



Management Team Meeting, 14 June 2018

Meeting Opened: 1:30pm

Chaired: Fleur Dwyer (President)

Present: Fleur Dwyer; Carolyn Smith; Chris Bembrick; Kaye Separovic; Barb Perry; Terry Prowse; Garry Clear; Nan Anderson; Sue O'Loughlin, Carole Thomas

Apologies:

1. Welcome and opening of meeting: Fleur

- Welcome to Carole Thomas – new member of our Publicity Team
- Observations in regard to U3A in the ACT and the decrease in membership
- 'The Conversation' – Digital Divide. ABS statistics – internet use not growing
 - Shared thoughts on whether we should mail information to members or not?

2. Minutes from previous meetings:

Motion: Minutes from meeting 10 May accepted as true and accurate

Moved: Carolyn

Seconded: Barb

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from previous minutes

a) 21 Birthday Celebrations – July 25

- Andrew Ogilvie unavailable
- Perhaps a poet Sue knows; Alex Nicholls (Carolyn); Jen Hunt (Margaret); Spirit Allegro (David Francis)
- Oaklands cost: \$14.50 (Clinton Pendleberry)
- Discussion re cost
- TryBooking to be used

Motion: That U3A Sapphire Coast subsidise half the cost of member entry to the 21st birthday celebration at \$7.50 per head

Moved: Carolyn

Seconded: Garry

CARRIED

b) Member badges – new source found.

➤ Discussion:

- ❖ cost of current badge (\$1) vs new badge (\$5.15)
- ❖ membership costs and inclusions within that cost of various organisations
- ❖ whether or not members should be charged for badges (Brains Trust believe that U3A should cover this cost with no further cost added to membership subscription)
- ❖ How do we raise membership fee when we have a healthy bank balance?
- ❖ Perhaps issue to current members with future members paying \$25 + \$5 "one off" badge fee
- ❖ Preference for large badge – Fleur to enquire re colour other than black (preferably blue)

c) Futures' Planning

- There has been a trial run with both Taboo Topics groups
- Tura – well run and members happy with it
- Tathra - not so smooth and there were a number of concerns
- Concerns raised with John who reported that:

- Futures Planning was allocated 1 hour
- First person turned up for a 10am meeting at 9:55am with others in the group arriving in 'dribs ad drabs', which caused the planning session to be too rushed (1hr into 20 minutes)
- Some members didn't like the planning process

Other thoughts:

- Paperwork didn't give room for movement
- General discussion by MT about Tathra
- An abridged version will be presented to members in future

d) **Accommodation Forays with Council**

- We are still interested in renting Commercial Property
- The old gym that we have considered before is now 'under contract'
- Garry Scott-Holland informs us that the residence will be sold or refurbished
- Fleur has written to the Mayor who is currently seeking more background information
- Garry – keen on "dungeon" under library with:
 - Leasehold Agreement of 5-10 years
 - 30% of commercial rate (\$14,500)
- Discussion re advisability of a petition
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e) **Grant applications:** 3 applications for grants have now been submitted

f) **Successful Grant:** Chris to send a note to Community Underwriting to acknowledge grant and show them the brochure.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** distributed

a) Expenditure this month is higher due to water; electricity; council and 2 rent payments
- brochure printing

b) Our current finances are \$57,629.28

Motion: That Treasurer's Report be accepted and that the payments listed on the cashbook page be ratified and paid.

Moved: Chris

Seconded: Carolyn

CARRIED

5. **Technology**

- Website hasn't been updated while Terry has been away
- Complaints have been received
- Please send any updates to Terry so that she can alleviate this situation

6. **Health and Wellness**

- Hasn't been an area that we have addressed before
- It would be useful to have a joint forum between COTA & U3A
- Suggestions for activities – nature walks for people with disability
 - Transport for members
 - Approach aged care facilities?

7. **Other Business**

a) **Office Afternoons** are happening on a weekly basis – suggest that this becomes a "Drop In Time" for members who would like to pop in for a chat and a 'cuppa'

b) **Rural Women's Gathering**

- Merimbula 19-21 October
- Fun House Bega
- Julie Novotney meeting 2 August

c) **Bega Working Party**

- Another information session was held on Tuesday
- Fielded a number of enquiries

- Suggest a mail out to members in Bega and surrounds (Kym has offered to facilitate mailing list)
- Invite these members and interested others to a meet and greet session to gain community interest and ascertain what types of activity community members are interested in
- Community organisations to be approached

d) **Plans til the end of the year**

- Christmas Party – tentative booking for Oaklands
- Accommodation issues resolved

President

Secretary

