



Notes of the Annual General Meeting of We Will Speak Out SA held on Thursday 20th February 2020, at Diakonia Centre, Durban.

1. Welcome and opening Prayer

Rev Phumzile Mabizela welcomed all participants.

Mr Simon Read opened the meeting with prayer.

Lyn van Rooyen mentioned that the meeting would be livestreamed and asked that if anyone would prefer not to be filmed that they indicate this.

2. Acceptance of Minutes dated 3rd April 2019

Rev Phumzile Mabizela presented the minutes.

Simon Read proposed that the minutes be accepted as true reflection of the meeting. Seconded by Mandisa Mdunge.

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

Rev Mabizela suggested that matters arising from the previous meeting would be dealt with in the coordinators report but also provided the opportunity for participants to raise other issues. No issues raised at this stage.

4. Annual Report (Chairperson and Coordinator)

All participants received copies of the summarised printed annual report.

Chairperson's report: Rev Phumzile Mabizela emphasised the moral obligation for the faith sector to avoid silos and for increased collaboration across and within faith traditions

Coordinator's report: Ms Daniela Gennrich highlighted the following:

- the time period of this report was from 1 August 2018 to 30 July 2019
- networking is a key part of the coalition and she values the presence and participation of members
- the part-time staff are only the hub providing support and collaboration opportunity for the members
- collective fundraising is an important function of the hub and the coalition
- the first half of the year had very limited funding
- the coalition received Amplify Change funding in the second part of the year which enabled part-time staff to coordinate activities
- membership and awareness about the coalition has increased
- no formally agreed funding for the next year at this stage
- key events and activities from four pillars/core objectives
 - a vibrant and vocal survivor membership is at the centre of all WWSOSA work
 - accompanying Phepisa Network to an independent institution
 - equipping faith leaders and faith communities to become advocates against GBV

- addressing faith communities, presentations and participating and organising conferences where the opportunities arise.
- an ongoing theological reflection space (also online) is being explored together with academic and other faith-based organisations
- developed and published materials on previous engagements
- joint advocacy includes
 - media statements
 - participation in national and regional gender bodies and activities
- working with men and boys as an integral part in all activities
- Communication work is a key part of ensuring that the coalition stays together, opening spaces and creating spaces for learning and collaboration. Social media includes Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. The website provides space to share knowledge and information about GBV and the work of the coalition

The coordinator thanked the members, management committee, champions and other volunteers as well as present and past donors.

Report and feedback from the Phepisa Network:

Nompilo Gcwensa highlighted the journey the Phepisa Network has been on and thanked WWSOSA for the support.

Rev Mabizela asked if the membership accepts the report:

Proposed by Dudu Radebe and seconded by Mandisa Mdunge.

The chairperson provided the opportunity for questions – no questions raised.

5. Financial Matters:

- a. The treasurer, Simon Read presented an overview of the Annual Financial report (1 August 2018- 31 July 2019) which was summarized in the printed report. Highlights include:
 - i. The main donors were DGMT and Amplify Change
 - ii. WWSOSA adequately stepped up to the stringent reporting demands of Amplify Change
 - iii. WWSOSA received a clear audit report
 - iv. WWSOSA has tight financial reports
 - v. Audited financial statements will be available on request and on the website
- b. Resource Mobilisation report
 - i. Many proposals have been presented to funders
 - ii. WWSOSA participated in various joint funding proposals
 - iii. Opportunities for consultation and support from other organisations are increasingly explored.

Rev Mabizela presented the report for approval: Proposed by Esperande Bigirimana and seconded by Phindile Dlodla.

The report and the audited financial statements will be available on the WWSOSA website. Participants are encouraged to visit the website and also formally complete the membership form.

Questions from the floor:

- How can WWSOSA collaborate with the NSP and government? Daniela highlighted WWSOSA and Phepisa's role in advocacy and collaboration in various government forums. The importa

6. Future Plans

Although many issues for the future has already been discussed, Daniela particularly highlighted:

- Phepisa's first independent funding proposal
- The proposed community of practice for faith leaders
- Increased collaboration and opportunities for collaboration with government structures.

The chairperson encouraged members to explore further opportunities for cooperation and funding

7. Management Committee Elections:

Members were duly nominated for the five vacancies on the Management Committee.

Simon Read, Amy Benn and Themba Khanyile were proposed to facilitate the election process. Amy explained the separate processes for general members and representative from the survivors groups and that voting would take place by closed ballot:

Nominations for general members:

- Saydoon Nisa Sayed
- Vernon Hammond
- Bafana Khumalo (re-election)
- Xana McCauley
- Lyn van Rooyen (re-election)
- Pat Sibanyoni

The following members were elected:

- Saydoon Nisa Sayed
- Bafana Khumalo (re-election)
- Lyn van Rooyen (re-election)
- Pat Sibanyoni

It was proposed that the following members be co-opted to the management committee:

- Vernon Hammond
- Xana McCauley
- Ntwenhle Majozi

The proposal was unanimously accepted.

Nominations for survivor representative members:

- Mandisa Mdunge
- Nompilo Gcwensa
- Phindile Dlodla

The following member was elected:

- Nompilo Gcwensa

Two participants prayed for wisdom and encouragement for the management committee in the year ahead.

8. Closing Prayer and Formal Closure of Meeting.

The chairperson thanked all participants and declared the meeting closed.