

Minutes of Care Team Meeting – Wednesday, May 3, 2017.

Attendees: Pastor Mark Brinkmann, Julie Duce, Elma Claridge, Maureen Wessling, Desley Dyer, Kay Jaunais

Apologies: Werner Langer, Jill Cutlack, Maree Pukallus

1. Opening Devotion – Proverbs 12:25 (ESV)

Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad.

Everyone struggles with difficulties and challenges at some point in their lives, and these anxieties will often lead to stress or fear. In this passage, though, King Solomon reminds the reader that a good word shared or spoken by someone can lift another person who is suffering with a certain problem or burden. In other words, good communication involves being aware of the struggles of others and helping to ease another person's cares with a "good word."

2. Mainly Music Presentation – Pastor Mark and Danielle Robinson joined us for a video presentation of Mainly Music. It was very informative. Danielle also discussed equipment and manpower needs for the program to go ahead. Cynthia Priebbenow is already working on the rainbow rings and Sam Hunt is covering the toy drums. Also needed are toys and Desley has said she will bring a basketful in to help. Kay asked the Team members to look through their wardrobes to see if they had any scarves they could donate.

Prior to the meeting both Pastor Mark and Danielle had asked if the Care Team would consider changing their 'day' to Wednesday rather than Thursday. Pastor Mark is over-committed on a Thursday and in response to this today's meeting and the remaining Care Team meetings for 2017 have been changed to Wednesday.

From Danielle's point of view, she feels that it may be easier to recruit members of the congregation to help with Mainly Music which will run on a Thursday if it doesn't have to compete with another function i.e. Care Morning Teas.

The Team discussed this and as of July, Care Morning Teas will now be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month instead of the 3rd Thursday. This change will have to be clearly advertised to the congregation.

3. Review of Pastoral Care visits –

Jill – has been visiting Doug Fraser. Doug & Dorothy seem happier since Doug has moved from Beaumont to Ozanam Villa.

Werner – we acknowledge his faithfulness in visiting Lorna Kummerow. Flowers were sent on behalf of the congregation.

Kay – met with Sylvia Biddle, daughter of Vilma Svilicich, to provide contact details so that the congregation can be notified in case of an emergency. This is a practice that should be encouraged.

Phyllis Hope now has her motorised wheelchair and is more mobile.

Other people of concern – Lois Stolz in a ‘moon boot’ and has just had cataract surgery; Elaine Franks has broken arm from falling off a Segway and we have welcomed Kathy Stock’s mother-in-law, Desley, to the congregation. She is recovering from a broken ankle and staying with the Stocks indefinitely. She was invited and attended Ladies Fellowship last Wednesday.

Been in touch with Maree Pukallus – she is keeping well enough, some good days, some bad days. Shared a photo of her grandsons.

Maureen shared photos from Facebook showing various members of the congregation delivering the decorated crosses from the Maundy Thursday Dinner. How beautiful to see the young ones visiting and sharing with those congregational members in homes.

The ThanksLiving form for 2017 was discussed. After discussion, it was decided that it was not the **sole** function of the Care Team to be responsible for the Visit Contacts and Visitors function and that it should remain in the ‘Outreach’ category on the form.

4. School Chaplaincy – Kay’s Report

I have been attending the Local Chaplaincy Committee (LCC) meetings with Pastor Mark and several events organised by them.

Promoting Chaplaincy events has been undertaken – produced an insert for the Grace Church bulletin in March which highlighted upcoming events such as the Chaplaincy Combined Service at Clontarf Baptist Church (March 26), Chappy Week (May14-22) which includes hosting Alan Gater and students from Woody Point Special School at the Care Morning Tea on May18 and the Chaplaincy Support Dinner (Help Them Shine) on May 29.

Scripture Union Qld School Chaplaincy Funding 4-page newsletter was distributed to every member of the congregation.

I’ve been asked to host a table for the Help Them Shine Dinner on May 29. Those who have indicated they will attend so far include Pat Allibone, Fay & Dick Webb and their friend Pam Harvey. The dinner is being advertised within the congregation via Sunday announcements. I will be asking people if they can’t attend to make a financial donation.

Fay Webb has been active as well. Fay sells her home-made cards at various events and donates the proceeds. She is also working with Nancy, the Chaplain at Redcliffe State High School. Nancy has a mentoring program for girls, the Shine Group, and Fay will be doing a card making activity with the girls in the next few weeks.

As in the past, we hope that Julie Duce will keep us informed of the Chaplaincy High Teas that are held at Clontarf State High School so that we can support them also. When is the next one?

I met with Alan Gater last Thursday to discuss his visit at the next Care Morning Tea. We also discussed other ways that we could support the chaplaincy ministry. There is a plan for a fundraising ‘cent auction’ in September (to be confirmed). He asked for donations

such as decorated coat hangers, little knitted dolls etc. Also, there is a need for some knitted beanies for students during the wintry weather.

Members were also asked to not only consider attending the Chaplaincy Dinner but trying to encourage any business contacts they may have to consider becoming School Chaplaincy sponsors.

Elma and Kay will get back to their knitting project for the next Grace Primary fete (2018) and see what can be finished and donated to Woody Point Special School students instead.

5. Review of Morning Tea Program for 2017 –

February/ALWS – feedback was positive and some people who don't normally come to the morning teas attended this one.

March/Easter Eggs – running 'afowl' of the Easter Egg Tree but everyone thought it was a lot of fun; quite a bit of positive feedback from members of the congregation at Easter Service (reminiscences from their childhood regarding Easter eggs as well as one member making a tree with their grandchildren – Rosemary Sharp)

April/Anzac Memorial Service – Thank you to Julie for her presentation. We will make this an annual event.

May – Alan Gater and students from Woody Point Special School

June – Grace Lutheran Primary School Choir in the Church. Thanks to Danielle Robinson for opening communication with Katherine Gavranich on this.

6. Upcoming Events –

We need ideas for Morning Teas for the remainder of 2017. Desley suggested a thank you morning tea for retiring church volunteers. There was discussion about all the positive benefits of being a volunteer and how many of our older church members have been so faithful in the past but are now starting to feel the need to reduce or cease their voluntary activities. It was agreed that we should be doing something to recognise their contribution.

Kay talked about the proposal that was sent to M&V but rejected. It would have been a significant recognition of all the work of the Ladies Guild. At this point, Pastor Mark shared the plans for fencing around the church to ensure child safety. He explained that this was a necessity and would probably cost around \$12,000 and that was one of the reasons why the project for the Ladies Guild was rejected. The Care Team did like the proposal so hopefully it will be considered again sometime in the future when money is not an issue.

We also discussed the Grace Generations Brunch. Rachel Schilling from Grow Ministries has been invited as a guest to talk to the congregation about joining their coaching program for Child, Youth & Family Ministry. There was also an opportunity to have Dan Warlow perform. It would cost \$ 450 (half paid by Care Ministry and half by CYFM). The Team thought that we should look at doing this sometime in the future and possibly in a format like the Colin Buchanan event organised a couple of years ago.

It was decided that we would focus on voluntarism and our church volunteers for the July Care Morning Tea which is a lead in to Grace Generations Brunch. Julie asked Pastor Mark if he could make this the theme of the message for the service on the day of Grace Generations Brunch.

Portofino Fashion Parade is booked for Saturday, August 19. Kay suggested that we recruit the models from the mothers at Grace Primary and market the event as being a fashion parade that highlights the "Mums of Grace". Questions that need to be answered include where will the profits go? We agreed that rather than providing morning tea like last year we would include 'Devonshire Tea' with admission and we would purchase the food instead of asking the congregation to bake. Also, we agreed that it would be good to have a canopy out the front of the church for people to enjoy their morning tea (like World Day of Prayer).

Longest Lutheran Lunch – Pastor Mark said that this event was on the agenda at all the various Grace Places and that the congregation involvement this year would be by a committee and not the Care Team. This means that there will be no need to have money for this in our upcoming budget submission.

7. Financial Report –

Care Budget for 2016/2017	\$ 1,200.00
Expenses as at 19/11/2016 (Grace Generations Brunch, LLL, WPSS Staff Appreciation Morning Tea and new crockery)	\$ 383.00

Expenses to date in 2017	Coffee	\$ 16.00 + GST
	Flowers/Yvonne Clunes	\$ 15.00 + GST
	Golden Carers	\$ 49.95 incl. GST
	2 x Notice Boards (GIFT/Easter)	\$ 15.90 + GST
	Flowers for Lorna Kummerow	\$ 45.95 incl. GST

8. Framework of Ministry –

Version 8 of the Framework of Ministry document is now available as a result of the Forum held on April 23. Pastor Mark has said that it is now up to the various ministries/teams to contribute in their areas. The Care Team should be actively involved in helping to develop this. We should have a clear mission statement, ministry plan and job descriptions for Care Team Coordinator and Care Team members. This is now on the 'to do' list.

9. Professional Development –

Kay has undertaken the Child Safety webinar in February (continuing with LCA and LCAQD), attended Elevation Training in March (LYQ) and SENT Missional Leadership Workshop (Luminate) with Dean Eaton last week.

10. Closing Prayer – (please re-visit 1Corinthians 12:12 -27, One Body with Many Members). The meeting closed at 12.15.

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