Whyalla Baptist Church

Partner's Meeting Agenda

Sunday, November 29th, 2026

Item	Description	Comment
1.0	**Gathering Together**	
	1.1 Welcome/ Attendance	**Attendance**: **Visitors**: **Apologies**:
	1.2 Opening Prayer	
2.0	**Motions**	
	2.1 Previous Minutes	**Motion:** That the minutes from the Partner's Meeting held on June 14, 2026 as circulated to partners prior to the meeting be accepted as a true and correct record.
	2.2 Quarterly Financial Statement	**Motion**: That the financial statements for the July-September 2026 quarter as circulated to partners prior to the meeting be accepted.
3.0	**Business**	
	3.1 Church Review	We continue to work through the list of priorities created from the Church Review completed early last year. This where we are at with respect to some of those items: • Concreting: It has not been easy to walk the tight-rope with tradesmen who are at the mercy of weather and supplies. Brett is in contact with the concreter and we are on his list.

- Signs: Signage will be complete after we finish painting the fascia boards, which may be done by the time we meet. Once that is done, Signarama will come and complete the job.
- Website: We have approved a design and are working through text for the site. There has been some conversation with the developer and we are supplying them with what they need to finalise the project. Having our new Website will improve our digital footprint and make us easier to find, especially for people moving into Whyalla. It will, however, also mean we need to change our email addresses.

3.2 Leadership Update

We are looking to expand and grow our leadership team. Some leadership positions are vacant next year so we will need to fill them as soon as possible. There are also existing positions that have not had a leader in them for a while.

At the moment the following people make up WBC's leadership team:

Worship – Vacant	Prayer – Vacant
Youth – Team	Children's Ministries – Leanne Middleton
Community Engagement – Vacant	Pastoral Care – Cynthia Spangenberg
Treasurer – Glenda Hodgkinson	

Of these positions, Children's Ministries is up for renomination. Of course, nominations can be made for any vacant ministry as well. We will forward nomination forms in November.

The team model for leadership probably has not worked as well as I had in mind, but the property team is working well, and we can see some of their amazing work. The youth team has defaulted occasionally to a single leader, and so needs work next year. There is no Community Engagement or Prayer Team or leader yet.

3.3 Finance

At the time of writing this, our average weekly giving was slightly below budget. We are thankful to the whole congregation for their generosity, in finance, gifting and time. Yet, for us to grow in our ministries and pastoral considerations we are looking to God for His provision.

Please continue to ask Jesus if His Lordship is completely expressed in your life with respect to your giving, and what would it need for you to become a joyful giver, of the sort God takes pleasure in. (See 2 Corinthians 9 and let it help you.)

One of the truly beautiful things we do at WBC is give our money away. 12% of our income contributes to the work of God outside of ourselves. This includes a contribution to the BCSANT, the support of various missionaries, and support for the hospital chaplain. What's left over after what is promised is what we call "undesignated tithe". We have been able to support families in Whyalla who need

		financial help because a member is sick, or a tragedy has enveloped them. It is so good to be part of this generous community. Comments/Discussion on finance.
	3.4 Youth	Karol and the team have been doing great things with a group of young people who meet every month. There is joy and friendship, and opportunities to share something of Jesus with this group of inquisitive young people.
	3.5 Eldership	Given issues around availability, it has taken a long time for the Elders Nominating Committee to meet. We have brought names to you and would love for you to vote on them.
	3.5 Work Health and Safety	Update.
4.0	**Other Business**	
	4.1 People	As you are aware, the decommissioning of the blast furnace has affected some of our families here at WBC. Some people will be leaving us as they pursue opportunities elsewhere because there are none in Whyalla. Can I say that this is part of God's plan for them and for us? It is how God will be glorified more both here in Whyalla and beyond? It behoves us to pray prayers of thanksgiving, hope, and faith as we both release people into what God has for them and embrace what God has for us. For lots of you, this saying goodbye to people you love is tiring and draining. Press into God. Lean on Him. Grasp onto His mercy because He is kind, and the reunion at the end will be sweet. I think we should spend some time praying for those who are affected here, as those committed to the work of God through this congregation, give thanks for them and for the future God has for us. Comments.
	4.2 Other Business	Any Other Business?
5.0	**Meeting Close**	Let's pray.