Shay and Chris Ward duly appointed
- Please be prayerful
- Committee members Dianne Shay and Chris Ward (both apologies) duly appointed.
- Please pray for them

10. General questions and comments

(20:30)

- Chris Reynolds: what do the Bible Garden plaques look like?
 - Greg Davies displays the finished plaques to the church
- Acknowledgement of Greg Davies' and Lawrie Smith's efforts in establishing the Bible Garden in the grounds of St Michael's
- John Sewell
 - Moves that Shario be reinstated as auditor for 2019/20
 - Second: Mary Ann Lyttle
 - Result: Carried
 - No further comments
- Mary Ann Lyttle
 - Can we have an Indigenous garden update?
 - Janette Allen replies:
 - Wurundjeri council has changed tack after being given a large plot of land near Healesville
 - But there is still interest among the RAP group to establish a garden
 - Found that the desire to establish this garden was bigger than just the RAP group and they needed to assess some other garden design issues, such as installing rainwater tanks
 - Going forward: need to have a big conversation with all the different St Michael's groups, and the Wurundjeri, to decide on a way forward
 - Becoming a project that is led by the Parish Council
- Grant MacKenzie
 - Thanks to the staff team, particularly Steve and Kim - great work, can be hard to work in a church sometimes

11. Conclusion - SW

(20:38)

- Thank you for participation tonight
- Looking to the future, while being thankful for the past
- In the coming weeks, different aspects of what's ahead will be communicated
- Not everything is planned
- Let's be prayerful
- Let's be agile and mindful
- Please talk to Kim about what she's seen and observed in her time here so far
- Verses of scripture read: Romans 12:9-17
- Closing prayer

Meeting concluded at 20:40