

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BLACKWOOD UNITING CHURCH
November 20 2011 @ 11am

Wendy Norris (Chairperson) welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. She then led the meeting in prayer.

A sheet for attendees to sign was circulated during the meeting and apologies known were also recorded on the same list.

The minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting were read and confirmed without comments.

Wendy then explained the agenda and how the nominations would be dealt with.

Reports:

- **Deacon Minister:** Rev. Coral (Cogs) Smith presented her report and spoke particularly on “How welcoming are we?”
- **Minister of the Word:** Rev. Leanne Jenski presented her report and informed the meeting that she would be taking Long Service Leave for 9 weeks in 2012 partly due to a wedding in her family. She advised that Rev. Christine Garner would be coming to take her place.
- **Church Council:** Ray Bown presented his report. In future the executive will deal with minor/ administrative matters in between meetings of the Council which meets two monthly. Council will continue to consider mission goals, budget and policy in the months ahead with a stewardship program planned for September 2012.
- Careful consideration will also be given as to how to best use a large bequest made to our church and adds to the importance of reviewing the policy and goals.
- **Budget report** was given and a challenge issued to all re the \$16000 deficit.
- The meeting approved the proposed 2012 mission budget.

Discussion followed led by Rev. Leanne :

The model of the church as a mosaic was discussed with all facets of the activities being diagrammatically represented. The conclusion was that the Church is more than just Sunday worship. Leanne will display the model in the foyer.

Other matters:

- The new **sign** for the front of the church is finished and just waiting for transport to deliver it.
- **Friday Night Meals** are continuing successfully with some new people now attending. Over 100 of our people are involved in some way or another in these meals. The Christmas dinner will be held on 23rd December. Donation of gifts to those coming to be left at the office.
- **Play group** reported that there are now 45 children attending.
- **Adam Tretheway** from Synod Department of International Mission will be with us on December 11th.
- **Urban Mission Network** next meeting on 24th November.

Voting for various positions within the church followed.

- **Council** - Ray Bown for 1 year: Ian Penny for 3 years: Angela Smith for 1 year.-
- **Synod Rep.:** Tim Lee
- **Community Program** Board of Management: Lynona Hawkins
- An **Urban Mission Network** rep. is needed but no nominations were received. This needs to go in the newsletter.

Rev. Leanne pronounced the Benediction