

Minutes of Special Meeting of Congregation Called 19.09.10

Aim was to hear Council's proposal on how to fill the 0.5 position at BUC.

Meeting commenced 1030a.m.

Present as per attendance sheet =77

Apologies as per attendance sheet = 14

Opening prayer and Chairperson, Wendy Norris

Ewan Hazeldine (Chair of Council) presented a back ground as per PPT

Background

At its meeting on 16 May 2010, the Congregation adopted the following proposals -

1. Retain the position (approx half time) of a second ordained Minister and request the Church Council to commence the process for filling it.
2. Ask the Church Council to prepare a profile reflecting the priorities of the 2010 Mission-based Budget and monitor the church's financial capacity to support this position, reporting back to the Congregation.
3. Subject to 2. authorise the Church Council to appoint a representative Joint Nominating Committee(JNC) to undertake negotiations to fill the position.
4. Note that Belair have commenced a separate process of review and that Council will maintain communications with Belair as we proceed.
5. Note that Rev Malcolm McArthur has accepted an invitation to provide a part-time interim ministry from mid-July to the end of the year if required

Ray Bown (Finance Committee) presented the financial capacity as PPT.

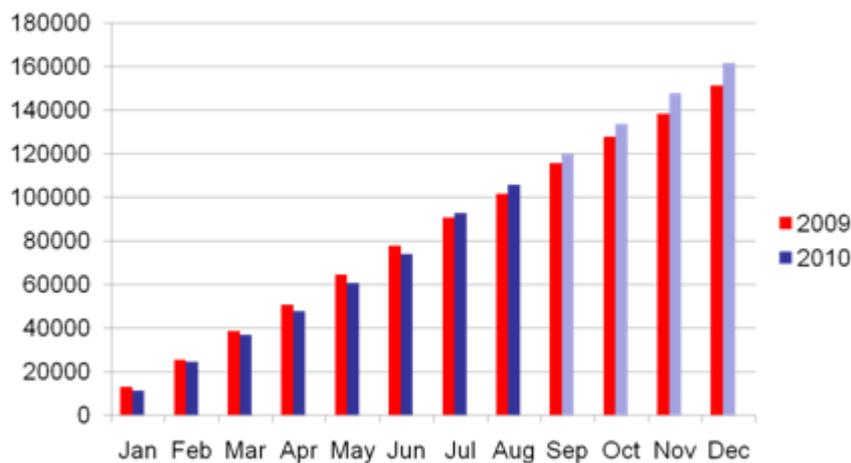
Financial capacity

- Council reviewed financial position including results of Making a Difference campaign
- Concluded that we have the financial capacity to appoint a replacement 0.5 minister.

Financial results

- Our objective was to increase our income by about \$22,000 per annum.
- Result: an increase in our offering income of approx \$18,000 in a full year.
- Along with fundraising for specific projects, this should be sufficient to balance our budget whilst filling the 0.5 vacancy.

Outcome of Making a Difference Program



Ewan, presented implementing our Mission as per PPT and discussed the mission based budget with regard to Playgroup,, meals program, youth and the Community program.

Implementing our Mission

- Council also reviewed the progress in implementing the new initiatives in our Mission-based Budget
 - excited by the success of the Playgroup and Meals
 - challenged by a report on the needs of youth
 - noted the importance of our Community Program
 - considered opportunities to further develop these outreach programs
- Council considered that these community-focused initiatives should form the basis for proceeding with the new 0.5 placement
- Profile to be prepared reflecting these priorities

Congregation Profile

- Council has prepared a draft profile of the Congregation – copies available
- New 0.5 person to focus on our outreach or “not Sunday morning” communities
 - playgroup
 - Friday night meals gathering
 - youth
 - Community Program
- Facilitate building bridges between these communities and the Sunday worshipping congregation
- Seeking MOW, deacon or pastor
 - could be non-ordained

Change of Ministers role. Rev. Leanne Jenski will take on more of the preaching and pastoral role. The new appointment will be more in the community outreach.

Change of Ministerial Roles

- Roles of both ministers will be different
- Leanne's time focuses more on Sunday morning community
 - preaching, teaching, pastoral care
- New 0.5 person will focus on community outreach programs
 - Community Program, meals, playgroup, youth etc
 - new person will help shape the role

Process

- In addition to seeking formal placement, advertise in New Times & Synod website.
- Appoint a Joint Nominating Committee
- Proceed independently and in parallel with Belair

The Proposal:

Proposal

That the Congregation

1. Endorse the search for a 0.5 person with a primary focus on community-based ministry in accordance with the proposed process.

Questions and Comments:

Geoff Thomas: What is the term of the appointment?

Ewan: as per normal synod appointment in line with a probationary period and annual review. It has not been determined.

Robert Corbett: How does it work with Belair?

Ewan: If we are both having a conversation with the same person we will go ahead.

Robert Corbett: Is there a synod rep appointed?

Ewan: Not yet need to get the process in place first.

Bruce Marriott: Will the jobs be advertised together?

Ewan: Not yet depends on what Belair decide.

Enid Ninnes: 2 half time jobs end up being much more than one.

Robert Corbett: Has thought been given to joining the position with the community Co-ordinator?

Ewan: Not at this time.

Ros Miller: Who will be the 9.15 and 11am minister?

Ewan: Leanne will take on the role of MOW.

Alistair Blake; I am excited by the proposal it is a new way of Being Church.

Ian Penny ; Supports Alistair's comments and adds, at the Census it showed 30% of the local population is under 30yrs old and our Church community does not reflect that.

Bruce Marriott; Supports Ian's comments.

The Proposal is put and Census is achieved.

Ewan reminded us where to from now.

Additional notices,

New Sign

- Another Budget initiative – connecting to our local community
- Council has approved the installation of a new sign
- Property will implement
- Some fundraising - donations welcome
- Thanks to the task group

Ian Penny gave a motion of Thanks to Peter and Nancy Cranwell for the work they have done with the Youth of BUC over the years. They leave for 3 years in Leigh Creek.

Next Meeting is the AGM on Nov. 21 st , we will be looking for new Elders and a Secretary of Congregation.

Bev Ecclestone's Cluster will do a pancake breakfast before the AGM.

Meeting closed with prayer at 1102am.