

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
KETTERING & CORBY CIRCUIT (23/19)**

**Minutes of the Circuit Meeting held on
Monday 14th May 2018 at 7.30pm at Cornerstone**

PRESENT:

Rev Martin Swan (RMS) - Chair
Wendy Curtis (MWC)
Michael Curtis (MC)
Alan Joyce (AJ)
Joan Catherall (JCa)
Sue Walters (SW)
Caroline Barratt (CB)
Ruth Fitch (RF)
Jennie Ixer (JI)
Ron Rudge (RR)
Joan Gray (JG)
Peter Candlin (PWC)
Patricia Hone (PH)
Maureen Johnson (MJ)
Don Spooner (DS)
Jenny Spooner (JS)

PRESENT:

Roger Keach (RK)
Mike Dalton-Stirling (MDS)
Elizabeth Dalton-Stirling (EDS)
Carolyn Rice (CR)
Maureen Ownsworth (MO)
Mary-Ann Ansdell (MAA)
Fiona Schofield (FS) - Secretary

APOLOGIES:

Pauline Smith
Pat Basson
Ian Basson
Judith Gilbert
John Muir
Lynette Muir
Ann Window
Alan Window
David Cox
Joan Cox
John Ownsworth
Alan Johnson
Wendy Islip
Alan Deans
Brenda Lockwood
Anne Ellson
Julie Johnson
Andrew Stenson

1. Welcome and Opening Devotions

RMS welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that Caroline Barrett will join us at 8pm for her Circuit Youth Report. RMS then led the meeting in song. RMS explained about mission and evangelism; it is quite simple, we are the ones who can spread the word of the hope that we have within us. RMS then led the meeting in prayer. RMS welcomed Mary-Ann Ansdell to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Please see the list above.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

RMS went through the last minutes and accepted them as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Treasurers Report – Budget 2018/2019

PWC is asking for agreement of the two documents sent out to the circuit membership, general account and property fund. He explained the figures in detail on the property fund relating to the manses at Hall Close and Hinton Avenue. Expenditure on Grange church is still ongoing as it remains unsold and needs maintaining. PWC highlighted the figure of £10k in the far right column on the Model Trust Fund that has been budgeted for staff that may be engaged during the year and an amount for the ongoing upkeep of Grange. MWC thanked PWC for his very thorough attention to detail.

6. Safeguarding

SW reminded the meeting that DBS checks need to be updated if they are more than 5 years old but she would be grateful if people could go to her house or at least get together in a group where there is access to wi-fi to do the necessary DBS applications with Sue. She explained that Risk Assessments need to be done and cleared at least one month before any event and forwarded to SW for validation.

7. Circuit Youth Report – 30th June Event

CB explained to the meeting about the Methodist Regenerate Conference at Beeston and she hopes to get people together at Cornerstone from the churches on the same day and have an inspirational speaker (RMS has volunteered). There may also be live music and a BBQ in the outside area. RMS asked the meeting for permission to hold the Covenant Service at St Giles for the next Circuit Service on 16th September 2018. MWC praised CB for her input and positivity.

8. Church Leadership Groups

RMS talked about the Leadership Groups and asked DS to speak to the meeting about their Leadership Group at Central. DS explained that it is a work in progress and is in the early stages at the moment. AJ told the meeting that their Leadership Group at Rothwell had met but again were still in the early stages and will take time to develop but the response has been positive. MWC gave the news from the Cornerstone Leadership Group and stated that they have met regularly and feels it is going well. RMS stated that he feels this will enhance communication. JG feels that MWC produces well organised notes/minutes that have action points.

9. Circuit Prayer Meeting Venue and Dates

MWC reminded the meeting that the prayer meetings are continuing on Tuesday evenings at Central. DS asked if a link could be put onto the website for requesting prayers at the meetings but we do need to be cautious about privacy and data protection with this.

10. Grange Update

MWC explained that sadly the situation is virtually unchanged; we are still awaiting a decision from Kettering council. MWC is going to speak to the surveyor this week to try to move the situation forward. There has been some interest from prospective buyers. RMS reminded the meeting that we are governed by the charities commission guidelines.

11. Overview of Church £20k

MWC asked the meeting if any of the churches felt they needed to make further bids following the initial bids if their project cost has spiralled.

She explained the process of replacing the kitchen at Cornerstone and that they have now found that they will need more money to complete the project. They will need an extra £3k on top of the initial £10k bid and this amount was agreed by the meeting.

12. Believers Baptism

One baptism for life - RMS explained his views on non-infant baptism and asked that people give their views on the subject. Quite a few people shared their positive experiences of adult baptisms. The meeting was happy for RMS to investigate this further.

13. GDPR/Data Protection

MAA asked that each church nominate a liaison contact for GDPR. She will issue a permissions form which she has downloaded from the Methodist website. It needs to be filled out by each member of the church and returned to MAA. There are two forms; one for Circuit and church officers for the Circuit Directory and one for church members. SW volunteered to be the liaison for Central church. Following the meeting Trish Hone offered to do GDPR for Cornerstone.

14. Newsletter – Information Sheet

MAA explained that following the CLT meeting this afternoon, there is a need for information sharing within the Circuit. A newsletter may be the answer and it is proposed to be published once every 2 months. RMS asked the meeting if they would support this idea and some agreed. MAA will produce a 'trial run' for CLT to consider.

15. Any Other Business – Circuit Social?

RMS told the meeting about the Stationing Committee on Saturday 19th at St Andrews Church. Church stewards can attend and MWC suggested it might be helpful for other stewards to attend to learn the process. SW offered to speak to the church stewards across the circuit as she is District Stationing Officer.

RMS asked the meeting if they would like to have a circuit social and some of the members regaled their memories of barn dances. DS thought a BBQ would be a good idea but MWC is worried that someone will have to organise it. It was decided to hold a picnic at East Carlton Park on Sunday 29th July 2018 at 1pm following morning services.

16. Closing Prayer

RMS led the meeting in prayer.

17. Date of Next Meeting

The dates of the next meetings are:-

Wednesday 19th September 2018 at Cottingham (chaired by Rev'd Helen Cameron, Chair of District, as this meeting encompasses Stationing)

Wednesday 23rd January 2019 at Burton Latimer

Wednesday 22nd May 2019 at Rothwell

All meetings will start at 7.30pm

Signed

Date