

COMMON GOOD FOUNDATION AGM

Tuesday 21 May 2024, 12.45 pm,

Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 494 Grey St, Hamilton



MASS: Mass was celebrated by Mons Trevor Murray at the usual midday Mass time of 12.05 pm

WELCOME: John began the meeting with a prayer and welcomed everyone.

PRESENT: BOARD: John Coulam (Chair), Brendan Cullen (Deputy Chair) Betty-Ann Kamp, Chris Grace) Harry Mourits. Apologies: Julie Hardaker and Glenda Stokes, new EO Caroline Collie.

Christina Reyer, Rob Pascoe, Mons Trevor Murray, Peter Kamp, Anne and John Griffin, Mike Holloway, Renee Rewi, Mike Hanaray, Paul Honiss, Mike and Jill Bowler, Chris Paekau and Gerard Rennie

APOLOGIES: Bishop Richard, Fr Darren, Sir Peter Trapski, John Uden, Geoff Mathis, Chris Patterson, Rumiko Donald, Peter Minor, Mary Lynn Minor and Greg Schmidt.

Moved that the apologies be accepted P Honiss /C. Grace

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The 2023 AGM minutes were taken as read.

The minutes be approved as a true and correct record. P. Kamp / G Rennie

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nil

CHAIR'S REPORT: John Coulam presented his report and opened the report up for discussion.

John moved the Chair's Report be accepted. John Coulam / Mike Hanaray

FINANCIAL REPORT: Chris Grace presented the audited financial accounts for the year ending December 2023. The summary sheet revealed an annual income of \$309,314 from donations and investment income, marking a significant increase from the previous year. Grant distributions amounted to \$232,435, indicating that 75 cents were distributed for every dollar earned. This rise in grant distributions was largely due to the \$60,000 donated to support charities working on the ground in Tairāwhiti after Cyclone Gabrielle. The investment funds with the Catholic Diocesan Fund and Trust Management Ltd have grown to \$2.7 million. Any legacy funds received are being invested with the CDF.

Moved that the financial report be accepted. Chris Grace / Brendan Cullen

APPROVAL TO UPDATE CGF CONSTITUTION AND RULES: Gerard Rennie addressed the new proposed constitution, which had been pre-approved by Bishop Richard. The name change from Catholic Care to the Common Good Foundation necessitated this update, along with other revisions that removed the appendices from the 2012 version and updated the terminology. The ambiguity in the winding-up clause was resolved; if the Trust is dissolved, the Foundation's objectives will be executed by the Diocesan entity. Additionally, a reference to Canon Law was included supporting this clause.

Resolution: *That the current 2012 Constitution of Common Good Foundation be varied so that the Constitution and Rules document presented to this 2024 Annual General meeting now be adopted as the Foundation's Constitution. It has been noted by the Meeting that the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Hamilton has provided his approval to the variant document.* Brendan Cullen / Christina Reymer

ELECTIONS: Currently there are six members on the Board. Four Bishops Representatives (John Coulam, Brendan Cullen, Betty-Ann Kamp and Harry Mourits) have indicated they will continue to fulfil their

respective three-year terms. Chris Grace will be stepping down. Four nominations sought as elected representatives – two received from Julie Hardaker and Glenda Stokes

Moved that the two nominations of Glenda Stokes and Julie Hardaker be accepted as elected members of the Common Good Foundation Board for the 2024-2025 year. John / Betty-Ann

The Board of CGF will endeavour to select a suitable candidate to fill the vacant role as an elected Trustee
Move that the elections be accepted John / Chris

GENERAL BUSINESS: None received.

GUEST SPEAKERS: John introduced the three speakers whose charities had received funding from the Common Good Foundation in the past year.

Renee Rewi, the manager of Catholic Family Support Services here in Hamilton and Rotorua, with her team of 14 staff, provide budgeting support and more. CFSS reaches the most vulnerable in the community, those experiencing trauma in their lives, and others who live with everyday challenges. Financial Mentoring is offered; last year 2000 people walked through the doors. There has been an influx of middle-class families and elderly people seeking food parcels and support. Supervised Services are offered for those children in State care needing a safe environment to meet their parents. The Rotorua branch opened last October in the heart of the city, bringing hospitality to all, especially the homeless. The need is as great as ever. The funds received from CGF continue to benefit their work enormously.

Mike Holloway the founder of Male Support Services Waikato, works from premises on the Ruakura campus with 32 rooms offering Manaaki/hospitality. The CGF grant provided funds toward the rental lease of the building so that the organisation can continue with its mentoring work with abused males and provide Kaupapa space for people to reconnect. The buildings are the heart – a safe environment to meet. The need is huge with 12 referrals a week for sexual violence alone. A mobile caravan (Chat Room) is on the road in rural areas in south Waikato as another form of outreach. The grant funding is gratefully received.

Monsignor Trevor Murray, the parish priest of Tongariro Catholic Parish in Taupo has been one of the recipients of funding under the CGF Parish-based Initiatives programme. The funding received was channelled into the Helping Hands Project (preparing meals to freeze and distribute), and their Financial Assistance to Families in Need Project. For over 7 years, the Parish team have offered a weekly community lunch for around 30 people (over 40 weeks of the year), with surplus food packaged and distributed. The Parish group also assist the Turangi Foodbank, again preparing and distributing meals. The Christmas lunch last year was a big hit for 65 guests. In collaboration with St Vincent de Paul, Mons Trevor is investigating the set up of a soup van in 2024 with nightly deliveries in Taupo and Turangi. His final wish is to set up a relocatable Laundry Unit for the homeless and needy. Mons Trevor very much valued the financial support he has received to date from the Common Good Foundation.

John expressed his gratitude to the speakers for their availability to attend the meeting and commended each of them for the outstanding work they are doing in their respective charities.

The meeting was called to a **close at 1.33pm**, followed by a light lunch.