

**ST. MARGARET'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SILVERSTREAM**



**52ND ANNUAL REPORT
AND
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
2017-2018**

**TO BE PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
TO BE HELD IN THE CHURCH LOUNGE**

ON

**WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2018
AT 7.30 P.M.**

Please bring this report with you to the Annual Meeting

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FOREWORD

It is something of a truism to say that each year brings with it its own challenges. However, I think the last twelve months has had more than its fair share of challenges for us as a congregation. At the beginning of the year (July 2017) we were faced with having to renegotiate the contract to strengthen our buildings. Having achieved that, we then waited with hope that there would be minimal disruption to our “business as usual” activities within the buildings that were available to us. It was with a strong sense of progress that we watched the contractor arrive only for there to be a delay of a fortnight before seeing any work began. And began at finally did – in early November - following our fair.

Contractor and congregation existed side by side throughout all of Advent but then in late January the we suddenly lost access to the Hall, lounge and kitchen. Of course the church still remained off-limits. Contingency planning work that had been done very early in the whole strengthening exercise then came to the fore. With very generous help from St Patrick’s College, Silverstream primary school, (both were venues for Sunday worship); Saint Mary’s Silverstream (Girls’ Brigade) and from Zap Services Ltd (Playgroup) we endeavoured to maintain our own business as usual. Our thanks are due to Kirsten Stern, Scott Taylor-Hall, Gillian Goodman, and Pat Lerwill who oversaw our use of these temporary premises until our return in May 2018. Unfortunately our regular users were also excluded from our buildings. As a consequence two of our traditional users have not returned.

From a building perspective the year is ending on a positive note. The strengthening work now needs only the granting of compliance certificates to be completed. However, there is some finishing work that will need to be done. This includes replacing carpets, the purchase of an audio-visual system, new seating and completion of the interior decorating in the church foyer and Sunday school rooms. In addition, the organ will need to be cleaned and re-tuned. Completion of all the strengthening and associated redecorating work is dependent on what we decide to do to repair the butanol roof over the lounge, kitchen and toilet area. This roof has deteriorated to such an extent that it is no longer waterproof and repair of it is an urgent necessity.

Comment was made to me on our return to worshipping in the Hall following our time at the Saint Pat’s College chapel in May that it was like coming home after a holiday. I must say it was good to be back. There must be an element of Presbyterian stoicism that has provided some of the resilience shown during our waiting and our exile. A far greater influence is that of God’s Spirit who has supported and encouraged us during the last twelve months and will continue to do so as we move back into the church building and on into the future.

Each of us has God given skills, knowledge and abilities that we use to share the good news of Christ. The ongoing work of the congregation involves a number of people who quietly contribute to the life of the congregation. Our thanks must go to a small group who make the day to day work of the congregation go as smoothly as it does. This group includes Hazel O’Brien, whose energy and voluntary effort provides the secretarial support for the congregation and to Pat Lerwill as Acting Session Clerk. Again, I acknowledge the work that Lance Hurly does as our Treasurer. This year has made the role more demanding than usual and we are fortunate to have someone with Lance’s expertise. Thanks also to Carol McConnell, secretary to the Board of Managers and who ably manages bookings for the use of our buildings. And talking of our buildings thank you also to Peter Betteridge for his work associated with the seismic strengthening of the buildings. It was a role that was bigger than he hoped. I again acknowledge the prayerful and generous support that I have been given by members of Session and by the Board of Managers. Thank you also to those who lead and/or support the Sunday School, Youth Group, Girls’ Brigade, Fellowships and Friendship Group.

I remain privileged to be the Minister of the congregation at St Margaret’s. Despite the reduced access to our buildings we continued to offer the underlying compassion and concern for others that reflects the work of Christ in our community. That compassion and concern is not focused merely on people within St Margaret’s. We continue to actively support, for example; the Upper Hutt food bank in goods and personnel, the cardiac unit at Wellington Regional Hospital with heart cushions and by donating books to Rimutaka and Arohata prisons. We are also involved on regular monthly worship services at Heretaunga Home, and Summerset Rest Homes and Manor Park Hospital. Thank you to those who help with those services.

As a congregation we contribute to the wider church community. Along with Sian Scannell and Clive McGovern, I have attended the twice yearly gatherings held by Presbytery Central. These are opportunities to link up with other parishes within the Presbytery – and area bounded by Gisborne, Waitara, and Wellington to share experience and to learn from a variety of invited guest speakers. Clive and I also participate in the Wellington Forum which is a gathering of elders and ministers held four or five times a year. In May I was able to participate in the second Gathering for Local Ordained Ministers held in Dunedin. Thanks must go to the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership who provided funding to enable my attendance. The nature of a local

ordained ministry means that just as there is considerable diversity in ministry experience so too is the variety of backgrounds of local ordained ministers of whom there are about 20 in the country. These Gatherings are a great way of growing collegial support within the group.

Last year I observed that "Annual reports by their very nature look backwards. While it is good to record what we have done we also need to be actively thinking and praying about the future." Prayers have carried us through another year. Renewed access to all our buildings will enable us to expand our community involvement and support. That work will be significantly aided by the recruitment of a family and community worker an objective we have set ourselves for this coming year. We can be thankful for the year that has been and prayerfully hopeful for the years that are to come.

Blessings to you all.

Chris



SESSION REPORT

Members: Rev. Chris Rosanowski, Marilyn Anderson, Margaret Donaldson, Malcolm Foster, Shirley Graham (resigned during year), Jacqueline Kitchen, Pat Lerwill, Clive McGovern, Ruth Mackinder, Shirley Main, Sian Scannell, Kathy Smith, Kirstin Stern, Ray Betteridge (re-appointed May 2018)

Session is pleased to present this report on its activities and the life and work of the parish over the last year.

Sunday worship services, communion services, special services, shared morning teas, monthly lunches and youth activities are fundamental to our being church. For many, music is a special part of worship and we are grateful for the five willing people who play the organ for services every week and for the 16 singers who provided special music for Christmas.

Chris has ably juggled the calls of a minister – visiting, worship services, and serving the congregation. We thank him for his hard work. Chris also leads regular services at Manor Park, Heretaunga and Summerset Rest Homes. Many of our older members are resident at Summerset and Heretaunga, and all welcome the services. Chris is ably helped by members of our congregation with music and serving communion.

Special services included a Spring Festival service in September with collections for the food bank and for Christian World Service, a Pageant presented by the Sunday School children and a service of Lessons and Carols in December. Thank you to all who helped with these.

During Chris's absences services were led by Rev Lynn Russell or by members of Session. We thank Lynn for her contribution.

Throughout the year we have continued our fundraising efforts, both for St Margaret's and for other causes. The Electronic Recycling exercise was another success for the congregation and the environment. The Annual Plant Sale and Fair in October brought us right into the community yet again as people hunted for great bargains. We are grateful to those who took the lead in organising these events and to the myriad of people who helped make them so successful.

We continue to support a number of local and international causes including: the Upper Hutt Foodbank, Christian World Service, Family Works (by providing baking and toys at Christmas) and charities such as the Prison Fellowship and Te Omanga Hospice (by passing on goods left over from our fundraising efforts). Thank you to everyone who contributed in some way.

We have also been involved in the work of the wider church. Chris Rosanowski and Clive McGovern (our Presbytery Elder) have attended meetings of the Wellington Forum of Presbytery Central throughout the year, and other Session members have attended the Presbytery Central Gatherings. Warren Potter is a member of the Church Property Trustees, Sian Scannell and Jo Rothbaum were on the organising committee for PYM Easter Camp, and youth members and leaders have attended Easter Camp and Connect events.

Each year we are required to report the number of volunteer hours that are worked by the people of St Margaret's. Our conservative estimate is that approximately 50 volunteer workers contribute just over 100 hours each week to pastoral care covering 140 households, youth work, administrative work, and a variety of other tasks.

One person who deserves a special mention is Hazel O'Brien who, amongst other things, organises the material for screening in church and edits the newsletter. Thank you, Hazel. Finally, I am sure everyone would wish to join Session in thanking Rev. Chris Rosanowski for his ministry and leadership over the past year.

It is now five years since we moved out from the church building but this has been the year when our building project has moved forward significantly since work began in November 2017. As expected, the work has caused some disruption. At first we were able to use the hall for services. However, in January this changed and immediately new "homes" had to be found for all our activities. Neighbourly, email, facebook, landlines, bush telegraph, posters and word-of-mouth communication all ensured that most people turned up at the right places at the right time! To be recipients of so much community goodwill was humbling. We are thankful to all those who provided accommodation for us - St. Pat's College for the use of their chapel for Sunday services, Silverstream School for use of their hall, St. Mary's Anglican Church for housing Girls' Brigade, Summerset for Evening Fellowship, Zap Pest Control for their hall for Play Group, Lynn Russell and Jacqueline Kitchen, Chris Rosanowski and the Rothbaums for the use of their homes for meetings. We thank God for his guidance and strength during our time in the "wilderness". We had to find different ways to continue the real work of the church as we witnessed His presence in the community, with joy and dedication.

We acknowledge particular difficulties for Sunday School, Youth Group and the Friendship Centre whose work was most affected. Community Groups who normally used our buildings also had to find new lodgings. We especially missed the opportunity for a cuppa and catch up after services on Sunday. It was with great delight we moved back into the hall on 20th May after a mammoth cleaning effort beforehand. Research into costs of

items for the renewed building is being worked on by small groups from Session, Managers and the congregation.

In spite of working under some difficulty in reduced space, we have nevertheless continued to provide opportunities for families from the Silverstream community to join us for Messy Church, Christmas Eve picnic and Carols on the Lawn (ably led by sisters, singers and comedienne Jo Rothbaum and Marianne Cathro with Marilyn Anderson on piano), Play Group, Girls' Brigade, and the Friendship Centre. In following the way of Jesus, we endeavour to support each other and members of the community in times of difficulty. The same team effort is also evident in the Sunday School and Youth Group leadership, the numerous other groups that meet for fun and fellowship throughout the year, and the many quiet acts of kindness and caring that the people of St Margaret's do so well. Thank you to everyone who organised groups and activities, attended meetings, provided meals, hosted Sunday lunches for those living alone, provided transport to church and other places, visited those unable to attend church and prayed for those who were going through difficult times.

During the year 3 meetings entitled "Growing St. Margaret's" were held to refresh our vision for the future. One of the suggestions was for us to employ a Family Worker to better connect with families and this is being looked into. It was also considered that St. Margaret's should become a Hub for the community with a paid co-ordinator to promote the use of the buildings. This idea has been deferred until the building work is completed.

Session membership has remained largely unchanged this year. Marilyn Anderson has returned to Session but not as Session Clerk. Thanks to Malcolm Foster for his work as Acting Session Clerk for 6 months. It became confusing having the function of the Session Clerk split between three people, so Pat took over as Acting Session Clerk in February. We were sad to lose Shirley Graham from our ranks when she and Les moved to Masterton in March but were pleased to welcome Ray Betteridge back to Session in May.

As we move closer to returning to the church building we have the opportunity to remember again that the church is the people – all of us. We need to align our church to serve the present and future needs of our community, to face outwards, bringing the good news of a God who showed us how to love by sending Jesus. What started as an unwelcome upheaval has evolved into an opportunity for us to think beyond the old and familiar and look for ways to ensure that St Margaret's remains a focus of Christian love and service in the Silverstream community for many years to come.

Pat Lerwill for Session

BAPTISMS

Aliyah Anne McConnell 17 September 2017

FUNERALS

Beverley Margaret Christophersen	3 August 2017	St Margaret's*
Donald Douglas Cameron	5 October 2017	St Margaret's
Colin Henry Shields	9 November 2017	Cornwall Manor, Lower Hutt*
Jeannie Mabel Peattie	9 November 2017	Kingswood, Upper Hutt
Pauline Richardson	20 December 2017	Heretaunga Christian Centre, Upper Hutt*
Leslie John Graham QSM	27 February 2018	Harbour City Funeral Home Chapel, Upper Hutt
Reverend Ian McCallum	6 March 2018	Waiwhetu Uniting Church, Lower Hutt
Graham William (Grilly) Thomas	7 June 2018	Harbour City Funeral Home Chapel, Upper Hutt
John (Sam) Jamieson	15 June 2018	Harbour City Funeral Home Chapel, Lower Hutt

*People not actively involved in the Parish



ST. MARGARET'S FAMILY TEAM

The Family Team, consisting of representatives from Sunday School, Play Group, Girls' Brigade, Youth Group, Messy Church and Session, meets once a term. It has oversight of all young peoples' programmes. It is always exciting to hear the great things that are happening with our youth in our St Margaret's Community.

25TH HUTT VALLEY GIRLS' BRIGADE COMPANY

Highlights of the last 12 months for the 25th Hutt Valley Girls' Brigade Company include:

- Sharon McTaggart receiving her Queens Award at Government House.
- Pioneers (13-18 year olds), making soup for our St Margaret's family.
- Company wide fundraiser of selling pies and Butter Chicken Sauce with Roti. The girls and leaders selling enough pies to fundraise over \$200 for the company.

The Company has a total membership of 17; five Juniors (5-8 years), seven Seniors (9-12 years) and five Pioneers (13 years and above).

Due to renovations at St Margaret's, we spent the beginning of the year meeting at Silverstream Park until the weather got a little unpredictable. We were able to meet at St Mary's Church in Silverstream until we could go back to St Margaret's. We are incredibly grateful to St Mary's for their support.

Our Company numbers have stayed fairly static and we would love a few more girls to join. Girls' Brigade numbers nationally are dropping partly due to fewer families attending church and sports and other activities taking precedence.

We thank members of St Margaret's Church who have helped with our badge work.

Our leadership team includes:

Emma Taylor - Captain and Pioneer Leader
 Chaneen Bruckner-Iraia - Team Leader and Seniors Leader
 Gillian Goodman - Junior Leader
 Sharon McTaggart - Young Leader
 Ainsley Andrews - Awesome Helper
 Delwyn Frederikson - Admin and Helper
 Company Chaplain - Rev Chris Rosanowski
 Treasurer - Sylvia Bruckner

We are blessed with a large number of helpers (compared to other Companies in the GB Area), which makes badge planning so much easier and the odd night when one of us is feeling unwell!

The company is very appreciative of the support given by St Margaret's Church and especially that of Chris Rosanowski who attends Girls Brigade on a regular basis whether it is for a visit, badge work or devotions.

Emma Taylor, Captain

EMBARKED

Our little enterprising group of faith journeyers joined together once a month for the remainder of 2017 to look through the work of Rob Bell in a DVD series of studies call Nooma. Embarked is a home group style of worship where we explore a topic with scripture, share thoughts and prayers. Embarked will start again later this year but is taking a hiatus while our host, Lynne is doing her masters thesis work (go for it Lynne!!). Nooma - just search Nooma, Rob Bell on youtube to see for yourself.

YOUTH GROUP

2017 - July, Kate, Jo and Sian attended Connect, our annual youth leaders conference. Workshops were based around how the church is offering new learning to teens, from those that are following a journey towards a life long faith, and those that are just on the journey. They also run an excellent Warrant of Fitness training for all youth workers, from pre-school Sunday school teachers to youth workers. PYM (Presbyterian Youth Ministries) would like us all to have these workshops updated every 3 years. We all find this conference to be very rewarding, supportive and rejuvenating for our work with young people.

This past year the clientele of Youth Group has been a group of only girls, we lost one of our families who returned to the UK in November (George was our only lad!)

In time for the annual film festival which is held yearly in September, we had a sleepover with our girls and filming was done over the Saturday evening and next day. Kate kindly edited it for us. Kate also led our group to host the film festival, which was held at Knox in Lower Hutt. We put on a wicked supper and fancy dress event with the theme of 'vintage'.

In November all but a couple of the girls were preparing for NCEA exams and the whole group who are all members Anita's Dance Academy were busy preparing for a show with the studio. Sadly we had to finish early in November 2017 with family matters taking precedence for Jo and Sian.

In 2018 we started with the group on Friday night mostly being held at Jo's house, with the hope that the girls may be able to bring friends whom are not allowed to come out on Sunday. Our little group has shrunk again however, partly because of the change of day but also the younger teens coming through are going to other youth groups with their friends.

All our group went on a dance cruise this year which was exciting for them to perform at a national level of competition, we also attended a day at Easter camp as the members of youth group were performing at a dance competition locally at Easter. We all missed being with the other youth groups this year. We did catch up with the bigger collective at the regional youth service in June at Knox again, it was fun to see old friends. Why we are looking at Youth Group.

The Hutt Valley has some rather big and well staffed programmes with great activities. There has also been discussion that our group are very exclusive because they are all at the same dance studio, and new kids may not feel included.

We are in the throes of examining whether this youth group is still viable, it is a climate where youth must stay connected from a technological through to personal lives and we have been asking ourselves are we still offering this?

For the remainder of the year we are looking at moving to a model where Sian is no longer part of the leadership as she both recovers from injury and takes on her journey into ministry leadership. We are looking for Gods guidance to offer something that is needed, maybe not more games based meetings as this is already well catered for in our region. Ideas that have come through are around an intermediate aged youth programme and possibly a young adults reflection group. We are very keen to see the family worker role come to fruition to be able to move with what our community needs and be sensitive to provide what God is asking us to do.

Kate, Jo and Sian.

PLAY GROUP

St. Margaret's Play Group continues to offer Thursday sessions during term time for pre-school children and their carers. Despite having to leave the hall for 3 months this year, we have been able, with some extra effort, to continue. For some weeks during summer we met at Silverstream Park – fun in the warmth, but once the weather became erratic, Zap Pest Control in Fergusson Drive kindly offered us the use of their hall. This was a godsend, and we were very grateful for their help.

There is a lot of fun with songs, rhymes, stories, dancing and play, with children and adults making new friends in the process. With many children attending pre-school, our focus is mainly on babies up to 3 years.

The mix of cultures adds to the experience of Play Group. In spite of the lack of parking at the church, contractors' vehicles, and difficult access, numbers of children and parents continue with an average of 13 - 20 children of varying ages. Numbers fell during our time in the "wilderness", but they are building up again once we returned home.

Our team of quality helpers continues to offer much joy and help - Ainsley Andrews, Heather-Leigh Foster, Jacqueline Kitchen, Chris Scotton and drop-in grandfathers, Malcolm Foster and Chris Rosanowski. We couldn't do without them. My heartfelt thanks to them all.

Pat Lerwill co-ordinator.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School runs for the duration of the school term. We don't operate during school holidays but if a teacher is at church and we have young visitors (or some of our regular children) we make them welcome and have activities or games available.

Teaching Team

We are extremely blessed to have a wonderful pool of teachers here at St Margaret's. Each week 2 teachers are rostered on to teach together.

Sheryn Jacques - Teacher and Responsible for distributing the Material
 Delena West - Teacher
 Debbie Chote - Teacher
 Melissa Potter - Teacher
 Sandi Rothwell - Teacher
 Nicki Morrell - Teacher
 Ainsley Andrews - Teacher
 Kathy Smith - Teacher
 Rosenda Upton - Teacher and Sunday School Co-ordinator

Kathy and Ainsley attend every week to look after any pre-schoolers that may come. While we haven't had many join us over the year we are always grateful for their help throughout the year. Over the course of the year we have farewelled Trina Barr and Lelanie Konstand-d'Alebout. It was sad to say goodbye to such dedicated teachers but we are very grateful for the time and energy they put into the lessons to help make it fun for the children.

Our Youth

Over this last year our numbers have continued to fluctuate from between 2 - 10 children. We are looking forward to the employment of a family worker to help increase our numbers.

Lessons

Pat Lerwill has once again been amazing getting all the material to us. Sheryn Jacques does a fantastic job emailing all the lessons to the teachers and then teachers will liaise as to how they will deliver the message. When children come into Sunday School we start with the Lord's Prayer. This is sung as a rap with actions that the children created last year and it's a lot of fun. We acknowledge any birthday's and then read the story from our material. Previous feedback from children has indicated that they don't like worksheets. This year we have moved away from this style of teaching and have a more 'hands on' approach. The children all enjoy games, crafts and baking! So we do our best to incorporate these into their learning.

Rosenda Upton

SHARED LUNCH

On the 2nd Sunday of every month a group of about 20+ people stay after morning tea, following the service, to share a potluck lunch together. There is little consultation beforehand, and yet the variety of food is always a surprise. Sometimes the people with a sweet tooth get their wishes fulfilled as there is more dessert, and other times there are more first course dishes, but despite the variation there is always plenty to share. This time of fellowship together is important and there is always plenty of conversation and laughter. Some come regularly, and others when they can. Please join in this time of fellowship together, no matter what your age maybe and if you forget to bring a contribution to the meal, don't worry you will be guaranteed plenty to eat.

AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP

The Afternoon Fellowship meets on the 1st Wednesday at 1.30 p.m. of every month. We are a small group of older women. Anyone is welcome to join. This last year we have had a number of speakers including a relative of Jean Slyfield talking about dolls; how they came into being. Chris Scotton talked about her trip to Ireland and Scotland; Presbyterian Support provided a speaker; a Christmas lunch was held at Lynn and Jacqueline home and in February High Tea was also held at their place. Kate Kemp spoke about her time as a volunteer at Citizen Advice Bureau, and Linda Johnson spoke about her guide dog. Mother's day was the theme in May. It was really interesting that everybody talked about their mother. Some even brought photo's from 90 years back. In June Hazel O'Brien spoke about the family trip to the South Island.

We are thankful that Lynn and Jacqueline opened their home to let us have our meetings while we were not able to go into the church. Thank you all for your support.

Riek Kleinjan, Convenor

EVENING FELLOWSHIP

We have had a great variety of speakers at our monthly meetings who have taken us, through their travel talks, to many countries with photos and experiences. Also some interesting talks from our own members with their life experiences, a demonstration of flower baskets from Mitre10, with several goodies given out. We finished last year with an enjoyable meal at Te Marua Golf Club. Thanks to Summerset we were able to hold 3 meetings in their lounge when our Church lounge was out of action. This was much appreciated.

Thank you to our committee members - Adrienne Chandler who does our finance/minutes, Pam Hurly, Shirley Main, Jackie Kitchen, Ann Pemberton and especially Hazel O'Brien who is a very hard act to follow as Convenor. Thanks for your support planning meetings, taking devotions and providing supper.

This St Margaret's group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Church Lounge. It is a very friendly, supportive group and all ladies in the congregation are most welcome to come along.

Lois Rowe
Convenor

CATERING GROUP

With the closure of the buildings for part of the year, the Catering Group has done very little over the past twelve months. Few funerals were held on the premises because of the building situation, so requests for catering were limited. Thank you to Jacqueline Kitchen, Pam Hurly for their help, and also to Shirley Graham who moved away from the district during the year.

Hazel O'Brien - For the Catering Group

CARING GROUP

We have had a busy year helping a family with meals. I would like to thank The Girls' Brigade Pioneer Group for their kindness in making soup for our elderly people who I must say were delighted to receive it. They tell me that both lots were delicious and they really appreciated it.

We would like to have more helpers on the list so if you would like to help, would you please contact Anne Pemberton 567.2471.

PRAYER CHAIN

A dedicated small number of people continue to pray for those in need on a regular basis each Tuesday afternoon. Where necessary a special prayer chain may be put down at other times. For those who are unaware of how a prayer chain works, one person starts the 'ball rolling' and rings the next person on the list at a set time during the week, with the prayers for that week. This must be written down word for word so that there are no changes along the way. In turn the next person is rung, and so it goes down the 'chain'. Personnel and prayers are kept confidential to members of the chain only, and are not shared with anyone outside. Requests for prayer are not restricted to St. Margaret's members only, and names do not have to be shared if that is the wish of the contributor. If possible ask the person concerned for their permission.

Hazel O'Brien & Riek Kleinjan

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friendship Group ended last year 2017 on the 27 November with a Christmas luncheon for 17 people. Three of our members were unable to attend but the rest of us enjoyed a delicious lunch and each person was given a Santa gift by our in-house Father Christmas.

After an enforced rest at the beginning of this year due to the premises being closed for Earthquake Strengthening, we were happy to be back into the lounge on the 21 May.

Owing to ill-health, and other Monday morning commitments our numbers are fluctuating at present.

We are always happy to welcome any who would like to join with us 10.00 a.m. to noon on a Monday morning for morning tea, a chat and games of Rummikub, even if it cannot be on a regular basis. It does not matter if you have never played Rummikub as it is an easy game to learn.

For more information contact Thelma O'Connell, Shirley Main, Ruth Mackinder

CARDMAKING & SCRAPBOOKING GROUP

This small group is still meeting on the fourth (sometimes the 3rd) Sunday of each month, from 12 noon until 3.00 p.m. We are a small group – usually three, sometimes four ladies who meet in the Church Lounge and work on our cards or photo scrapbooks.

We are a friendly group, who do as much talking as working. Two of us stay after church morning tea, and have our lunch before commencing work.

The cost for the afternoon is still \$2.50 per person, and monies collected during the year goes to St. Margaret's. To promote our group, we're looking at putting on a small display in the lounge after church one Sunday, so that people can see exactly what it is we do!

Pam Hurly

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Minister	Rev Chris Rosanowski	
Chairman	Lance Hurly	
Secretary	Carol McConnell	
Treasurer	Lance Hurly	
Committee	Peter Stern	Scott Taylor-Hall
	Martin Barr	Chris Scotton
	Lin Coleman	David Coleman
	Lorna Moir	Ally Murray (left May 2018)
	Lois Rowe	

Earthquake Strengthening Project - The Contract with DAVMA Construction Ltd was signed on 20 September 2017 for \$430,000 before GST, including 12% for contingencies. Work commenced in November 2017 and whilst the Church itself was still out of bounds, we were able to use the rest of the complex until late January 2018. The builder had endeavoured to ensure access for us throughout, but the Upper Hutt City Council deemed the entire area to be a building site and we were then unable to use any of it until late May 2018. By 30 June 2018, \$399,194 had been paid for the strengthening work including permits and fees. At the time of writing, a number of tasks still need to be completed.

Plant Sale - Plant Sale day was beautiful and sunny with a steady stream of people throughout the morning. Takings on the day were \$3,449 with \$87 added later. The plants cost \$2,000 resulting in a profit of \$1,536 plus what was sold at the Fair. Thanks to Lorna Moir for all her preliminary work and for all those who helped with carrying, sorting, selling etc and cleaning up afterwards.

Fair - An absolutely beautiful day for this event which was, once again, wonderfully supported by members of the congregation and public (*who are always there early*). \$13,487 was raised on the day with \$161 in later sales. This was a tremendous achievement. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a success. Special thanks to Melissa Potter who co-ordinated the Fair for her drive and enthusiasm.

IT Recycling - An amazing result with \$1,563 raised, thanks especially to David Ross.

Use of Hall / Lounge - The period of closure of the hall/lounge mentioned above, resulted in some loss of income, and 60s Up and Weight Watchers decided not to return. Despite this, the facilities continue to be utilised by numerous church and community groups and also private functions.

Giving - The Budget for the year to 30 June 2018 approved by the congregation at the AGM was \$77,000 for Envelopes Bank APs, Cash Offerings and Donations. The actual amount contributed was \$75,949, just a little short of Budget.

L & R Snell Trust - No candidates were identified as seeking a scholarship to assist with training as a teacher or for post graduate study, and the first distribution from the Trust resulted in \$4,803 to St Margaret's and \$28,817 to Presbyterian Support Central.

Maintenance Register - Not a lot of maintenance while the restrengthening was being undertaken.

Drainage Project - The work done last year proved successful during the 2017 and 2018 winters.

Hall Roster - Many thanks to those who organise and are on the roster for setting up the hall for services on Sundays.

Recycling - We continue to do our bit for the environment. Bins for clean plastics, and paper and cardboard are used in the kitchen. The contents are taken home by members of the congregation and put out with their own recyclables.

Personal - There are so many people who work away quietly that there is a risk that we may miss someone if we name individuals. Please accept our thanks and appreciation to all who help on the various rosters, lawns, cleaning, flowers, morning teas and newsletters etc.

To Jacqueline Kitchen our envelope secretary and Kathy Smith who keeps our hall complex in top notch condition, thank you.

Finally the Board of Managers wishes to acknowledge the work of Lance Hurly for his leadership as Chairperson and Treasurer and to doing the many jobs around the church and grounds.

Carol McConnell
Secretary

ST. MARGARET'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SILVERSTREAM

Minutes of the 51st Annual Meeting of the congregation held in the church lounge on Wednesday 23rd August 2017 at 7.30 pm.

Opening: The meeting commenced with devotions lead by the Moderator, Rev Chris Rosanowski on a theme of people gathered in God's name - Matthew 18 Verses 19 and 20. Devotions concluded with prayer.

Attendance: The meeting was attended by 44 members whose names are listed at the end of these minutes.

Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from: Pat Lerwill, Helen Bassett, Marilyn Anderson, Thelma O'Connell, Ian McCallum, Margaret Parker, Morris Parker, Lynley McInnarney, Pat Rainey, Martin Barr, John Morrison, Ron Allan, Jeanette McGovern, Kate Murray, Alan Chapman, Don Cameron, Jeannie Peattie, Lyn Ritchie and Sandi Rothwell.

Minutes of the 50th Annual Meeting: Chris Rosanowski put to the members " That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 5th October 2016 as provided on pages 12 and 13 of the 51st Annual Report be taken as read and confirmed" This was then moved by Lin Coleman and seconded by Pat Christianson.

AGREED

Comment was then made by Lance Hurly regarding the reference to the honorarium agreed to be paid to the organist, John Morrison, was in actual fact placed in the organ fund for possible required maintenance in future years.

Session Report: Chris Rosanowski put to the members that the Session Report be taken as read and confirmed. This was then moved by Shirley Main and seconded by Pam Hurly.

AGREED

Reports of Church Organisations: Chris Rosanowski put to the members that the reports of the church organisations include Family Team Activities as presented in pages 6 to 10 of the Annual Report excluding the Board of Managers Report on page 10 be received. This was then moved by Christine Scotton and seconded by Nancy Weaver.

AGREED

David Ross identified that a contingency in next budget for the forthcoming year should set aside funds for a family worker. There was some discussion on the subject and it was agreed that it would be picked up later on during the meeting when we were discussing the budget.

Board of Managers Report of the attached report: Chris Rosanowski put to the members that the report of the Board of Managers be received, This was then moved by Margaret Opray and seconded by Lynn Russell.

AGREED

Lance Hurly then commented that a vote of thanks be conveyed to Carol McConnell the Secretary for the work that she has put in during the past year. Alison Murray commented that a vote of thanks be given to Lance Hurly as Chair of the Board of Managers and in his role as Treasurer of St. Margaret's.

Financial Statements 2016/17: Lance Hurly moved "That the financial accounts for the year ending 30 June 2017 as contained in pages 1 to 5 of the attached report be received". This was seconded by David Ross.

AGREED

The Treasurer, Lance Hurly, thoroughly reviewed the statement of financial performance balance sheet and notes to the financial statements for the year ended 20 June 2017. He commented that the income shown in the Statement of Financial Performance indicated that our income was below our budget by \$4,202 and our fund raising analysis indicated a shortfall of \$9,490 over the previous years performance.

The treasurer went on to talk about the Expenses which totalled \$123,296 (up from \$120,938 the previous year) and were less than had been budgeted.

All figures were inclusive of GST which is usually subject to a refund. Particular matters relating to Expenses were:

- PCANZ Levy was greater than anticipated by \$1,233 for the year.

- Maintenance has been put on hold due to the earthquake strengthening having not been undertaken to date and that the only significant expenditure was for the drainage with accompanying soak pits.

The bottom line was a surplus of \$338 for the year ended 30 June 2017.

The meeting was advised that the Financial Statements had been reviewed.

Budget for 2017/18: Lance Hurly presented the budget for 2017/18 and in so doing drew attention to the notes preceding and following the details of the budget in the Annual Report. Lance also stated that corrections were required relating to the years stated in pages 1 and 2 but that subject to these changes would move "That the 2017/2018 budget as proposed be adopted." This was seconded by Ray Betteridge. The motion was

AGREED

In speaking to the budget Lance Hurly pointed out finances needed to increase to operate the church in surplus some thoughts to help this are:

- Set a target of \$20,000 for the fair.
- Increase envelope giving to \$65,000. The reality of our situation is that St. Margaret's is struggling we do not operate a stewardship programme so rely on people giving what they can in their collection either by envelopes or loose change. Lance suggested that our financial situation be put in the Church Newsletter so that the wider congregation are aware of where we are placed.

Appointment of a Reviewer: Lane Hurly moved, seconded by Anne Pemberton "That Gavin Malcolmson be appointed as Reviewer" and that a vote of thanks be given.

AGREED

Election of members of the Board of Managers: Delena West moved seconded by Sian Scannell "That the following people be appointed to the Board of Managers for the 2017/18 year:" Carol McConnell, Martin Barr, Peter Stern, Lin and David Coleman, Scott Taylor-Hall, Alison Murray, Chris Scotton, Lorna Moir, Lois Rowe and Lance Hurly

and: "That the Board of Managers be given the power to co-opt additional members during the year." Moved by David Ross and seconded by Hazel O'Brien.

AGREED

General Business:

- **Pinehaven School:** There was protracted discussion regarding the donation to the religious programme which takes place at Pinehaven school on a weekly basis which is being financially supported to a maximum of \$1,000 yearly. It was agreed after much discussion that Session request an annual report from the school to coincide with St. Margaret's Annual General Meeting. It was also requested that we be given information as to what material was being used, how it was being used, how many attended and when the programme was being held.

A motion was then presented by Chris Rosanowski as follows:

That Session investigate what material and under what teaching environment the work is being done at Pinehaven School, and that an appropriate report be available every year prior to the annual general meeting

Moved by David Ross and seconded by Ray Betteridge.

AGREED

- **Family Worker:** There was much discussion regarding the appointment of a family worker even to the extent of the position title and that provision be made to include an additional \$20,000 in the budget as a token amount towards the appointment of someone.

It was moved that \$20,000 be budgeted for the appointment of a family and community worker during the year.

The motion was moved by David Ross and seconded by Ray Betteridge

AGREED

- **Food Bank:** Lance Hurly gave his thanks to the congregation for their continued support to the Foodbank who were grateful for all the donations given by St Margaret's Parish.

- Delena West spoke to the meeting on behalf of the Families Team in regard to new families at the church both adults and children who had moved on from the parish of St. Margaret's. Delena expressed their concerns about not feeling welcome, being pushed aside and finding it hard to fit in. Her desire was for us to be more patient and conscious of each others feelings.
- Chris Rosanowski expressed a vote of thanks to Hazel O'Brien for all the work she undertakes for the parish of St. Margaret's.
- Jacqueline Kitchen expressed vote of thanks to Chris Rosanowski for the work he has undertaken in the parish over the last 12 months.

The meeting closed with the saying of Grace at 9.09 pm.

ATTENDANCE REGISTER
St Margaret's Annual Meeting - 23 August 2017

Joyce Castle
Margaret Opray
Anne Pemberton
Riek Kleinjan
Jean Rothwell
Lynn Russell
Trevor English
Willem Strydom
Malcolm Foster
Alison Murray
Lorna Moir
Kirstin Stern
Lois Rowe
Kathy Smith
Lin Coleman

Lance Hurly
Pam Hurly
Jacqueline Kitchen
Chris Rosanowski
Shirley Main
Ruth Mackinder
Christine Scotton
Clive McGovern
Delena West
Priscilla Ross
Loretta Hastie
Peter Stern
Kate Kemp
Nancy Weaver
Lorna Gandy

Michael O'Brien
Hazel O'Brien
Peter Ritchie
Nola Chapman
Pat Christianson
Sian Scannell
Stephen Fletcher
Heather-Lee Foster
Alison McLeod-Jones
David Ross
Ray Betteridge
Lynne O'Brien
Ainsley Andrews
Dave Coleman

**Minutes of Special Congregational Meeting held at
St Margaret's Church, Silverstream on Sunday, 2 July 2017**

Apologies: Marilyn and Colin Anderson, Adrienne Chandler, Chris Scotton, Alison McLeod-Jones, Ray and Tasi Betteridge, Shirley and Les Graham, Shirley Harris.

Present: 54 members.

Motion: *“that approval to strengthen the church buildings and the installation of a fire alarm system at St. Margaret's, Silverstream be obtained from the Church Property Trustees through Presbytery Central on the basis of accepting tenders at an estimated GST exclusive cost of \$430,000 which includes a 12% contingency.”*

Moved: Rev. Chris Rosanowski

Seconded: Peter Ritchie

Discussion

Points Needing Clarification:

- Two quotes were sought and the second was considerably more than the one for which approval is being sought.
- The hall and the church will be strengthened; the church roof will be replaced; the toilets will be upgraded; a fire alarm system will be installed.
- The manse sale fund will cover the cost of the above work and some refurbishing; some furnishing will not be covered by the quote.

A concern was expressed about the commitment of the parish to the future viability of the church. An opinion was expressed that the congregation may well increase when the building is completed. The possibility of hidden costs is covered by the 12% contingency. A point was made that the capital fund is not available to us for anything other than the building so there is no advantage to us in not going ahead. It was pointed out that by going ahead with the building we are making a commitment to the ongoing future of the church. The motion was put by Chris and agreed unanimously.

Signed:

Date: