



**MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

TUESDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2019 @ 7:30pm

Grey Lynn Community Centre
510 Richmond Road, Grey Lynn
Auckland

Meeting called to order and guests welcomed by Rebecca Holdsworth at 7:40pm. Agenda for the evening reviewed.

1. Apologies

Susi Newborn, Michelle Burton, Rochana Stewart,

2. Minutes from 2018 AGM

The 2018 Minutes were accepted as true and correct.

Moved: Anne Hood

Seconded: Fiona Taler

Matters arising: None

3. AGM Reports

The Chairperson's Report, was taken as read.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Tracy Hickman. For the year ending June 2019, there was an operating deficit of \$56,745 (2018: \$28,974). Our revenue increased by \$21,726 to \$211,154, while our operating costs have increased from \$217,007 in 2018 to \$267,899 in 2019. The main factors contributing to the deficit are loss of rent during hostel renovations and deficit in salary costs, new grant funding has now been secured to cover the deficit and we expect to break even this year.

The following organisations for their generous support:

- Foundation North Trust
- JR McKenzie Trust
- NZ Lottery Grants Board
- COGS
- Catholic Caring Foundation
- Auckland Council Communities Fund
- Sir Logan John Campbell Residuary Estate
- Lush Charity Pot
- Grassroots Giving

We would also like to sincerely thank all of our supporters and in particular the dedicated staff of our organization.

No questions were received pertaining to the three reports. Acceptance of the reports:

Moved: Anchali Anandanayagam

Seconded: Steve Wilson

3. Appointment of Executive Committee

The following individuals were nominated for membership of the Executive Committee and special positions:

Returning board members:

- Rebecca Holdsworth (President)
- Anchali Anandanayagam (Vice President)
- Tracey Hickman (Treasurer)
- Laura Fear (Secretary)
- Fiona Taler
- Sana Basharati
- Steve Wilson
- Govind Shaw

Moved: Anne Hood

Seconded: Paul Hickman

Retiring Board Members:

- Many thanks to Casten Bochumuler, Sanj Silva and Helen King who retired during the year.

5. Appointment of an Auditor

William Buck were nominated as the ASST Auditor.

Moved: Fiona Taler

Seconded: Anchali Anandanayagam

6. The *General Manager's Report* was presented by Tim. This has been a busy year for ASST. We have seen an increase of staff at the hostel, giving us an opportunity to serve more clients. Hostel renovations were completed and weekly community meals have started, as well as a number of other social events for hostel residents. ASST have recently rented a new house, allowing us to provide accommodation for 6 more asylum seekers.

In the coming year our advocacy focus will be on advocating and supporting those without work visas, and those detained in Mt Eden Prison and Managere Refugee Centre. Our position is that no asylum seeker should be detained for more than 28 days, and no asylum seeker should be detained in Mt Eden Prison.

We will continue to work on the organization sustainability, including our new social enterprise Romigro. We also hope to increase support to clients and initiate a form filling clinic. As well as increasing our capacity in terms of beds offered and client events.

7. Any Other Business

Tracey Hickman closed the AGM at 8:00pm