

Our Church's Mission Statement:
To know Christ and to make Him known as Creator, Saviour and coming King,
by serving all the people of this community

Message from our Pastor

I would like to thank all of you for the way in which you participated in the Business Meeting of 11 May. Such times challenge our characters and our Christian attitude. Such appointments also give us the opportunity to reflect on our actions that lead up to those appointments and what happens afterwards. I hope that you will use this opportunity to reflect in prayer.

Thank you very much to every member who prayed for this meeting. I ask that you will continue to place this development project before the Lord in prayer. As the body of Christ it should be our desire that whatever the outcome is, that it is directed by Him.

This past Thursday the Church Board met and I shared the following three verses with them. It has been an encouragement to me this week:

*This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him, And saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them .
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!*

Church Board Action

The Church Board met on Thursday, 15 May and reflected on the Business Meeting and the way forward. The unanimous vote in favour of Cosmur Construction gave the Church Board the confidence to approach Cosmur and indicate our intent on using them in the future as our preferred builders. The Church Board also voted the following process going forward.

- a. That an Advisory Group be appointed. This Group to comprise of:
The Contractor
1x Development Committee Member
3x Other Church Members
- b. This Advisory Group will hold several open sessions (dates to be provided) where church members can come and give their comments and suggestions on the amended design as voted by the Business Meeting. They can also learn more detail about the amended project and walk through the plans.
- c. That the conclusion of these open sessions be presented to the Church Board at the earliest possible time in order for the Church Board to advise the Church as to a way forward to see the development project come to fruition.
- d. In the meantime the Church Board will also take the time to explain the full financial implications of the development project and the decision made at the Business Meeting of May 11th, 2014.

Report in brief of the Business Meeting held on Sunday May 11th

The Church Board would like to thank all the church members who made the effort to attend the Business Meeting. It was the biggest representation of the church for a very long time indicating the importance of the discussion and decisions that had to be made.

The Development Committee completed the work that the church instructed them to do. That was to bring the development project that was presented to the Business Meeting to a point where it would be technically ready for commencement. This was achieved with a lot of hard work and the Church is indebted to the time that this committee put in to bring the final presentation to the church.

Although the development project involved a lot of detail the main changes, impacts and challenges were presented to the church. The discussion it seems focused on four specific aspects: the size of the Williams Hall; the position of the lift; the loss of the balconies with the impact on seating; and the overall cost plan.

After much time was given to questions and comments the Business Meeting first voted two amendments to the design plans that were presented. A) Voted to retain or increase the current size of the Williams Hall. B) Voted to relocate the position of the lift to the North Porch. Other comments made after these amendments were about the possible retention or increase of balconies that were not on the current design and the possibility of more storage space for the Williams Hall.

After these amendments were voted and further comments were made the Business Meeting was asked to vote on the following recommendation: *The Business Meeting accepts the recommendation from the Church Board to proceed with the Development Project based on the voted amendments to the architectural drawings regarding the Williams Hall and the position of the lift. That these amendments be made as soon as possible and if they do not increase the cost plan as presented or fall within the contingency provided that the project commence immediately. If the costs of the amendments cannot be accommodated within the provided contingency the cost plan be brought back to a Business Meeting as soon as possible for consideration*

To this motion, 63 voted in favour and 63 voted against. The result was that the development project was sent back to the Church Board, to reconsider the amendments voted as well as the comments raised by the Business Meeting.