

# FRIENDS OF SABEEL AUSTRALIA Inc.

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

St Francis' Theological College, Milton on Friday, 6 October 2006

### Acknowledgement

The meeting began at 7.30pm with an acknowledgement of the traditional owners of the land.

### Opening Prayer

A prayer was offered by the Revd Dr Greg Jenks.

### Attendance

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

### Apologies

Apologies had been received from Sean Cleary, Helen Dewar, Glynthea Finger, Helen O'Hagan, Brian Hughes, Mary Jackson, Betty Patterson, Noel Preston, John Stafford & Lorraine Stafford.

### Minutes of the 2005 Annual General Meeting.

The minutes of the 2005 Annual General Meeting were confirmed. Moved Dorothy Barraclough, seconded Anne Lanham. *Carried.*

### President's Report

Greg Jenks presented this report. A copy is attached to these minutes. The report was accepted on the motion of Greg Jenks, seconded John Roberts. *Carried.*

### Financial Report

In the absence of the Treasurer, Greg Jenks tabled the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2006 and gave a verbal report on the state of the finances. The report was adopted on the motion of Ray Barraclough, seconded John Roberts. *Carried.*

### Auditor's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer, Greg Jenks tabled the report from the auditor. The report was adopted on the motion of Greg Jenks, seconded Eve James. *Carried.*

### Election of the Management Committee

The following persons were elected unopposed:

#### *President:*

The Revd Dr Gregory C. Jenks (moved Ray Barraclough, seconded Anne Lanham)

#### *Vice-President:*

The Revd Dr Ray Barraclough (moved Eve James, seconded Gwenneth Roberts)

#### *Secretary:*

Dr John Roberts (moved Anne Dawson, seconded Dorothy Barraclough)

As there was no nomination for the position of Treasurer, this was referred to the Management Committee with the request that denominational diversity and gender balance be among the criteria in co-opting a person to undertake this role.

### **Auditor**

Mr Peter Martin of P.J. Martin & Co was appointed auditor on the motion Ray Barraclough, seconded John Roberts.

### **General Business**

#### *Sabeel Conference 2006*

Ray Barraclough drew attention to the Management Committee's previous decision to underwrite the costs of Greg Jenks attending the Sabeel Conference in November 2006. The cost is estimated to be around \$4,000. General funds and donations for this purpose leave a shortfall of around \$1,700 at the present time.

Various suggestions for raising funds were discussed and will be considered by the Management Committee.

It was agreed that members of Friends of Sabeel Australia Inc be invited to contribute by donation or by interest-free loans to meet the shortfall of \$1,700 required to meet the costs of sending a representative to the Sixth International Sabeel Conference (2–9 November 2006). Moved Ray Barraclough, seconded Gwenneth Roberts. *Carried.*

It was noted that a meeting is planned for Friday, 24 November 2006 for Greg Jenks to report to Sabeel members in SE Queensland on the conference. Details will be sent to all members.

#### *Film Screenings*

In view of the success of the Paradise Now film screening in February 2006, it was suggested that the Committee sponsor other events to raise awareness of Palestinian culture and generate income.

#### *Palestinian Crafts*

Doug Golding expressed interest in securing Palestinian craft items for sale through churches to raise awareness of Palestinian issues and generate income for the Sabeel Center.

### **Close**

The meeting was closed with prayer, led by the Revd Dr Greg Jenks at 8.20pm.

### **Guest Speaker**

Dr Jenny Te Paa from St John's Theological College in Auckland spoke about her work with the Anglican Peace and Justice Network and the underlying issues of engagement in the quest for justice and peace.

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