

Minutes for Australasian Christadelphian Bible School Committee Meeting

Saturday May 14 – Campsie Christadelphian Hall

Present: Brothers. Jim Cowie, John King, John Mansfield, Simeon Mansfield, Frank Olsen and Tim Porter.

Apologies: Bro John Fitzgerald

Meeting opened with Prayer by Meeting chair – Bro Simeon Mansfield (Secretary)
Reading of Colossians 1 was followed by discussion

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with minor change

Moved: Bro Jim Cowie

Seconded: Bro Tim Porter

1. Acceptance of resignation of Bro Frank – The committee reluctantly accepted the resignation of Bro Frank, due to personal reasons. It was agreed to seek a replacement from a Sydney Brother, with discussions continuing with the committee's preferred candidate. Given the delay in enacting the replacement it was proposed to seek a new role of Ex Officio Chairman

2. Agreement for new role of Ex Officio Chairman – Unanimous support for the role of Ex Officio Chairman and the filling of the role by Bro Frank Olsen. With his agreement this was carried and Bro Frank took the role of chair of the meeting. The role will direct the committee and have input but will not be a voting position, or formally part of the committee. Any matter raised with Bro Frank will be passed to an appropriate committee member.

3. A review of the December and April schools was held and discussion around the speaker's suggestions was held. It was agreed to adopt the following items

- a. To improve visibility of the audiovisuals we utilize the existing screen, set flat on the front wall in the Auditorium and look at using an LCD screen in the cry room
 - b. For Sisters and Brothers afternoons we ask teenagers for questions, questions be answered in order of their universal appeal and relevance to the audience and speakers are requested to keep answers succinct – 2 – 3 minutes maximum
 - c. Agreed to draw up a guidelines for speakers
 - d. 5 – 12 children to stay in area of Galilee or the quadrangle at end of night session until parents are out of Auditorium
4. A full and detailed financial statement for the December school was prepared by Bro John Fitzgerald. The report contained detailed income and expenditure covering all

items. The report was accepted unanimously and it was agreed that the report was exactly what was required. A small loan was required to cover the shortfall in recorded for the school.

5. A discussion around the Planning for Spring School 2011 was held and the programme including various roles was agreed
6. The publicity for all schools was discussed and it was agreed by the committee that the role of publicity – held by Bro. Tim Porter – was
 - i) to ensure that we had an ad in every lampstand relating to the next Bible school
 - ii) such other publicity as is seen as necessary
 - iii) hold the delegated authority of the committee in matters of publicity
 - iv) provide publicity to Ecclesia's
 - v) approve all communication of the committee which could be construed to be, or is publicity

It was agreed that the sending of bulletins would continue by Brother John Mansfield, however in keeping with point v above would be sent to Bro Tim for approval.

7. Discussion regarding the use of Lampstand for publicity was discussed and it was agreed to send a letter with specific requests around our requirements – this letter is to be formulated by Bro Tim and sent around for input and approval
8. Discussion around Committee ways of working together to enhance the benefits was held and it was agreed to investigate setting up phone conferences as appropriate.
9. Policy on use of Ensuite Rooms – due to some concerns around the allocation and pressure for obtaining an ensuite room it was agreed that the rooms would be allocated on the following basis
 - for genuine medical reason – a minimum rate is to be set and will apply
 - for families of 6
 - those who give of their time, during the school or prior to or after the school
 - Regulars should not be able to have an ensuite every school
 - The overall aim of all accommodation is to maximise the numbers who can attend the school.
10. The dates of schools to end of 2015 were agreed and these are to be advised to Ecclesias and included on the web site
11. The Speaking programme and Future Speakers were discussed and finalised to the end of 2015, these brothers are to be asked where appropriate

12. It was agreed to ask 20 Ecclesias to act as Sponsoring Ecclesia for future years, Brother Simeon to send letters of request and include CD of information including the presentation put together by Bro Tim and Sis Amanda Porter

13. Tax exempt status has been applied for

14. It was agreed to the establishment of Bank Account and fund raising strategy

- Proposal for establishment of 2 funds

- support for fees assistance for those requiring relief

- building fund

- It was agreed to advise Ecclesias of existence of funds and requests for donations

15. Discussion was held around the operation of the Dining Room, it was agreed unanimously that the current washing up arrangements serve the school better than any alternative, as do the service of the meals. Also a further consideration regarding the additional costs to provide differing services in each area could not be entertained due to the current deficits we are operating with. It was agreed therefore that this idea was not supported by the committee and discussion around this matter was not to be carried forward at the Bible Schools.

Next Meeting: Oct 2011

The meeting closed with Prayer