

FRIENDS OF SABEEL AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at St George's Anglican Church, Windsor on Tuesday, 25 October 2005

Opening

The meeting was opened by the Revd Dr Ray Barraclough at 5.00pm.

Attendance

Seventeen members were present, as listed in the attendance sheet.

Apologies

Apologies had been received from Sr Gillian SSA, Nancy Clements, Audrey Souter-Robertson and John Roberts.

Guest Speaker

Rev Tim Costello, CEO of World Vision Australia and a Patron of Friends of Sabeel Australia spoke of his own journey from an implicit Christian Zionist perspective to a view that took seriously both the Palestinian struggle for justice and the Jewish need for a national homeland to guarantee their long term sense of security. At the end of his address, Tim responded to questions from the floor.

Minutes of the 2004 Annual General Meeting.

The minutes of the 2004 Annual General Meeting were confirmed. Moved Greg Jenks, seconded Bill Watson. *Carried.*

President's Report

The Revd Dr Ray Barraclough presented his report. A copy of his report is attached to these minutes. The report was accepted on the motion of Ray Barraclough, seconded John Woodley. *Carried.*

Financial Report

Mrs Helen Dewar tabled the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2005 and gave a verbal report on the state of the finances. The report was adopted on the motion of Helen Dewar, seconded Dorothy Barraclough. *Carried.*

Auditor's Report

Mrs Helen Dewar tabled the report from the auditor. The report was adopted on the motion of Helen Dewar, seconded Ray Barraclough. *Carried.*

Election of the Committee of Management

The following persons were elected unopposed:

President:

The Revd Dr Gregory C. Jenks (moved Dorothy Barraclough, seconded Eve James)

Vice-President:

The Revd Dr Ray Barraclough (moved Greg Jenks, seconded John Woodley)

Secretary:

Dr John Roberts (moved Ray Barraclough, seconded Helen Dewar)

Treasurer:

Mrs Helen Dewar (moved Ray Barraclough, seconded John Woodley)

Auditor

Mr Peter Martin of P.J. Martin & Co was appointed auditor on the motion of Greg Jenks, seconded Eve James.

General Business

Nazareth Sabeel Branch

The Revd Dr Gregory Jenks reported on arrangements being made for Friends of Sabeel Australia to establish a partnership with the Nazareth branch of the Sabeel Center.

Conference of Morally Responsible Investment

The Revd Dr Ray Barraclough reported on the imminent conference on the topic of MRI, being sponsored by the Canadian Friends of Sabeel.

Promotion of Sabeel among the Churches

Mr Khalil Hamdan spoke of the need for Sabeel members to take opportunities to write letters to church newspapers, and more generally to make members and clergy aware of the work of the Sabeel Center.

Close

The meeting was closed with prayer, led by the Revd Dr Ray Barraclough, at 6.25pm.

Confirmed: _____