

Minutes of the Special Church Meeting

7:30pm, Monday 9 December 2024

1. **Attendance:**

Covenanting Members entitled to vote:

Nathan Nettleton (**chair**), Eliz Cook, Jen Davis, Rob Davis, Margie Dahl, Jill Edwards, Dennis Fisher, Dom Filippi, Liesl Filippi, John Fowler, Merryl Gahan, Paul Gahan, Acacia Nettleton, Karen Quah, Sylvia Sandeman, Shelley Taylor, Margaret Welsford, Glennys Williams.

Others in attendance (non-voting):

Melissa Berends, Suzanne Peart, Jeff Wild.

2. **Apologies:**

Ian Cook, Gilbert Joyce, Yvonne Joyce, Samara Pitt, John Sampson.

Voting was shown by show of hands (Zoom online), or a spoken 'Yes' (phone online)

3. **Appointment of a Chair**

As required by the Trust Deed, we must formally appoint a Chairperson for the meeting before proceeding.

Resolution: The South Yarra Community Baptist Church appoints Nathan Nettleton to serve as Chair for this meeting.

Discussion: Nil

Outcome: Carried unanimously

4. **Proposed Sale of the Manse**

As required by the Trust Deed, the proceeds of the sale would be held in trust and invested by the BUV, and will only be available to us again if we want to purchase another property in the future. However, we can access the interest earned on the invested money and use it as we choose.

Resolution: The South Yarra Community Baptist Church resolves to sell the property on Certificate of Title Volume 05769 Folio 604 & Volume 03665 Folio 961 known as 18 Surrey Road, South Yarra, Victoria 3141.

Discussion: This decision does not lock SYCBC into a choice of buyer.

Outcome: Carried unanimously

5. **Authorising Signatories for the Sale of the Manse**

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Resolution: The South Yarra Community Baptist Church authorises any two of Ian Cook, Robert Davis, John Fowler, and Nathan Nettleton to negotiate the sale of 18 Surrey Road, South Yarra, Victoria 3141 and to jointly sign any Contracts of Sale on behalf of the South Yarra Community Baptist Church.

Discussion: All these people were involved in initial discussions and have agreed to take this role.

Outcome: Carried unanimously

6. Deciding on whether or not to request compensation from the BUV for the loss of facilities hire income from the church and carpark.

Information has been circulated about the following two options, and our vote is to choose between the two.

Option A: That we request compensation from the BUV for the loss of facilities hire income.

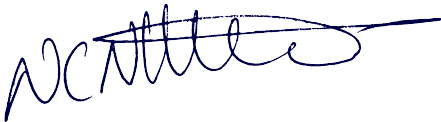
Option B: That we **do not** request compensation from the BUV for the loss of facilities hire income.

Discussion: Some compensation, not financial, was desired for the emotional loss of the church. An acknowledgment of the loss, and the process surrounding it, was suggested. Appreciation was expressed, noting the way SYCBC representatives handled the situation and the way Nathan Nettleton kept the congregation informed.

Outcome: Option B carried unanimously

7. Nathan Nettleton declared the meeting closed.

Confirmed by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. Nettleton', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Nathan Nettleton (Chair)