



**CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SAINT PETER
ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING
HELD IN ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL
AT 12.00pm ON 27 MARCH 2022
MINUTES**

1. Opening Prayer

The Dean opened the meeting in prayer at 12:18pm

2. Recording of attendance and apologies.

46 people signed the attendance sheet.

22 people had offered their apologies.

3. Appointment of Minute Secretary.

Christine Beal was appointed Minute Secretary, Moved: The Dean Seconded: Baden Teague

APPOINTED UNOPPOSED

4. Report concerning confirmation of Minutes:

a. The Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held on 21 March 2021 were confirmed by Cathedral Council at the 21 April 2021 meeting.

Motion: *"That the Minutes of this Meeting be confirmed by Cathedral Council at its earliest convenience."*

Moved: Baden Teague Seconded: Rosie Hamilton CARRIED

5. Elections and Appointments:

The Dean thanked those who had served as Synod representatives for the triennium and as members of Council.

Kevin Stracey has accepted the Dean's invitation to be the Dean's Warden.

There being no need for an election, scrutineers were not appointed.

a. **Dean's Warden** – Kevin Stracey appointed by The Dean

b. **People's Warden** Elect 1 (1 yr term)

Nominated: Reuben Jacob **ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

c. **Cathedral Council** Elect 2 (2 yr term)

Nominated: Kirsty Munro, Angela Evans AM **ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

d. **Synod**

Nominated: Jack Monaghan, Kevin Stracey, Reuben Jacob, Angela Evans AM, Sandy Mitchell

Elect 5 (3 yr term) **ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

e. **Nomination Committee** Elect 3 (1 yr term)

Nominated: Angela Evans AM, Joe Thorp, Marijke Mellor **ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

6. Financial Reports:

a. Presentation of the Annual Report and Accounts.

The Treasurer, Mr Kevin Stracey, presented the Financial Report for 2021 and the budget for 2022 and spoke to them. He noted the following

- As anticipated, the year 2021 was an unpredictable year with the retirement of Dean Frank Nelson and the impact of COVID-19. He reminded Vestry that we should not look at an individual year on its own, and that over the medium term income has continued to meet or exceed expenditure. The outcome for the year 2021 was close to the budgeted deficit.
- Open plate income remained below budget, and it seems unlikely to recover to pre-pandemic levels, with fewer visitors and fewer people using cash. The change was particularly notable at Christmas, which has provided a boost to finances in the past.
- Unclear when international travel will return, which brings people to the shop, and hire of venues is down.
- To reduce expenditure we would need to reduce staff levels, which is obviously undesirable. Budgeting for an \$80k deficit for 2022, but this is not sustainable in the medium term.
- Positives, renovated and upgraded The Deanery during the interregnum. As the Dean is not living in the Deanery we will be able to gain rental income.

Questions

The Treasurer responded to questions about the following issues from accounts and budget:

- Cathedral's capital was revalued in 2008 post GFC, \$1.7m, at the end of 2022 general fund increased to \$2.2m
- Property valuation, including buildings follows Diocesan rules, using the State Valuer's valuation. It is not a market valuation, and we are not permitted to sell property even if we wanted to without special permission from the Diocese.
- State of readiness for renting the Deanery. Budgeted rent is budgeted at \$800, an agent thinks we should get higher, \$1k or more. Aim is for it to be on a residential lease in the usual manner.
- A question about sundry creditors: is the large balance a reflection of financial stress and are we paying debts in a timely manner. The Treasurer reassured Vestry the Cathedral pays debts when they fall due. He explained that the balance included significant invoices from specialist tradespeople who invoiced us in 2022 for work completed in 2021.

Motion: *"That the Annual Accounts 2021 be adopted, and that the Budget adopted by Cathedral Council for 2022 be received."*

Moved: Kevin Stracey Seconded: Lavinia Gent CARRIED WITH ACCLAMATION

b. Appointment of Auditor: HLB Mann Judd

Motion: *"That Mann Judd be appointed as Auditors for 2022"*

Moved: Kevin Stracey Seconded: Pauline Brooks CARRIED

7. Reports:

a. Dean – The Dean presented his report in the booklet *Between the Spires*. He was thanked for his excellent report. He added additional matters as follows:

- He explained that he is enjoying his role as Dean, is committed to his ministry at the Cathedral, encouraged people to feel free to approach him, to talk with him.
- His position is 0.8 FTE and 0.2FTE as National Aboriginal Bishop.

- He paid tribute to Kate Palmrose as she approaches her retirement in April 2022. Conversations are underway for a replacement for her.
- He noted there were so many people who play a role in Cathedral life, thanked them and thanked Canon Jenny in particular, also Peter Jin, Lynn Arnold, Joan Claring-Bould, Bill Goodes, Stephen Pash and Michael Hillier.

b. Churchwardens

The Wardens presented their report in the booklet *Between the Spires*.

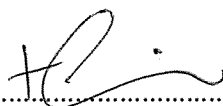
Motion: *“That the reports as distributed to members of Vestry be received.”*

Moved The Dean Seconded Jenny Wilson CARRIED WITH ACCLAMATION

In response to the Reports, Rosie Hamilton spoke of the retirement of Pauline Brooks as Convener of the Shop. On behalf of all present she thanked her for her wonderful work in making the Shop a vibrant place for *Serving the Sacred*. Pauline in return paid tribute to the Committee and the many people who serve in the Shop. She believes the sacred space will continue to give life, and looks forward to a time when more people coming back to the Cathedral, and the Shop can welcome more visitors. Pauline was thanked with flowers, gifts and a hearty round of applause.

8. Close

The Dean closed the meeting, Leading Vestry in the Grace at 12:49 pm

Signed: 

Dated: 20-4-22