

Minutes of the Governance Discipleship Group
for the Anglican Parish of the Rangitikei Held on 27th June 2024

Present:

Rev Graham Conlon – PiC, Sue Wells – People’s Warden, James Middleton – Bishop’s Warden, Caro MacArthur – Treasurer, Jay Ayers, John Green, Barry Brown, Sarah Judd – Administrator, Rev Adrian Tofts – Secretary

Apologies – None

Graham opened in prayer and lead a devotional based on Psalm 121.

What does a loving relationship look like?

What does a loving relationship with God look like as a church?

- ¹ I look up to the mountains—
does my help come from there?
- ² My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth!
- ³ He will not let you stumble;
the one who watches over you will not slumber.
- ⁴ Indeed, he who watches over Israel
never slumbers or sleeps.
- ⁵ The Lord himself watches over you!
The Lord stands beside you as your protective shade.
- ⁶ The sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon at night.
- ⁷ The Lord keeps you from all harm
and watches over your life.
- ⁸ The Lord keeps watch over you as you come and go,
both now and forever.

Signing of Declaration of Adherence

Declaration passed around for signing.

Minutes of last meeting – Approved.

Matters Arising

WOF guide for Parish buildings to be emailed out – Completed.

Employment of a cleaner – Sarah gave an update. Still in progress. Notice put out.

Employment of an Appliance Tagger – Tagging has to be completed annually. The parish is looking for someone who is willing to go on appliance tagging course to get certificated and then complete the appliance tagging requirements for us.

Ring fence of money for the roof – Completed at finance committee \$140,000. No need for SGM as this has already been communicated and approved at a previous Parish AGM.

Rev Michelle Tofts has agreed to prepare and send out financial documents to the GDG – Completed.

James has taken responsibility for the Property Sub-Committee.

Parish nominators not required under a Diocesan Intervention.

Administration Matters Nil.

Correspondence Nil.

Finance Matters

No report required as finance committee minutes circulated to GDG.

Discussed local/national mission giving. 10% of a legacy given away and tagged under local/national missions. **ACTION: Caro to check with Gerard about how to list this.**

MOTION: That the finance report be received.

MOVED BY: Caro MacArthur

SECONDED BY: Barry Brown

CARRIED.

Property committee

Sanson tree work completed. St. Andrews tree assessed by Beaver Trees Manawatu Ltd. and a quote has been received. Option A is for the pruning of a Silver Birch tree near powerlines and dead wooding of two more Birch trees and the removal of a Cabbage tree. Option B is for either pruning or removing a large Gum tree that is leaning towards the roof and power lines. Sarah to clarify which trees are being quoted for. Option B for pruning the tree is preferred rather than removal.

MOTION: We accept Option A and Option B (pruning) and charge it to the Bulls AMSIF.

MOVED BY: Chair

CARRIED.

ACTION: Sarah to clarify which trees are being quoted for.

ECO Church

Discussion around what we could do to be more ecofriendly as a church. Use of solar panels. St. Stephen's Hall building: upgrade insulation, double-glazing, open the space etc. change the heating system. Just ideas at this stage.

ACTION: Rev Graham and Sue Wells to fill out self-evaluation form on behalf of the Parish.

Caro to get a group together to look how we can make the spaces look more alive.

Church Heating

The heating at St. Stephen's church is inadequate and does not heat the church. A discussion was had around a potential upgrade to the St. Stephen's heating system. As the heating system appears to be a Daikin it would be appropriate to get that company to look at it along with a timer. Property committee to look at.

A discussion was had around removing the bar heaters and installing heat pumps in hall at the church in Hunterville.

ACTION: Property Sub-Committee to get someone in to look at the current heating system in the Hunterville church Hall and contact Daikin to look at the heating system at Stephens church.

Pews at St. Stephen's

A discussion was had around the pews in St. Stephen's church. The current pews are uncomfortable and do not provide enough flexibility in the space.

Informed conversation with the St. Stephen's congregations regarding the pews is required. Graham will bring some pews in from St. John's in Feilding and will ask Whanganui Anglicans about borrowing some of theirs to show what altered pews can look like. It would be worthwhile to go to St. John's in Feilding and Christ Church in Whanganui to look at how they use half-pews and what they look like in their worship spaces.

ACTION: Graham to begin consultation with St. Stephen's congregations and take GDG to see Whanganui and Feilding churches with pews that have been made into half-pews.

Dudding's Trust Application

Dudding's Trust application will be made for the Parish Administrator's salary.

Parish Car

There has been an offer on the parish car.

Date of Next Meeting: 25th July 2024 at 7:00pm.

Meeting closed in prayer at 8:50pm.