

MINUTES OF AGM

HOPE VINEYARD CHARITABLE TRUST

Wednesday 17 July 2019, 6.00 pm

Hope Vineyard, 156 The Square, Palmerston North

Trust Board Lydia Read (Chair)
 Mike Tate-Davis (Deputy-chair)
 Lloyd Rankin
 John Sheed
 John Marquet

Secretary Rosanne Eustace

Present:

Nathaniel Alderson	Brigitte Te Awe Awe-Bevan (late) & TeMiri Bevan (late)	John & Wendy Biberstein
Piet Bourke	Emily & Richard Brown	Paul Burne
Grant & Heather Butler	Rebecca Culver	Glen & Rosanne Eustace
Anton Goldingham	Duncan & Margie Liengme	Bronwyn McKee
Steve & Vanja Pavarno, Micah	Lloyd Rankin	Lorraine Shaw
Helenka & Tim Simpson	Grainne Read	Lydia & Shane Read
Corrina & John Sheed	Darren & Trish Spring	Lauren & Mike Tate-Davis

ITEM DISCUSSION

1 **Welcome**

The meeting was opened by Lydia Read at 6.30pm, who introduced the trustees. Shane Read opened in prayer.

2 **Apologies**

John Marquet

3 **Minutes of last meeting/Matters arising**

As this is the first public Hope Vineyard AGM with the 2018 AGM incorporated into a Trustee meeting, no minutes were circulated.

Lydia spoke of the story of David outlined in 1 Sam 30. She drew parallels with the Hope Vineyard story, that there are those who are called to go out and fight, and those who safeguard the supplies, and both have an equally important role. She spoke of the increase of darkness and homelessness in Palmerston North, and that there are some at Hope who are exhausted just as the group of men spoken of in 1 Sam, but that the share is to be the same whether on the front line or simply feeding the workers. We all share in the glory of the story which is Hope Vineyard.

Hope Kitchen Café: The strapline; People are the concern of our business – we sell to serve. It has excellent food, and has now passed all city council inspections meaning we are now on the highest tier and will next be inspected in 18 months. It currently has a paid staff member

working front of house and a paid chef. Volunteers also provide valuable help and Ucol and secondary students gain work experience.

4 Acknowledgements of Board Appointments

Lydia Read continues as chair
Mike Tate-Davis continues as deputy chair
Rosanne Eustace was appointed Secretary
Lydia Read continues as Treasurer,
John Marquet was appointed to the board
Matt Soong resigned from the board

5 Reports

Lydia spoke to the following areas

Building consent: On track

Food plan: On track

Trust Board: People will continue to be invited onto the Board to provide robust oversight

Treasurer: Lydia will continue in this position until another person can be found

Prayer Group: Likened to keeping an eye on the Ark of the Lord for God's leading, i.e. an integral part of how Hope receives direction

Hope Playgroup: now officially licenced, with appropriate toilets and safe children's area, as an outcome of the building refurbishment. Advertising vouchers to playgroup were passed out, which included a free coffee from Hope Kitchen Café.

Men's Ministry: a dynamic ministry is developing in this area

Measures of success as a church

Two measures that can be looked at are the quantitative and qualitative.

Sunday attendance numbers are stable, and Lydia outlined a qualitative example of a church family who have moved from a focus on shortage of food, to growing some of their own food and having sufficient. There has been a noticeable and significant growth in their faith, and they have moved from purely receiving prayer to offering prayer.

Ministry focus and direction

Lydia spoke of the call to a ministry to the unchurched and those who carry the stigma of being 'on the street'. God breaks our hearts for the people no one wants. The challenge is how to pastor and grow families as well as ministering to the street folks.

She gave an example of a recent incident during the Sunday service which left some people feeling unsafe, and certainly was socially difficult. But the person concerned is continuing in relationship with Hope with good ensuing conversations and a sense of the outburst stemming from fear. The reflection being that there is nowhere else that this level of grace is given to some sectors of our community, but the dilemma being how to both journey with some of the most difficult and also mature our more functional core.

The leaders and trustees have considered, and exhort us to pray into, a morning service in addition to the evening one. This would be a service 'plant', i.e. separately resourced so as not to overburden the existing evening congregation.

The goals in this service would be

To coach leadership

To disciple people

To provide a quiet sanctuary

To grow a genuine worship experience

Lydia likened Hope to a phalanx, with some people being at the point (the pioneers/adventurers), and others who function better on the home front (homesteaders or settlers). Both are needed.

Other dreams/goals for the future include;
Employing people
Building Youth, Family and Men's Ministries

Building

The refurbishment is mostly completed.
The building consent is almost achieved.
A surveillance system is in place.
Evacuation processes and procedures are sorted.
The fire alarm system is installed.

There were no questions arising from the reports.

Special mentions

Thanks were extended to
Glen Eustace – for prudent management of spending in all his help with work on the building and its systems
Richard Brown – for building a worship team with a culture of 'It's okay to give it a go', inspiring people and spearheading the worship in 2019
John Sheed and Lloyd Rankin – for wise guidance in their role as trustees, inspiration, convening meetings and travelling to Hope.
Lloyd was also thanked for all he has contributed, as he is standing down from the Trust Board, effective October 2019.

Tim Simpson also thanked *Josh Sheed* with great appreciation for his help in the Youth Group.

6 Financial Report

Lydia spoke to the financial report.
There is a foundational giving group of 24 families. The vision is to have much more happening at Hope, and that this will be matched by more people giving.

There is a surplus of \$3,000 (not including the Playgroup grant), equity of \$13,000, and the church is solvent.

7 Budget

The budget has been formulated based on information from ministry leaders about what is needed, coupled with historic giving and spending. Giving is projected to be the same as last year.

Rental income is received from New Wine for 3 days per week (use of premises not otherwise in use), and Healing Rooms.

National Levy will be paid fully this year, a new expense.

Hope is praying that the Café will be profitable, and that a surplus will come in to provide for growth in ministry.

The basic components of the new sound system have been installed.

Ongoing needs include signage, seats and a freezer – these will be purchased out of giving as funds permit.

Motion: *that the Budget of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2020 be adopted.*

Moved: Lydia Result: Agreed

Mike Tate-Davis extended thanks on behalf of Hope Vineyard to Shane and Lydia for their sacrificial giving, patience and hard work especially with the building project. He read Romans 12:1,2 and challenged everyone to think about what they are going to sacrifice to build the Hope family.

The meeting agreed with applause.

8 Closure

The Annual General Meeting closed at 7.05 pm and was followed by a time of worship led by Richard Brown, a message from John Sheed who spoke on having utter dependence on and surrender to God in prayer and Emily Brown leading prayers for Hope Vineyard.

The worship meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

These minutes may be found online at

<https://www.hopevineyard.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/2019-Annual-Report.pdf>