

AGM Minutes 2023 (May 7, 2023)

Trinity Church Golden Grove



1. Opening in Prayer

Andrew March (Chair), opened at 11.34am

2. Attendance and Apologies

Apologies: Jeff Newman

Noted Quorum: Andrew Severin Holy Trinity Board Representative.

Sign in sheets attached.

3. Minute taker

Minute Taker - Nominated: Amanda Young

4. Vote to accept last minutes

Voted: Carola Bradford

Seconded: Meredith Lockery

5. Trinity Network Update (Andrew Severin)

The network continues in the mission outreach of church planting with three churches planted in the last 12 months. Started with one church and 800 people, now have 2200 over 14 churches. Churches dropped off over the pandemic but have now picked up to pre-covid levels.

Thinking about the future:

- Evangelistic health - we want healthy churches that grow
- Youth and Young Adults - Trinity Network focus which is building
- Hub churches - could we have larger regional churches with buildings to support smaller churches
- Church planting - we continue the endeavor to see more churches and looking to country areas
- Building program at North Terrace -updates given

Network Vision

In response to God's grace the Network exists to plant a growing and healthy network of disciple-making churches and ministries across Adelaide and South Australia and to send disciples.

See attached slides

6. Ministry and Pastor Report

a. Amanda Young

The mission of the kids program is to teach the children that the bible and the revelation of God is true and actually happened. We want to take the story of the bible off the page and into the lives of the kids each week. There is a dedicated team of leaders and helpers who are passionate about the kids growing in their relationship with God.

b. Carola Bradford

Privileged to support the ministries of the church and with particular focus on people coming into the church and how we can welcome them and bring them into the community we have here.

c. Meredith Lockery

Focus on women in the congregation - we have a group of 8 women who pray for and meet with other women in the congregation. Meals roster has re-commenced for people who may need extra help.

d. Andrew March

Appointment of Carola has helped to reduce the administrative burden on Luke and to lift up the role of welcoming and establishing newcomers into our church and we are thankful for this.

The church has engaged the mission organisation Reach Australia who have reviewed and supported the church and mentored Luke in his pastoral work. The leadership team has been working through the recommendations that came out of our recent visit with them.

Thanks to John and Julie Prattiss, Tim and Heather Adams and Tyson Munday who have been heavily involved in our church for various reasons have moved to other areas and we thank them for their commitment to the ministry at Golden Grove.

e. Luke Dahlenburg

Opened with reading from Colossians 4

Deeper, Richer Community, Stoking Mission Heat

Colossians outlines the why and the aim but what is the how?

Stoking Mission Heat:

- Fun Run - Connect event

- Workplaces are a mission field

Building intimate relationships with others:

- We think community groups are the number one place for this to happen

- As we get bigger at church we need to be more intentional in the small groups to build community

- Intentional welcoming - as the community we should know about the next steps Onboard course and joining a community group - personal invitation is the best way to encourage others

What does this mean on a Sunday morning?

- Recognise that as we grow we can't do it all we need to be intentional, who can we invite for a meal or coffee, how can we effectively communicate to everyone? What is our shared vision?

Structure

- Churches are now divided into regions, Golden Grove sits in the northern region led by Stephen George. The network looks at the greater vision and support. Local churches have a leadership team and a senior pastor.

See attached slides

7. Finance Report - Andrew March

2022 saw an accumulated surplus \$63,534 giving was down but expenses were significantly reduced. Staff remain the highest cost to the church and building costs. The 2023 budget - will not be fully funded through giving but we are able to draw down on the surplus to enable us to

keep the ministries of the church ongoing. We also contribute to the Network Fund which enables more churches to plant and the gospel to spread.

See attached slides

Finance Questions - are we coming to the end of our lease of the building? We have a 5 year contract and then an option of 2 years then re-negotiated. The 5 year will expire in 2025

8. Leadership Team Appointment

Peter Lockery has been appointed unopposed to the Leadership Team for a term of 2 years

The current leadership team is: Tim Rogers, Lyn Davis, Peter Lockery and Dameon Roy (who is taking a 3 month break till July 2023). The members of the Leadership Team will appoint a chair at their first meeting.

Luke thanked Andrew March for his faithful service to the Leadership Team and Grove over the last few years. Luke welcomed Peter to the team and prayed for both of them.

9. Questions

What are the daily functions of the LT and as a congregation what can we expect from the Leadership Team? We need to clarify and communicate this better and we are working towards that. The LT set the budget each year and they also support the ministry leaders and the Senior Pastor.

You talked about community groups being a central function of the church, what is the church doing to build and support future leaders? We recognize this is an area we need to grow we have faithful leaders who are currently

What is the church doing to support pastoral care, we don't seem to do visiting well? This is partly Meredith's role as we recognize the need to build formal pastoral care in our community.

10. Closing Prayer

Closed at 12.30 by Luke Dahlenburg.