

'JM-2'

State Executive Minutes

AOG NSW INC

8th February 2007

Held: Liverpool CLC, Boardroom

Present: Ian Woods Michael Murphy
 John Iuliano Sean Stanton
 John McMartin Paul Bartlett

Apologies: Kevin Brett

Invited Guests: Graeme Kirkwood Grant Wills
 Cathy Wills

Minute Taker: Kylie Di Mauro

Commenced: 9.30am

1. Previous Minutes

- Minutes accepted as read.
 - Moved by John McMartin
 - Seconded by Sean Stanton

2. Matters Arising

- Jon Dorhauer -- Michael Murphy met with Jon & the Hunter District regarding Jon's church becoming a NSW AOG church by the end of the year.
- Sponsorship to Hillsong -- Ian would like to speak to Royden & Jean Yeo regarding the sponsoring of struggling pastors to Hillsong Conference.
- Chris & Charmian Gleeson -- Michael Murphy to meet with them to discuss them possibly taking on a church.
- Voting Strength -- After going through the voting statistics, it was discovered that voting delegates have actually been stable over the past few years.
- Fairy Meadow Church -- Graeme found that the church manse was actually given to the last senior pastor as a farewell gift. Paul Bartlett to speak to Ron Thomas to get in writing that he is now the senior pastor of Fairy Meadow Church.
- District Incorporations -- Graeme has written a new process for districts to undertake to see an overall governance of the NSW AOG for all our districts. Graeme to put this process into place in each District. All in favour.
- National Council of Churches - Peter Barnett & Celia Irvine from the National Council of Churches in Australia, Safe as Churches gave a presentation on training Workers/Pastors as Safe Workers. They are a body of people who organize Courses for denominations to attend a recognized, approved course. Alice McInnes, Janine Madden, Luke McMartin, Deb Lenzo & someone from Newcastle to go to one of their workshops in the near future. Sean to write a letter to the National Council of Churches saying we will become an Agreement Partner. Ian would like to see us ending up as an Agreement Training Partner. Sean to head this up so that by 2008 State Conference, we are a Training Partner. Sean to organize a workshop to be held at the State Conference. Sean & John McMartin to head up and organize a body of people to become the denominational Safe Ministry Unit.

3. Agenda Items

- Marriage Celebrants -- A request has come through from Hillsong Church for some of their PMC Pastors to become Marriage Celebrants. It was agreed that once the complete paperwork is in for their OMC's, for those eligible this year, we will approve they become a Marriage Celebrant.
- Paul & Deb Hilton -- would like to become OMC's. This has been approved for them to apply.

- Ana Marcelo – Mick Agius has contacted Ana after receiving the letter she wrote. Mick to talk to John Koro about the wisdom of having her ex husband in any form of leadership. John McMartin to follow this through.
- Speakers at State Conference – Ian would like to encourage our AOG Pastors to see more of the supernatural in their own lives and in their churches. Suggested speakers – Phil Baker, Paul DeJong, Tim Hall (one night meeting), Jim Wallace (one day session). John McMartin to speak to Tim about what we want.
- Revival Life Centre – Michael Murphy, John McMartin & Ian Woods to go and see Norm Armstrong and Ruth Harvey about the future of their church.
- Hope Valley Christian Church – The church has currently been taken over by John Wolfenden as the Senior Pastor resigned. The Hunter District wants to know why John has stepped in and not them. However they have been relating to the New England District in the past. As a result it was decided to leave the church in the New England District and appoint John Wolfenden to look after the church until new pastors can be found. Ian to write a letter to Marty McCrindle explaining this and thanking the district for their concern, explaining if this action isn't taken, we could loose the church. Michael to speak to Marty to find out how he's going. Ian suggested that perhaps Luke & Vicki Whittaker could take over this church.
- Tamworth CLC – John Ortiz has resigned, which is causing an uproar amongst the congregation. Ian Woods and John McMartin to visit John Ortiz to speak about the future of the church.
- Wayne Richards – is selling his church building, Tamworth City Church. Ian Woods and John McMartin to visit Wayne regarding this decision.
- Northlakes Church & Sparks Road Christian Church – Sparks Road Church is going to close and join with Northlakes Church. All monies from the sale of Sparks Road to go to Northlakes. Michael Murphy and Graeme Kirkwood to go to Northlakes to meet with the decision makers of both churches. John McMartin to call Murray Newman regarding the discussion that took place at the State Executive meeting today to assure he is up to date with what is going on. Michael Murphy to speak with John Wolfenden to have this action stopped until we can look into the situation. Michael to call David Meader regarding the 12 formal requests for the State Executive to intervene. Graeme Kirkwood to call Hazel Doeland into what steps we are taking to resolve this situation. The desired outcome is for Morris Westbrook to hand the church over to the State Executive. Graeme to obtain a copy of the constitution and advise Michael Murphy of the section regarding who owns the church.
- Hillsong Church Dues – Hillsong Church are asking for their dues to be capped. It was decided to cap their dues at \$150,000 for the next 2 years. This will be the case for every church that reaches \$150,000 in dues. This will be revisited in 2 years.

- Barry Saar – Grant & Cathy Willis to come up with alternatives on how to split/change the Sydney Central District.
- Ian Zerna – Grant reported that the business manager has left the church, along with other key leadership.
- Darko Culiak – Michael Murphy has spoken to Darko regarding Newcastle City Care, stating the State Executive is concerned that the key leadership could cause trouble if he doesn't shut the Care Arm down. Darko has agreed to this.
- Ross Penney – Michael has spoken to Marty McCrindle and Wayne Williamson advising not to use Ross Penney at this stage in any leadership capacity.
- Noreast District – Kevin Brett is taking over the Noreast District. John Iuliano to speak to Ralph Estherby before the announcement is made. John Iuliano to write a letter of resignation to Ian Woods and then Ian is to write a formal letter to Kevin Brett inviting him to take on the district.

4. Finances

Graeme Kirkwood presented the current financials which were accepted by all present.

John Wolfenden would like his long service leave. It is recommended at National level that it is up to the individual company on what they do. It was agreed that John W would be paid \$5,500 with a letter advising this has never been done before for any past employee. Graeme to action.

Report moved by Michael Murphy
Seconded by John McMartin

5. Correspondence

- Alex Visser – As requested by Alex, it was decided that Alex could have another hearing, with John Wolfenden and Paul Bartlett. Ian to write a letter in response to Alex's letter, saying John and Paul will be in touch to have a meeting with him. Ian to call David Logan to find out additional history.

6. Credential Applications

OMC
Tania Harris
Paul Andrew
Terry Mekhail
Jack Ram

PMC

Mark Andrews
 Candice Brown
 Meg Neale
 Jo Mekhail

The above approved by the State Executive. Divorcee's and OMC's to be sent to the National Office.

SMC

Joshua Dowton – not approved – Ian to speak to Alan about it next week.
 Joohee Lee – no longer working for Southern Cross. Check with the district as to whether or not she still needs the credential.

Ian to talk to Kevin Brett about SMCs for Teen Challenge. If they don't go to an AOG Church, they can't apply for an AOG Credential.

Send Districts a letter to advise them not to send any applications of anyone who doesn't attend an AOG church.

7. Invitation for Ordination

James Ardill
 Jesse Winchester

The above approved to be invited as ordination

8. Application for Fellowship**New Churches**

The Embassy
 New Life Church

Transfers in

Ignite Life

Registered Church

Real Life Church

Church Closures

Crossroads Christian Church – John McMartin & John Iuliano to visit the Oldfields ASAP to talk about their move and see if he can resolve any differences they have with the AOG.

Joy of Salvation - Close church plus take John Chandra's credential

Connection Church - Close

The above approved by the State Executive. Registered Church to be sent to the National Office.

Churches at Risk

Hope Valley Christian Church

9. Available Ministries

Richard & Michelle Dona
Mike Kelly
Warren & Priscilla Richardson

Michael Murphy or Grant & Cathy Wills to contact the above

10. Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday 27th to Thursday 29th March
Time: 7.00pm dinner Tuesday until after lunch Thursday
Venue: Crowne Plaza, Terrigal
Agenda Items Due: Wednesday 14th March

TO DO

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