

# MINUTES OF THE TSCF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## HELD ON SATURDAY, 27 JULY 2024 AT 4PM ON ZOOM



### **Present (Voting):**

#### **TSCF Board:**

Janice Cheng	Interim Chair
Rachal Aspinall	Member
Tom Broughton	Member
Ben Carswell	National Director

#### **TSCF Vice Presidents:**

Hilary Hague; Geoff Troughton; Animoa Goold; Rubee Yee

#### **Students:**

Selina Chan	Auckland OCF
Erin Chua	Auckland OCF
Luyanda Ngwenya	AUT CF (City)
Fern McClean	AUT CF (South)
Jemimah Curtis	Connect - Christians at Unitec (Mt Albert)
Lucia Lagos	Connect - Christians at Unitec (Waitakere)
Liam Hunter	LUCF
Sam Dickson	LUCF
Riana Shaw	Otago Christian Fellowship
Pempho Chamdimba	TSCF Hamilton
Timothy Cahill	TSCF Hamilton
Andzile Mavuso	TSCF Massey Albany
Chris Conway	TSCF Massey Albany
Travis Nelson	TSCF Tauranga
Olivia Boyd	TSCF Tauranga
Nick Ryan	UCCU
Emilie Boeke	UCCU
Sarah Marais	UoA CU
Oliva Nuysink	UoA CU
Nathanael Coneglan	Veritas Law
Josiah Trusty	Veritas Law

### **Present (Observing):**

#### **TSCF Staff:**

Caitlin Ormiston	Wellington
Wilma Reinders	Wellington
Mike Doragh	Wellington
Kim Shaw	Wellington
Mark Santich	Christchurch
Tim Hodge	Christchurch
Chris Hay	Lincoln
Kate McClelland	Lincoln

Lance Knight	Auckland
Katie Knight	Auckland
Josh Irving	Auckland
Dave Hodgkinson	Tauranga
Ruth Hicks	Ecuador

#### **Students:**

James Hulm	TSCF Massey Albany
Jayden Cantwell	TSCF Tauranga
Gabby Thomas	UCCU
Danielle Rowse	UoA CU

#### **Supporters:**

Dennis Fountain; Grace Nelson; Desiree Baptista; Reul Baptista; Lesley & Peter Anderson; Peter & Jessica Crothall; Michael Drake; Josue Olmeda; Rev Keri-Ann Hokianga; Peter Lineham; Lily S; Bruce Nicholls; Laura Broughton; Paul Sewell; Jen Carswell; Derek Tovey; Kuswandi Wangidjaja; David Walter

## **1. Welcome and Prayer.**

Janice Cheng (Interim Chair) and Ben Carswell (National Director) welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through some housekeeping etiquette. Dennis Fountain then opened the meeting in prayer.

## **2. Bible Reading**

Emilie Boeke (UCCU) read from 1 Corinthians 17:2-5.

## **3. Apologies**

Apologies were received from: Paul Trebilco (Board Member); Roger Moses (Board Member); Paul Windsor (Board Member); Andrew Becroft (President); Stuart Lange (Vice President); Isobel Hollick (Supporter); Andrew & Yvette Butcher (Supporter); Cassells & Hazel Morell (Supporter); Havell Stephen-Smith (Supporter); Agness Mweempwa (Supporter); Humphrey & Lois Babbage (Supporters); Janis Cusack (Supporter).

## **4. Basis of Belief**

Luyanda Ngwenya (AUTCF) read out the Basis of Belief.

## **5. Minutes and Matters arising from the 2023 AGM**

No corrections were received.

**Motion 1:** Agree that the minutes of the 2023 AGM are a true and accurate record.

**Moved:** Tom Broughton

**Seconded:** Rachal Aspinall

Motion Carried through online voting system StrawPoll.

## **6. National Directors Report**

What is the point of an AGM? It enables TSCF to **S.T.O.P.** and to take stock, reflect, report and ready us for the future, reminding ourselves of who we are, what we do and why we do it. The 2023 TSCF Annual Review entitled “An Army of the Ordinary” has recently gone to print. You are encouraged to read it prayerfully, giving thanks for what God has done. A reminder from our earlier Bible reading about the weakness of the messenger – we don’t gather today to boast – but rather to proclaim our great and mighty God. We are an army of the ordinary.

Ben referenced using STOP to help children in prayer.

**S** = Sorry – our communications were more sporadic than we would have liked. Our National Office faced considerable disruption due to flooding which meant events have influenced our work. Thank you to Scripture Union for their help as they were even more affected by the flood than TSCF.

**T** = Thank You - *Thank You* to every person involved in the TSCF movement. We have had a very encouraging year where things are beginning to feel back to normal. A record number of students attended our annual Summit conference in Lakeland Park, Queenstown where the studies were on “*Meeting Jesus in Mark’s Gospel*”. It was encouraging to see many unbelievers attend. *Thank You* to Keri-Ann Hokianga for joining us. *Thank you* for the many students who shared their stories of sharing the gospel with their friends – you never know how God may be using you in your weakness. *Thank you* to those who provided support to enable students to attend the conference. *Thank you* for those who support us through prayer and financially. We invite and encourage everyone to give to the core funds of TSCF which will enable the wider work of TSCF to grow. *Thank you* to the wider staff team and to all the other staff and associates who have moved on from TSCF. *Thank you* to all the Board members, some of whom have struggled with health issues this year, and for those who have stepped in to assist. *Thank you* to Roger Moses who has served for many years on the Board and has now stepped down.

This means we now have space for two elected members on the Board. Therefore, we would like to appoint Paul Trebilco and Rachel Aspinall to the Board which means they will be changing from co-opted members to appointed members.

**Motion 2a:** To appoint Paul Trebilco and Rachal Aspinall to the Board.

**Moved:** Nick Ryan (UC CU)

**Seconded:** Tom Broughton

Motion Carried through online voting system StrawPoll.

**Motion 2b:** To appoint Rachal to the role of Treasurer.

**Moved:** Liam Hunter (Lincoln)

**Seconded:** Riana Shaw (Otago)

Motion Carried through online voting system StrawPoll.

Earlier this year Dennis stepped down from the Board. *Thank you* to Dennis who has served for the last 6 decades! Our gratitude and sincere thanks to him. *Thank you* to our VP & Presidents, particularly Jonathan Boston & Geoff Troughton who are both stepping down. We remember fondly, Efeso Collins, who was a huge part of TSCF who was called home earlier this year.

**Motion 3:** To appoint Dennis Fountain as a TSCF Vice President.

**Moved:** Sarah Marais (UoA CU)

**Seconded:** Sam Dickson (LUCF)

Motion Carried through online voting system StrawPoll.

**O** = Others – We are passionately committed to Global Reach. It will be great to have global TSCF links at our IFES South Pacific Staff Training happening later in the year.

**P** = Pray for: Recruitment – Manawatu & Wellington in particular. Relocation – actively exploring another location due to various challenges with our current building. Relationships – building bridges wherever we can so we can partner together for the Lord’s work.

## 7. Finance Report

Caitlin Ormiston introduced herself as the Chief Operating Officer for TSCF. She delivered a presentation based off the Financial Report provided in the 2023 Annual Review [here](#).

2023 finished with a small surplus – this is largely through maintaining tight expenditure constraints. TSCF accounts are reviewed by an independent auditor and we are pleased to share that the 2023 financial year produced a clean audit - no material concerns were raised.

In 2023 we received an income of approx. \$1.67 million in donations, rents and events revenue. Around \$25k were in the form of donations specifically set aside for The Well (residential building in Lincoln).

This has been set aside to reduce our mortgage on that property. Of the remaining income, 93% of that is from generous donations. Around 6% of our revenue came from tenancies (rental in Wellington and The Well). Expenses: \$1.57m - almost 75% of this went directly into ministry expenses – supporting our staff team across the country. A further 17% was spent on our leadership, governance and resourcing which ensures good stewardship of our resources, and also covers working with our Board and leadership to ensure we remain compliant with the laws of NZ, i.e. reviewing our Constitution to ensure we remain a registered incorporated society. The remainder of our costs went into covering events (i.e. Summit and World Assembly). We finished the year with an operating surplus of ~\$106k which was carried over into 1 January 2024.

The balance sheet presents a full picture of our available cash. This is balanced against our financial obligations. One aspect of this was our mortgage portion of our liabilities. Because of donations received in 2022, we were able to reduce our mortgage in 2023 by more than \$100k. With regular payments, this reduced our mortgage to \$356k at the end of 2023. This then helps us by being able to put any returns on the Well directly back into ministry which is very encouraging.

Of almost \$3m total assets, we have \$2.3m deployed in property and equipment to further our long-term ministry. Our available cash is around \$660k which helps us to meet our immediate financial obligations of \$200k. This allows us to run for approximately 3 months of day-to-day ministry. This position was attained due to constraining expenditure. Whilst just over \$100k surplus may seem encouraging and the balance sheet does show that we can take some confidence in the 3-month window – it doesn't show how expenses are kept extremely tight in order to keep to the budget. In 2023 we did not meet our growth targets, which is why we managed to finish with a small surplus. We are functioning in an economy where the cost of living keeps increasing. Our core giving has been in a decline over the last number of years, and in 2024 that decline has continued more substantially which is unsustainable in the long-term. We need this to change if we want to meet our strategic goals.

We invite you to firstly pray with us for the Lord to provide so we can grow our impact, and secondly how you may be able to give financially, particularly to Core funds. TSCF's funding is almost entirely through the generosity of churches and many faithful and sacrificial individuals walking alongside us and partnering with us in this work – thank you!

**Motion Four:** That the audited financial accounts for 2023 be accepted as true and accurate.

**Moved:** Rachal Aspinall

**Seconded:** Tom Broughton

Motion Carried through online voting system StrawPoll.

## 8. Other business

There are changes to the Incorporated Societies Act which effects TSCF. Therefore, the Constitution will need to be updated. We will look to bring these proposed changes to the Constitution at the next AGM.

The meeting closed in prayer by Rev Keri-Ann Hokianga at 5.05 pm.

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