

Minutes of
NZ Family and Foster Care Federation Inc.
(Operating as Caring Families Aotearoa CFA)

Annual General Meeting 2022

Held on 21 September 2022 4.30pm at Lower Hutt Events Centre

Present: 50 Full Members / 2 Associate members / 2 Non-Members

Proxy Appointment: Nil

Welcome: Marina opened the AGM with a mihi and welcome. Dennis Brownie led Karakia. Marina introduced the Board.

Apologies: John Dickson, Joe Ruri

Motion: That the above apologies be accepted.

Moved: Colin Hardgrave	Seconded: Rob Surtees	Passed: Unanimously
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Minutes from previous AGM held on 20 October 2021

The minutes from the previous AGM held on 20 October 2021 were circulated through mailouts and on the CFA website and a copy was made available at the AGM.

Motion: That the minutes of the 2021 AGM be signed as a true and correct record.

Moved: Gillian Lynch	Seconded: Denise Green	Passed: Unanimously
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Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

No matters were raised.

Chairperson's Address:

Naku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi

With your basket and my basket the people will live

The last year is a powerful reminder that through co-operation and the combination of resources, achieving what's best for children in care is our greatest asset.

Caregivers are our beating heart and your efforts and commitment to the well being of children in care is recognised and applauded. What I especially appreciate is your feedback in how we can improve services to help you do your work better.

It's been a trying period for our team, with the mix of lockdowns, working from home and the uncertainty of COVID placing extra strain on their work. I would like to thank the team for their efforts and acknowledge what they have achieved together.

To Linda, thank you for your leadership and for keeping us on a clear path focused on the needs of carers and children. I would also like to thank my fellow Board members for both your diligence and hard work.

Kia pai tō koutou rā

Motion: That the Chairperson's address be accepted:

Moved: Marina Seager	Seconded: Sally Mowbray-Lee	Passed: Unanimously
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Presentation and adoption of Annual Report:

Motion: That the 2022 Annual Report be adopted.

Moved: Colin Hardgrave	Seconded: Nyvonne Krause	Passed: Unanimously
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Presentation and adoption of Audited Financial Accounts:

Motion: That the Financial Report for the year ending June 2022 be adopted.

Moved: Racquel Lewis	Seconded: Kirsty Wallace	Passed: Unanimously
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Confirmation of Patron/s:

At the 2021 AGM we informed the membership that we had applied for vice regal Patronage from the new Governor General, Dame Cindy Kiro. We received confirmation of this application in May 2022. We would like to confirm our current Patron Dame Cindy Kiro.

Motion: Confirm the current Patron, Dame Cindy Kiro.

Moved: Nik Green	Seconded: Gillian Lynch	Passed: Unanimously
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Appointment of Auditor:

Dent & Heath have been our auditors for the last 10 years however they have informed us that they are retiring this year therefore we need to engage new auditors.

Motion: Appointment of Kendons Chartered Accounts.

Moved: Colin Hardgrave	Seconded: Racquel Lewis	Passed: Unanimously
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Foster Carer Representative Board Nominations

This year there were two Foster Carer Member terms up for election. There were two nominations received and approved by the Board. Therefore it was declared that **Marina Seager** and **Angela Swinney** are to be re-elected for a second term as Foster Carer Members on the Caring Families Aotearoa Board.

CEO Address:

Linda thanked the Caring Families Aotearoa team for their efforts at conference. Linda delivered a presentation which covered the Caring Families Aotearoa 2022 highlights and the work we do. Linda also spoke about the support group restructure and our current support groups. She thanked the regional committees for the wonderful work that they do. Linda spoke about the training we deliver and how our newly developed training is in response to what caregivers have asked for. Linda noted the events we had managed to deliver in the last financial year, despite Covid. Special mention was given to our honorary members and Colin Hardgrave was welcomed to this special group of people. Linda thanked Colin for his tireless efforts and the time he has dedicated to our organisation.

Other Business:

There was no other business discussed.

Closing: Karakia by Leanne Brownie

With there being no further general business, the meeting closed at 5.09pm

These minutes were approved by the membership as a true and correct record on:

Date: _____

Signed by Board Member: _____