



# CARING PARTNERS GLOBAL

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Minutes

Friday May 19, 2023

1800-1900 hrs.

Benton Street Baptist Church

**ATTENDEES** - Phil Dick, Glenn Pascoe, Ron Bell, Sylvia Scott, Sue Robertson

### 1. Call to order

1.1. Phil Dick, chair, welcomed all to the AGM and called the meeting to open. It was noted that the AGM was originally scheduled for April 2023 but was delayed due to illness.

1.2. Approval of agenda - Glenn/Sue - carried

### 2. Approval of Minutes

2.1. Minutes of the AGM of April 2022 were accepted as posted on the website; Sue/Ron; carried

### 3. Report from Chair

3.1. Phil Dick provided a report from the chair (see report below)

### 4. Past Year in Review

4.1. Sylvia Scott gave a presentation of the past year activities, including achievements and challenges.

5. **Education Report** presented by Ron Bell. (see below) Motion to accept report Sue/Glenn; carried

### 6. Financial Report

6.1. Glenn Pascoe presented the audited financial statement for 2022 – motion to accept by Glenn, seconded by Ron – motion carried.

6.2. 2023 Budget – reviewed and approved – motion - Glenn/Sue; carried

6.3. Appointment of 2022 auditor – it was agreed that the auditor for the 2023 year would be Mary-Jo Fedy of the firm KPMG – motion – Glenn/Sue; carried

7. **Call for Nomination** - 3 directors are returning for another year; 1 director retiring

8. **Election** of 2020 executive office – acclaimed - Motion – Glenn/Ron; carried

8.1. Chair – Phil Dick - acclaimed

8.2. Recording Secretary - currently vacant

8.3. Treasurer – Glenn Pascoe - acclaimed

8.4. Chair Education Committee- Ron Bell - acclaimed



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9. **Other Business** - it was proposed that Sylvia Scott be added as a voting member to the board -Sylvia accepted that proposal - Motion by Phil/Ron; carried

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm**

## Reports for AGM 2023

### 1. Caring Partners Global Chair Report

The past year, 2022 has been a year of loss and renewal. A year ago, Stephen Scott, a founder of Caring Partners passed suddenly while in Kenya. We mourn his loss as we continue to fulfill the vision which he and Sylvia set out to achieve over twenty-five years ago. That vision is to demonstrate a cross-functional approach to serving human needs as it occurs. This includes the integration of health care, economic development, education, and hunger as a faith-based expression of care for others.

The Strategic Plan, developed by the Board in 2021 provided guidance over the past year. Our engagement of Grant Advance Solutions has supported our fundraising efforts.

The Board also took on a shared financing to transform the Matangwe Clinic into a hospital. This involved renovating the existing community centre, upgrades to the existing clinic, and investing in the water and electricity systems. This transformation is expected to allow the Matangwe Community Health and Development Project to achieve financial independence for its health services within the next few years. As we speak, the final approvals from the Kenyan Ministry of Health are underway. We will still seek to fund the acquisition of key equipment for the hospital as was planned in a 3-year development project.

The hospital project is an excellent example of a Matangwe-identified need and where our partners in Matangwe led and shared in the financing of the project. This reflects a step-change in capacity made possible, in part by the work undertaken in years past to help the project manage their financials.

We are thankful for our donors. We are thankful that our partners at the Matangwe Health and Community Development Project continue to strive toward excellence. We are thankful that our world is emerging from a global pandemic, we can continue our work here and with our Kenyan partners.

Our partnerships in education with MCHDP stands out as a beacon for hope in the communities where it operates. We have expanded our education support as Kenya's education system copes with the pandemic. The students we support continue to score in the top quartile of national testing, stand in the top 10 percentile for completing their education and have an employment rate which is greater than twice the national average for educated youth post-graduation.

As we look to the future, there is more to be done for the Matangwe hospital and we continue to work on securing the water supply. It is also important to note that early in this year, we have undertaken a project to renew the electric power supply. A new generator is installed, and power issues appear to be resolved.



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The Board continues to seek additional board members with key skills to complement our existing board members. Fund-raising remains a priority.

Respectfully submitted, Phil Dick, Chair, 2022

## **2. Education Report CPG AGM May 2023**

Throughout 2022, and as we enter 2023, CPG continues in partnership with MCHDP to provide for Kenyan youth with regards to educational scholarships, a lunch-time feeding program, and the provision of school uniforms.

Despite delays in 2022 due to the covid-19 pandemic, primary and secondary school students were able to complete the 2022 school year by the end of the year. In 2022 a total of 36 students were supported at secondary boarding schools, and 1 student was supported in standard 8 at a primary boarding school. A total of 10 secondary students were in form 4 in 2022, and at the end of the year wrote the K.C.S.E. exams in order to graduate. They performed well (2B+, 2B plain, 1B-, 1C+, 3C plain, 1C-). At least 5 of these students will be eligible to enroll at Kenyan universities in 2023, while the other 5 students will be able to enroll at college. The primary school student wrote the K.C.P.E. exams at the end of the year, earning a B+ result and is already attending a secondary, boarding school in 2023. As we entered 2023 we were able to support a total of 37 students enrolled at secondary, boarding schools within the region throughout the 2023 school year.

We also were able to support 47 students during the 2022-23 academic year at various colleges and universities throughout Kenya. A total of 9 attended colleges (1 certificate & 8 diplomas) while 38 attended universities (bachelor degrees). We expect 8 of these students will graduate at the end of the 2022-23 academic year from university with bachelor degrees. During the 2023-24 academic year we expect to be supporting 56 students at colleges (13) or universities (43). As a result, by the time we reach September, 2023, we will be supporting 93 students with 37 at secondary schools and 56 students at post-secondary schools.

Since 2006, when the CPG/MCHDP partnership began with the sponsorship of 15 secondary school students, a total of 287 young Kenyans will have by September, 2023 been presented with educational scholarships. Of the 194 students who are no longer being supported, 9 dropped out before graduating from secondary school, 21 went as far as a secondary school graduation, and 164 eventually graduated from college (62—certificate or diploma) or university (102-bachelor degree)

Also, in 2022, and continuing in 2023, we continue providing a nutritious, lunch-time meal each school day for about 500 students attending Matangwe Primary School. At the same time, we provide a lunch-time meal for all MCHDP employees at the Matangwe Hospital. In 2022 CPG donated about Ksh 2,180,540 (about \$24,500) from its educational account to support these feeding programs.

In 2022 CPG provided from its educational account the funds required to provide 501 school uniforms for all students attending Matangwe Primary School at a cost of Ksh 398,360 (about \$4,500). Also, in 2023 CPG provided Ksh 51,100 (about \$570) for new uniforms for Junior Secondary students attending Matangwe Primary School.

Ron Bell (CPG Education Coordinator)