

# MINUTES OF COMMON GOOD FOUNDATION AGM

Tuesday 24 May 2022, 6.30 pm,

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



---

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

**PRESENT:** Board members Chris Grace (Chair), Betty-Ann Kamp (Deputy Chair), John Coulam and Brendan Cullen, Harry Mourits, plus 20 CGF members and guests.

**WELCOME:** Chris Grace welcomed all present and introduced each member of the Board which currently consisted of 3 nominated members and 3 Bishop representatives.

**APOLOGIES:** Wilma and Don Schimanski, Mike Holloway, Des Mulhern, William Durning, Alan Morgan, Breen Metcalf, Dave & Trish Colquhoun, Mary Purchas, Jack Wells, John Uden, Mary Parker, Dolores Maisey, Kees Meinderts, Sir Peter Trapski, Alex Bailey, Julie Hardaker, Fr Matt McAuslin, Bishop Steve Lowe.

*Move that the apologies be accepted accepted* Betty-Ann Kamp/Paul Honiss

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** The 2021 AGM minutes were taken as read.

*The minutes were approved as a true and correct record.* Anne Griffin/ Peter Kamp

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** Nil

**CHAIR'S REPORT:** Chris Grace presented his report and opened the meeting for discussion.

*Chris Grace moved the Chair's Report be accepted.* Brenan Cullen/Gerard Rennie

**FINANCIAL REPORT** The audited Performance Report was tabled. The Charity Services will receive this report as the Foundation's accountability to stakeholders. Chris Grace summarised the accounts for the meeting, tracking revenue and expenditure over the past 4 years. Revenue has remained stable at around \$200,000; expenditure (excluding grants) has been pared back such that currently only 8 cents is spent per \$ earned (compared with 91 cents in 2019). Grants now represent 74 cents for every \$ earned, leaving 19 cents as surplus. In other words, the running costs of CGF have been cut, allowing a maximum distribution funds, with any surplus added to CGF's investment portfolio with a faith-based investor being Trust Management Ltd.

Revenue for 2021 financial year was largely sourced from Donations (Caring Sunday and monthly APs) of \$53,604 and a Tindall contribution of \$63,176. The remainder was received from the CGF's newly re-instated Livestock Scheme (\$3,575) and Investment Income (\$74,453).

The 2021 grants and distributions totalling \$143,288, favoured 'Children and Youth' as well as 'Counselling and Social Work' categories. A portion of the funds received from The Tindall Foundation were also distributed on their behalf, and for which the Common Good Foundation is accountable. A rigorous funding process is conducted each year by the Grants Committee, along with visitations to grant recipients. The Parish-based initiatives programme had two recipients this past year and is hoped to grow so that funding is distributed to groups working in regions beyond Hamilton.

*Moved that the financial report be accepted* John Coulam/Harry Mourits

Discussion followed:

1. Gerard Rennie congratulated the Board on the positive trend shown in the data.
2. Paul Honiss questioned whether the 22 charities which were grant recipients, had been checked. Chris responded that all grant recipients are scrutinised and that Board members go out to witness their work. These charities in turn are accountable to CGF for their expenditure

**ELECTIONS:** Currently there are five members on the Board. William Durning handed in his resignation (effective immediately due to a change in job and location) at the end of April 2022.

Three Bishops Representatives (John Coulam, Brendan Cullen and Betty-Ann Kamp) have indicated they will continue for another 3-year term, with Harry Mourits now joining as the fourth appointee.

The nominations received were for Chris Grace, Julie Hardaker, Glenda Stokes (EO of The Sunrise Foundation Gisborne) and Jason Lougher (Director of Legacy Accountants in Whakatane)

*Moved that the four nominations be accepted as elected members of the Common Good Foundation Board for the 2022-2023 year. Betty-Ann Kamp/ Paul Honiss (passed unanimously)*

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. No general business questions received from the floor
2. Chris thanked the SVdP Hamilton for helping with the refreshments following the meeting.

#### **GUEST SPEAKERS:**

Betty-Ann Kamp introduced the three speakers whose charities had received funding from the Common Good Foundation in the past year.

**Thomas Nabbs**, the founder/director of Waterboy (Te Tamawai Trust) spoke on the Tupu Programme offered to youth in the Morrinsville area who were disadvantaged and ignored. Many lack a connection with their heritage, do not know what to do with their lives and needed to learn to make good life choices. Thomas told the story of a young girl who had left school at aged 11 to help look after her younger siblings. Now at the age of 15, she has no schooling and is lost. The Tupu programme has provided her with opportunities to learn basic life skills and job experiences. It appears working with goats on a goat farm has become her passion. The Tupu Programme leaders are having these types of conversations with many other at-risk youngsters in the area.

**Renee Rewi**, the manager of Catholic Family Support Services in Hamilton gave a full account of her organisation's operation. Her team provides whanau support working with families in their homes where family violence or harm occurs or where the family is struggling financially. The team will also advocate for them. Many have low literacy levels and require mentoring. Additionally, CFSS provides supervised contact in a safe environment for children to meet parents who may or may not turn up. Their wrap-around service will also provide support to these parents to meet safely with their children.

**Linda Roil**, the founder and director of Kids in Need Waikato explained how she and her husband Graeme saw a great need in supporting foster children and their caregivers. Eighty percent of caregivers are grandparents, with some raising up to 10 children! The organisation receives donated clothing and goods which is sorted and processed into age groups, and finally packaged with love, into purposely constructed cloth sacks for a named child. Linda also works in with other charities such as Loving Arms who focus on the needs of babies. The demand is continuous – there seems to be no end to it.

**CLOSURE:** The meeting closed at 8.15 pm and was followed by refreshments.