

MINUTES OF COMMON GOOD FOUNDATION AGM

Tuesday 30 May 2023, 6.30 pm,

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



MASS: Mass was celebrated by Fr Darren in the side chapel.

PRESENT: Board members: Chris Grace (Chair), John Coulam (Deputy Chair), Betty-Ann Kamp, Brendan Cullen, Harry Mourits and Julie Hardaker.

Jessica Timmins (EO), David Barrowclough, Graeme Roil, Kevin Turnbull, Linda Roil, Mike Hanaray, Peter Kamp, Gerard Rennie, Fiona Collins, Michelle Torckler, Joanne Turner, John Kilbride, Lyn Fromont.

WELCOME: Chris Grace welcomed all present and introduced each member of the Board which currently consists of 4 elected members and 4 Bishop representatives.

APOLOGIES: Glenda Stokes, Jason Lougher, Bernard and Lia Bailey, Mandy Dhiman, Wilma Schimanski, Ann Griffin, Greg Schmidt, Mary Watson, Ross and Shirley Gregory, Adrian and Maria Holden, Paul Honiss, Marvie Dekker, Chris Patterson, Richard Cooper, Joanne Leigh, Pauline Honey, Rob Pascoe, Frances Wright, Mary Ellen Wood, Mary Brown, Kevin and Pauline McHugh, Heidi Allen, Bev Timmo, Kathryne Sutherland, Laura Dijkmans, Morele Rand, Patricia Cummins, Dolores Maisey, Liz Driver, Emmanuel Nair, Jill Taylor, Mary Parker, Peter Trapski
Move that the apologies be accepted accepted John Coulam / Harry Mourits

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The 2022 AGM minutes were taken as read.
The minutes were approved as a true and correct record. Peter Kamp / John Coulam

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nil

CHAIR'S REPORT: Chris Grace presented his report and opened the meeting for discussion. (See Appendix i)
Chris Grace moved the Chair's Report be accepted. Betty-Ann Kamp / Julie Hardaker

FINANCIAL REPORT: Due to a delay in receiving the audited Performance Report from the auditors, a simplified account was presented by Chris Grace. It covered the major revenue and expense components, grant distributions, net cash flows and investments, in relation to the previous 4 years. (See Appendix II) Chris covered off a breakdown of the annual performance with revenue just over \$200K and proudly maintaining a low sustainable expense level for the second year running, such that only 8c was spent per \$ earned. This has enabled Common Good to maintain and increase its grants over time, distributing \$144k in the 2022 year.

Common Good only has a limited number of sources of income. We are very grateful for the Tindall Foundation for their ongoing support. We hold investments funds with Catholic Diocesan Fund and Trust Management Ltd. Our diversified portfolio with Trust Management (in Property and in a Balanced Fund) have come under pressure in recent years but are actively monitored.

No questions were put forward. *Moved that the financial report be accepted. Brendan Cullen / John Coulam*

ELECTIONS: Currently there are seven members on the Board. Jason Lougher has decided not to stand. Four Bishops Representatives (John Coulam, Brendan Cullen, and Betty-Ann Kamp and Harry Mourits) have indicated they will continue to fulfil their respective three-year terms. The nominations received were for Chris Grace, Julie Hardaker, Glenda Stokes (EO of The Sunrise Foundation Gisborne) Moved that the three nominations be accepted as elected members of the Common Good Foundation Board for the 2023-2024 year. The Board of CGF will endeavour to select a suitable candidate to fill the vacant role as an elected Trustee"

Moved that the elections be accepted. John Coulam / Peter Seconded / Harry Mourits

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Acknowledgements were received from the floor to recognise past members of the Foundation who have recently sadly passed:

1. John Brier – a loyal Board member who made a great contribution to CGF. His life was characterized by giving.
2. Don Schimanski – very supportive of the work of the Foundation over many years, and provided funding through the many calves he raised.
3. Mark O'Connor – a stalwart of Catholic Care Foundation and a dedicated promoter of the Livestock Scheme.
4. Neil Callaghan – one of the original board members of the Foundation.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Jessica Timmins introduced the three speakers whose charities had received funding from the Common Good Foundation in the past year.

Fiona Collins, the Director of The House of Grace, based in Wellington, spoke about how they offer support to teens (from 12 years of age to 23) through pregnancy and early days of motherhood. There is one home in Hamilton where up to three pregnant mothers live in with a young family and learn how a family operates. Their vision is that every young mother and baby will thrive and have hope for their future. The House of Grace's key values are faith, whanau, family, and community connections and are there to come alongside, embrace and nurture the young mothers. The **funding from CGF** goes towards practical needs for the Mums, wages, power and food which helps the organisation to become a success. Their focus is to empower Mums to make their own decisions around abortion choices, dealing with addictions, escaping abusive relationships, and whether they are interested to return to the education system.

Joanne Turner, the manager of the Hamilton Christian Night Shelter sees herself and the team as helping people who have been living a life where they are just trying to survive. The shelter has changed in the last four years, and now operates 24 / 7. Covid was challenging, bringing with it the realisation that these people required more than just a bed for the night. The service has changed to best cater for their needs as some come with addictions and/or mental and other health issues. Many come with childhood trauma that they are coping with and there is no understanding of living day to day life in a structured manner. There are gaps in the system so **funding from CGF** was used to support people with urgent medical needs which would otherwise not be attended to because of the personal cost. To move out of survival mode, the homeless person needs to have trust in the system, in the social workers and other therapeutic supports. It is a long-term process and continued support to get people to the point of thriving.

Debbie Bright, temporary manager at Te Rongopai Community Centre in the Nawton Crawshaw area (Hamilton) elaborated on the many free programmes offered for the needs of the community, predominantly for youth and children. These include Te Reo classes, elder groups, Christian mediation and psalms, English lessons for new immigrants and The Hub (an afterschool programme and drop-in centre to play sports and have afternoon tea). The **funding from CGF** has helped to support programmes for youth. "Youth St" is a mentoring programme to help and support youth whether it be in schooling, the trades or just life in general. Youth Employability Programme (YEP) is a 5-day free course to help young people get into employment, covering interview skills, CV prep, and personal presentation. Certificates are presented on completion.

CLOSURE: The meeting closed at 7.54pm and was followed by refreshments.