

MINUTES OF THE 2016 AGM OF RANDPARK RIDGE UNITED CHURCH

SUNDAY 22nd MAY 2016 @ 08h30

1. Welcome

Angela called the meeting to order and opened proceedings with a prayer. Craig Morrison had presented his apologies as he was ill with flu.

2. Order

The number for a quorum was achieved. 103 signed the register as being present with 22 apologies recorded.

3. Approval of the 2015 AGM minutes

Approved – Ian Smith

Seconded – Tom Main

4. Council Secretary Report – Angela Smith

Report attached.

The Council Secretary Report was a Power Point presentation and Angela spoke to the presentation.

- a. The 40th Anniversary – great success with events being well attended.
- b. Spiritual Gifts Survey – congregation encouraged to participate in the 2015 survey and another will be given during the course of 2016. Encouragement of outreach in the church community is the desired result.
- c. The God Test – those people visited by the team who committed their lives were encouraged to be more involved in the church community.
- d. Mentorship Programme – Adelaide and Susan were thanked for the document they drew up to encourage mentorship of youth leaders. This document has been accepted by the Council as policy for the church.
- e. Communication – still not where it should be and is an ongoing challenge.
- f. Logo – symbolism explained “Growing Towards Christ”. The new signboard and banners have been well received.
- g. Sound – Brandon and Tobelo were thanked for their involvement on the sound desk; however there are continual problems which are being worked on. A team is needed for support.
- h. Confirmation Process – a change to the programme is to encourage a life-long commitment of growing the teenagers in their walk with Christ.
- i. Evaluation Sheets – completed in 2015 with useful results and to re-introduced during 2016.
- j. The Grief/Share Ministry – fantastic results.

- k. The Family Counselling Centre – launched in 2015 and to date has helped 22 people, with good growth in the programme.
- l. 'Fun Fridays' – introduced to encourage cross-generational involvement, with good success.
- m. Threshold Project – explained in detail in Angela's report, with encouragement for people and companies to give 67 minutes on the 18th July, "Mandela Day".
- n. Church Membership – substantial growth in the younger age group. Staff is monitoring reasons why people in the older age group are leaving the church.
- o. Church Attendance – 7.30am service – numbers dropping/9am service – stable/6pm service – good growth.
- p. Youth – 20 to 40 youth are attending the Friday evenings.
- q. 2016 Theme – "Growing Towards Christ". Well received.
 - Started with 'Breathing Room'
 - 'Alpha' Course currently running with +/- 60 people attending the sessions offered.
 - Congregation encouraged in their 'Personal Devotions' for a deeper spirituality.
- r. Staff Matters –
 - Allan Flint – Three months sabbatical leave January – March 2016.
 - Marion Main – retired at the end of April 2016.
 - Tania Kruger – new staff member to replace Marion in the Pastoral Care position.
 - Craig Morrison – term as UCCSA moderator of the local circuit ended on 22nd May 2016.
 - Craig Morrison – to take three months sabbatical leave from July – September 2016.

5. Approvals

- Extension of Elder Tenure – Angela Smith, Derek Weston and Rob Warman – **Unanimous approval**
- Confirmation of current council members – **Unanimous approval**
- Extension of Craig Morrison's contract – result of ballot – **79 Yes 10 No and 1 Abstention**

Angela closed her address thanking the volunteers, staff and council members for their time and effort in helping to run all the ministries in the church and to make a difference in the lives of the people within the church and the broader community.

6. Financial Report – Ian Smith

Report attached.

Ian spoke to his report in detail.

It has been possible for the church to function by cutting expenses in a controlled manner.

Staffing costs have been kept to a minimum and any surplus or donations will be paid as a discretionary bonus.

7. Approval of the Financials

Approved: Julia Stockdale

Seconded: Kristel Gillies

8. Approval of Auditor

Approved: Angela Smith

Seconded: Dianne Prinsloo

9. Approval of the Budget

Approved: John Beggs

Seconded: Tom Main

Ian was thanked for the work and time he gives to the church.

10. Questions and Answers

a. Confirmation Process

Douglas Mughogho raised a question on the length of time the intended new confirmation process will take?

Angela replied that this will depend very much on the individual person and their commitment. It is intended that the proposed new format will be a three to four year process, but could be completed in a shorter time should the person be ready to take their vows.

There being no further questions the AGM was formally closed at 09h30.