

Catholic Chinese Community of Melbourne (CCCM)

Minutes of CCCM Annual General Meeting, 26 September 2021.

Date: 26 September 2021 at 2:00 pm

Venue: Zoom meeting

Committee Members Present: Fr. James Areechira, Anthony Li, Emerald Siu, Gloria Ng, Adrian Leung, Kenneth Ng, Anastasia Chan and Alice Augusto

Zoom Administrator/MC: Eva Chan

No. of members present: 68

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1	OPENING PRAYER AND START OF THE MEETING: The meeting started at 2:09 pm. Anthony Li led the opening prayer by reading a scripture from the Acts of the Apostles and asked the Holy Spirit to be among us and guide us, especially for those to be elected as the new ExCo members. We are called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world and may we act as a true witness for God's glory and His Almighty deeds. We then sang the song, "Come Holy Spirit" to conclude the opening prayer.
2	CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES: a) Minutes of 2020 Annual General Meeting held on 29 November 2020 were passed with no amendment. b) It was moved by Lucy Yuen and seconded by Stephen Ma.
3	PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2020-2021: a) The President's report was sent to members before the meeting. Anthony presented the report in the meeting. For details, please refer to the President's report. b) There were no questions on the report.
4	PASTORAL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2021: a) Adrian has started to be the PC Chairperson 7 months ago. He presented the PC annual report which was sent to members before the meeting. This year the theme is 'Change'. Our community and leaders are committed to change from a maintenance church to a missionary church. For details, please refer to the report. b) All sub-group leaders have submitted their annual reports which were sent to members before the meeting. For details, please refer to their reports.
5	2020-2021 FINANCIAL REPORT: a) Gloria stated that the Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2021 was presented in the ExCo meeting. A certificate was shown to the members on the Zoom screen that it is a true and fair view of the finance report. b) Gloria presented the Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2021: i) Total income: \$87,752. ii) Total expense: \$97,257.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii) There was a deficit of \$9,505. iv) Total Assets: \$127,508. c) Please refer to the 2020-2021 Financial Report for more details. d) Francis Ma asked Gloria to explain why the income has dropped. Gloria stated that the income has dropped from last year \$18,000 to this year \$8,000 is mainly due to (1) less bank interests; (2) no OLCCC contribution; and (3) donation from members has dropped 25% because of Covid. e) Paul Ting commented that some members are not familiar with online donation and suggested that members need to be reminded to donate when they return to church in person. f) Stephen Ma had a query on the Liability. Gloria replied that it was not an operating revenue when we had the fundraising event. However, it is reserved for future use when needed. g) Lucy Yuen added that the decrease in donation is also affected by the decrease in the number of mass attendees. h) As there were no further questions, the Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2021 was passed with no amendment. It was moved by Alice Augusto and seconded by Alfred Ho.
6	<p>5-YEAR PLAN UPDATE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Name Tag Sunday – reported by Anthony. This event has been increased from once a month to twice a month, which is on every 2nd and 4th Sunday. Hopefully, after Covid when the restriction is eased off, Name Tag Sunday will be increased to every Sunday and members will be recommended to greet each other by their names. b) A meal A month – reported by Katrina Kong. There were 45 meal gatherings from February to September 2021. Everyone is encouraged to continue inviting others to have ‘A meal A month’ and send photographs to Katrina. c) 2021 is the year of fellowship and 2022 will be the year of discipleship. d) Leaders Development and Evangelisation – reported by Adrian Leung. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) We have Leaders Hangout which happens once a month. This is a good means for supporting one another, to share experiences and to have better communication among leaders. (ii) There is a WhatsApp group for leaders to learn from one another after sharing the feedback from listening to the podcasts. (iii) APEST which is the Personal Vocational Assessment is conducted so that leaders get to understand themselves more and it enables them to perform better in the community. (iv) The first Alpha course will start next week. This is a good way to evangelise. We can invite people around us to join, and to get to know our community.
7	<p>ELECTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The election took place at 3:45 pm. There is a brief introduction from each candidate before the voting. b) Anthony thanked the present ExCo members for their support and contribution. He also thanked the candidates for their generosity to accept their new posts and to make use of their gifts to serve God. He hopes that in the coming 2 years, there will be more new blood to join them to serve the community.

	<p>c) Anthony stated that as there is no nominee for the post of the Activity Coordinator, therefore in the future when there is an activity, a group of helpers will be invited to organise the activity.</p> <p>d) There is a detailed explanation on 'how to vote' on Zoom from Dominic Ma who conducts the voting and counting procedure.</p> <p>e) While waiting for the votes to be counted, the next item on the agenda is to be discussed.</p>
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8	<p>OPEN FORUM:</p> <p>a) Anthony first answered the questions that were submitted before the meeting.</p> <p>(i) There was a question asking how our community could be run smoothly in the future. Anthony answered by saying firstly due to Covid, we need to run it according to the restrictions and Government rules. If we cannot run it face to face, we need to use social media to keep us connected, such as having mass on Zoom. Secondly, we need to have a better balance in our income and expense. Thirdly, the community will be run based on the 5-year plan. It is recommended to encourage the young people to participate more in the leadership. Fourthly, there is likely to have a trend of more new migrants from overseas. If we could make use of this and promote our culture, our community will grow immensely. Finally, as Fr James said, 'We are one body', unity within the community is very important.</p> <p>(ii) Lucia Yuen asked Derek Luh if he will continue in providing the library service. Derek is also a core member in the Family and Marriage Group. Derek replied by saying if he is elected as the Vice President, he will try his best to fulfil all the tasks he has been given and he believes that the Holy Spirit will guide him in all his work.</p> <p>(iii) Lucy Yuen sincerely thanked the ExCo members for their hard work in the past 2 years and encouraged the new ExCo team to serve the community. She also added that since there is less donation due to less mass attendees, therefore attendees are reminded to donate more to support the community in this difficult time.</p> <p>(iv) Francis Ma raised a question to ask if there is any support for Fr. James while staying in the Presbytery in terms of electricity, gas and plumbing. Anthony said there is a lady from the parish who deals with the property management and maintenance. Francis further suggested to have a routine electrical and gas safety check. Anthony said they will send an email to the parish to follow up this matter.</p>
9	<p>Election Result:</p> <p>a) The CCCM ExCo members were elected in the 2021 AGM. Dominic reported the election result as follows:</p> <p>(i) Gabriel Lam as the Services Co-ordinator – 65 votes out of 65,</p> <p>(ii) Stephen Ma as the Publicity Co-ordinator – 65 votes out of 65,</p> <p>(iii) Simon Lau as the IT Coordinator – 63 votes out of 63,</p> <p>(iv) Stephen Lau as the Assistant Treasurer – 62 votes out of 63,</p>

	<p>(v) Kenneth Ng as the Treasurer – 64 votes out of 64, (vi) Anastasia Chan as the Assistant Secretary – 63 votes out of 64, (vii) Gloria Ng as the Secretary – 63 votes out of 63, (viii) Derek Luh as the Vice-President – 64 votes out of 64, and (ix) Anthony Li as the President – 60 votes out of 64.</p> <p>b) Lucia Yuen asked if Kenneth would continue to help in the Zoom booking. He said he will as it does not take up much of his time.</p>
10	<p>SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR’S ADDRESS:</p> <p>a) Fr. James congratulated the new ExCo members. Pray that they will have wisdom and strength to lead the community. A big thank you to Alice and Emerald for their hard work and contribution in the last 2 years.</p> <p>b) Although there are a lot of bad news happening in the world, we need to have a strong faith, and trust God in order to have peace and unity in our community, and in our families. We also need to teach the next generation to love one another. Finally, we need to follow Christ as this is the only way to live peacefully and joyfully.</p>
11	<p>CLOSING PRAYER:</p> <p>Fr. James thanked our Heavenly Father for leading us in the election and the AGM. May God continue to bless the new ExCo members with good health, wisdom and strength to lead our community. May Mother Mary be always with us and intercede with our prayers. The meeting is ended by praying the ‘Hail Mary’.</p>
12	<p>The meeting finished at 4:30 pm.</p>