



**Johannesburg
Anglican
Eco-spiritual
Initiative**

***AGM
22 February 2020***

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Guest Speaker:

Luyanda Hlatshwayo

“How our churches and communities can be partners with Waste Reclaiming Organisations to clean and green Johannesburg”

AGM Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Johannesburg Anglican Eco-spiritual Initiative will be held on Saturday, 22 February 2020 at the St Joseph Diocesan Centre, Cnr Goodman and Herman Streets Sophiatown, at 11:00 to conduct the following business:

1. To present the report on previous year's activities
2. To present financial report
3. To elect office bearers
4. To transact such other business as needed.

Agenda

1. Welcome & Apologies
2. Business of AGM
3. Acceptance of minutes of previous year
4. Presentation and Acceptance of the Annual Report
5. Presentation and Acceptance of the Financial Report
6. 2020 JAEI Committee
 - a. Present JAEI Committee
 - b. Receive any nominations to the JAEI Committee
7. General
8. Thanks and close



Minutes of JAEI AGM – Saturday 23 Feb 2019 at St Joseph’s Diocesan Centre, 11:00-11:45

See formal attendance register (22 in attendance at talk and 18 stayed on)

Present from committee: Fiona Maskell (chair), Kevin Balkwill, Mark Franklin, Martha Gordon (minutes)
Noeleen Mullet, Anne Wright

Apologies: Judy Bassingthwaighte (had to leave for funeral)

1. **Opening and welcome** – Fiona officially opened the AGM, after the eco talk by MMC Nico de Jager had adjourned and there was a refreshment break. She asked people to introduce themselves, and say which parish they are from.
2. **Minutes of 2018 AGM approved** – Mark Franklin proposed the minutes be accepted. Kevin Balkwill seconded.
3. **Annual Financial Statements:** Mark Franklin presented the report and thanked all donors. Anne Wright proposed the statements be accepted. Noeleen Mullet seconded.
4. **Chairperson’s report:** Fiona presented her report as per handout. She said JAEI focused on assisting parishes greening their worship, church property and education (awareness of our connection with God and God’s creation). Fiona said as per terms of office and the 2018 AGM, Martha Gordon will be chairperson and she will be deputy in the year ahead. She thanked the committee members and asked if there were any nominations for the committee. As there were none, Anne Wright proposed her report be accepted. Mark Franklin seconded.
5. **Announcements:** Noeleen Mullet gave an update on the Eco-Brick and demonstrated how it works. Mark thanked Noeleen for her eco-bricks work and her monthly eco prayer diary.

The meeting ended with a prayer and the grace.



2019 - JAEI 2019 Highlights

The Johannesburg Anglican Eco-spiritual Initiative (JAEI) is a movement promoting “Reverence for Life” as part of our Christian joy and duty in caring for God’s creation. We aim to encourage more people to connect with God on a deeper level by learning about and caring for God’s creation. We do this through worship, education and eco-friendly management of our parishes and Diocesan organisations. The climate crisis has led to many more people looking to our church and JAEI for guidance and direction as to how we can respond as Christians. Many parishes have already been championing eco spirituality for many years. Due to our small but dedicated team of volunteers, JAEI’s strategy has been successful in doubling up on a number of existing Diocesan structures and activities to reach and empower as many sectors of our Diocese as possible. It is in caring for Creation that we feel God’s healing presence and are inspired to do more to make our Diocese and our communities as green as possible. The climate crisis is so big it is threatening all life as we know it. In keeping with our Anglican tradition of following Jesus as the ultimate activist for peace and justice, we all have a role to play in addressing climate change in our worship, education and how we manage and steward our resources and properties. This role brings much joy!

Worship

A critical part is our spiritual and prayer life to feel God’s presence through God’s creation. What we don’t know, we won’t love and care for. We facilitated three successful eco-spiritual retreats in nature:

- 6 ordinands at Pullen Farm, Mpumalanga (Apr)
- 31 clergy at Good Shepherd & Ha Phororo at Haartebeespoort Dam (Aug)
- 6 lay people at Pullen Farm, Mpumalanga (Sept)

Our JAEI monthly enviro prayer diary has an eco-prayer for each day and is sent out to all on mailing list. September is Season of Creation throughout the world in many denominations and June is World Environment Month. We help provide materials and resources for parishes to use for June and/or Sept for all or some services including guest speakers, retreat leaders etc. We also encourage parishes to have special clean up, outings in nature and other activities in these months and throughout the year.

Education

JAEI hosted a number of educational events:

JAEI AGM on 23 February hosted guest speaker Clr Nico de Jager, MMC Environment & Infrastructure services: City of Johannesburg on efforts to green our city.

JAEI co-hosted with Green Anglicans the launch of the new Creation Care Youth Manual and workshop on how to use the Sunday School manual Ryan the Rhino on 11 May.

The JAEI Eco-sharing morning on 17 August was a tour of the green building hosting Birdlife South Africa.

JAEI gave a talk on the Spirituality of Ecology & Justice for the Fellowship of Exploration (FoX) on 5 Oct.

JAEI and Vuleka co-hosted its 2nd Annual Art Exhibition in November with Animal themes per age group.

Stewardship of our parishes

At our last Synod in 2016, our proposal for green buildings was approved. Our DEO has been very supportive in promoting this policy on his parish road shows. We have assisted a number of parishes to adopt more eco-friendly practices. We are here to help! JAEI presented at the wardens workshop 12 Oct and hosted a greening your parish workshop on 19 Oct.

Rev’d Martha Gordon Chairperson

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Financial Statement

JOHANNESBURG ANGLICAN ECO-SPIRITUAL INITIATIVE

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YAER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

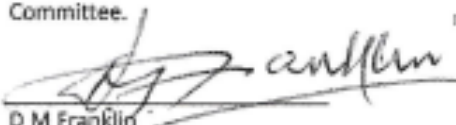
	2019	2018
Income:		
AGM donations	390	540
Other donations	7,100	7,265
Sale of laptop	0	500
Bring your own bag	0	370
Interest on deposit account	<u>2,458</u>	<u>2,452</u>
	9,948	11,227
Expenditure:		
Cost of web-site	80	1,870
SAFCEI subscription	1,000	1,000
Donation to St Francis Parkview	0	1,000
Diocesan contributions - 2018 and 2019 (10%)	2,100	0
Green Anglican workshop costs	3,054	0
Eco-sharing: St Francis, Newclare	368	0
Consumerism workshop	0	417
Art Festival costs - Vuleka	<u>488</u>	<u>783</u>
	7,090	5,070
Surplus for the year	<u>2,858</u>	<u>6,157</u>
Surplus brought forward	32,989	26,832
Surplus carried forward	<u>35,847</u>	<u>32,989</u>
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2019		
	2,019	2018
Accumulated funds	35,847	32,989
Project funding		
Unexpended surplus	8,349	8,349
Eco-spirituality Retreat - net cost	<u>-5,150</u>	3,199
Sundry creditor - Eco retreat	2,265	0
- Parkview	0	1,000
	<u>41,311</u>	<u>42,338</u>
Represented by:		
Diocesan Deposit Fund	<u>41,311</u>	<u>42,338</u>

Report of the Treasurer

I have prepared the above financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 from the records and vouchers supplied to me by the Committee.

In my opinion, the above balance sheet at 31 December 2019 fairly presents the financial position of the JAEI at that date, and the income and expenditure account fairly presents the results of its activities for the year ended on that date.

These financial statements have been approved by the Committee.


D M Franklin

Treasurer

7 February 2020

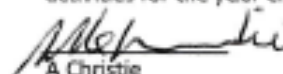
Report of the Independent Verifier:

I have examined the above financial statements and the records supplied to me by the Treasurer.

From my investigations and tests I confirm that these statements are in agreement with the accounting records and that in my opinion adequate records have been maintained.

It is not possible to verify income before it is recorded in the records as cash received.

Subject to the above comments, in my opinion, the above balance sheet at 31 December 2019 fairly presents the financial position of the JAEI at that date, and the income and expenditure account fairly presents the results of its activities for the year ended on that date.


A Christie

Independent Verifier

14 February 2020

JAEI Programme Supporter

The *Johannesburg Anglican Eco-spiritual Initiative* is a formal body of the Diocese of Johannesburg, seeking to meet the challenges being faced by this generation with regards to the environment. We believe it is God's will that we look after this precious planet we call home.

Guided by our Diocesan vision, JAEI encourages all parishes and Diocesan organisations to pursue responsible environmental management through:

- Visionary servant leadership from within the parish or organisation
- Developing a vibrant community who are committed to a sustainable environment
- Focused partnerships with nearby communities where possible

Focus on Eco-ministry activities include:

- Compliance with applicable legislation
- Embodying and proclaiming the message of God's redemptive hope and healing for all creation
- Preaching and practising 'Reverence for Creation'
- Integrating environmental awareness into our worship and other group activities
- Creating awareness and enhancing the environmental knowledge of our members
- Empower environmental action & responsibility by reducing the ecological footprint of the parish or organisation
- Meeting sound environmental practices as far as possible and encouraging our members to do the same at home, in their communities and their places of work.
- Evaluating performance regularly and improving this where possible

Should you feel moved to support the work of JAEI – this would be highly appreciated!
Please complete the section below and return to Mark Franklin (markfranklin483@gmail.com)
Should you wish to discuss this, please contact Mark by email or on 083 378 2092

I/we would like to support JAEI's work

First name:			
Last name:			
Cell:		Landline:	
Email:			
Postal address			
I/we would like to contribute R..... per month/per annum to the work of JAEI from Date start Date end Or I/we would like to contribute R.....once off to the work of JAEI.			
Please make an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to the following			
Banking details:	Standard Bank Branch Code: 001805: Diocesan Deposit Fund Account number:001302353 Reference: 8555 followed by your name. <i>This is very important.</i>		

***Your generous support of the work of JAEI is much appreciated –
 THANK YOU!***