

SPIRITUALISM NEW ZEALAND
2nd AGM, held at Silverstream Retreat
16th August 2019

Meeting opened 19.11

Joanne Duncan welcomed and thanked attendees for being present.

PRESENT: Jansie Bond, Val Johnstone, Darlene Nicholls, Grant Forbes, Barbara Forbes, Marika Coynash, Lyn Herriot, Robert Ritchie, Kay Howard, Alethea Wilkin (SCNZ, Hastings), Jen Swain Nicholls, Sue Boyle (Vice-President), Jos Taylor, Gaeila Wester (SCNZ, Hastings), Michael Thorn (Oasis Healing Centre), Janette Powell, Diane Thomson, Cathie Gianotti, Richard Parker (Board Member), Matthew Tod (South Auckland Spiritualist Church), Stephen Hyde (Petone Spiritualist Church), Sally Cruse (Wings of Light), Brenda Laursen, Liz Finlay, Suzanne Gibbs (Christchurch), Jenny Unwin (Christchurch), Lynetta Finch, Gail Payne (Christchurch), Barbara Hand (Registrar), Joanne Duncan (President), Anne Roughton (Treasurer), Tonni Pedersen (Secretary), Anne Pedersen (Board Member).

APOLOGIES: Deidre Drysdale, Karena Dixon (Board Member).

Tonni Pedersen moved to accept the apologies, seconded by Anne Pedersen

MINUTES OF 2018 AGM handed out.

Dianne Thomson moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Val Johnstone

PRESIDENT'S REPORT presented by Joanne Duncan.

During her report Joanne said that the other officers do most of the work. The other officers objected to this statement and said that Joanne also does a lot of very important work.

A special thank you was given to the hard-working "un-official assistant Board member", Dianne Thomson, who does a lot of work behind the scenes.

Joanne Duncan moved to accept her report, seconded by Tonni Pedersen

TREASURER'S REPORT presented by Anne Roughton.

Questions from the floor regarding healing account, term deposits, etc. answered by Anne.

Anne Roughton moved to accept her report, seconded by Anne Pedersen.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT presented by Barbara Hand.

Barbara mentioned the newsletter and gave thanks to Sue Boyle for her assistance. Barbara also mentioned the promotional work that she does together with the 3 other members of the promotions sub-committee.

The promotional trips are a good way of showing the public who and what we are.

Barbara also looks after the website. She would like to pass this task to somebody else with the necessary time, energy and skills. The member's page is still not up and running. Hoping to get this happening soon, but it is a big job. Please notify Barbara of any events in your area, so that they can get a mention on the events page.

New blog (Awesome You) recently started by Kay Drummond. Please check it out if you haven't already done so.

A lot of work being done on the facebook page with help from Sue Boyle.

Barbara Hand moved to accept her report, seconded by Lyn Herriot.

Barbara Hand and Joanne Duncan both appealed to people to "put their hand up" if they are willing to run workshops. There might be a webinar about how to run workshops soon if there is enough interest.

HEALING REPORT presented by Anne Roughton. Still no online support meetings for trainers due to lack of time. A volunteer for this job would be welcome.

Anne Roughton moved to accept her report, seconded by Tonni Pedersen.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND CONSTITUTION.

Joanne Duncan explained the background for the amendment to the part of the Constitution that pertains to auditing of the books. All members received an email, explaining why we saw the need to have the accounts reviewed instead of audited.

This proposal was to replace **Rule 23 AUDIT of the Spiritualism New Zealand constitution**

23. AUDIT

- 23.1 An Auditor shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting (the "Auditor").
- 23.2 If a casual vacancy in the office of Auditor occurs, this may be filled by an appointment by the Board.
- 23.3 Audited fair and accurate financial statements for Spiritualism New Zealand will be submitted to each Annual General Meeting.

With the following:

23. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- 23.1 An independent assurance practitioner being either a qualified auditor or qualified accountant, active or retired, shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting (the "Reviewer").
- 23.2 If a casual vacancy in the office of Reviewer occurs, this may be filled by an appointment by the Board.

23.3 Reviewed fair and accurate financial statements for Spiritualism New Zealand will be submitted to each Annual General Meeting.

The members approved the change with a vote of 50 (all in favour).

BOARD MEMBERS.

The Board was elected last year for a 3 year term. During the past year Sabena Roberts resigned from the Board. Joanne invited nominations from the floor.

KAY HOWARD was nominated by Barbara Hand (subject to becoming a member), seconded by Tonni Pedersen.

GAIL PAYNE was nominated by Suzanne Gibbs, seconded by Anne Roughton.

No further nominations.

The two new Board members were elected by unanimous vote and applause.

Anne Roughton moved that the membership fees remain as they are, seconded by Joanne Duncan.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Suzanne Gibbs asked if anybody could give her advice about how to apply for grant/donations towards re-building their church, as their current building was damaged beyond repair in the 2011 earthquake. Suzanne requested that anybody who has any ideas approach her.

Barbara Hand requested that Christchurch keep her up to date about the building progress. That way it can get a mention in the newsletter.

Anne Roughton moved that Rob Foster be re-appointed as account-reviewer, seconded by Barbara Hand.

No further business.

Meeting closed 19.54