

Cornerstone Methodist Church Council & Annual Meeting
Sunday 10th March 2019, 12.00pm (following morning worship)

Present:- Norman Abrahams, Wendy Barnes, Pat Boyle, Win Boyle, Betty Brant, Molly Burns, Joan Catherall, Graham Charles, Sheila Cherry, Sandra Collins, Wendy Curtis, Michael Curtis, Ruby Egan, Joan Gray, Geoff Gratwick, Trish Hone, Steve Hone (Chair), Jenny Ixer, Isabelle Larmour, Linda Larmour, Sylvia Lovell, Kathy MacDonald, Wendy Mead, Plamen Mladenov, Michael Parker, Beryl Reed, Joy Reeves, Ron Rudge, Margaret Smith, Pauline Smith

Apologies:- Lesley Davidson, Ina Martin

1. The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. In particular Joan Catherall – representing the Circuit.
2. It was established that we were quorate.
3. The draft minutes of the previous meeting of 2nd December 2018 were approved and signed with the exception of changes to the attendance list as below:

The following Members wished to record that they had attended the December meeting: Pat Boyle, Win Boyle, Dorothy Turns, Geoff Gratwick and Michael Parker. It was agreed that the minutes be so altered.

4. Matters Arising

There were no Matters Arising to be brought forward.

5. Governance

Volunteer Policy. Pauline said that our policy had been in force since February 2018 and we needed to re-confirm our agreement to the policy remaining in force for the following 12 months. She confirmed that all volunteers were aware of the policy and its terms. Agreed - that the Policy should remain in force for a further 12 months.

The Volunteer Policy to be reviewed in March 2020

6. Mission

Circuit. Joan Catherall reported that Caroline Barratt was running a series of Circuit Youth Discipleship groups for school Year 6 children (last year of primary school). They meet the first Sunday of each month at Central Church - 6.30 to 8.00pm.

She also reported that, following a visit by the District Mission Enabler, Jill Marsh, a group from Central had discussed how they could take the Church more out into the community. They had concluded that they should literally take the work of the Church out of the buildings into 'pop-up' churches under temporary cover at various gatherings around the Circuit such as car boot sales etc. over the period of May 24th - June 9th. This was called the Together Mission and everyone was invited to help.

Lunches. Wendy updated the meeting that we had now held three successful lunches and that a further, larger lunch was planned for 13th March. This lunch was specifically aimed at attracting new people to our Fellowship and so she encouraged everyone to bring friends. We could cater for up to 30 people for a fixed meal and this meal would therefore be a simpler lunch. She asked that she be told by the end of 10th March of final numbers. Trish, Sheila, Kathy and Jenny offered to prepare desserts for 6 or more.

Wendy also pointed out that our membership was now only about 50% original Kingswood members which showed substantial growth. We should be very encouraged by this situation.

7. Finance

2017/18 Accounts. Ron stated that when the Circuit accounts were compiled our figures were changed to be on the same basis as other churches. The difference was small and there was no effect on our cash at the bank.

Update from Ron Rudge - Treasurer. Ron presented a summary report of our current situation. Total cash in the bank stood at in excess of £15,000. She gave details of expenditure this year and her

summary report is attached to the minutes below. Ron confirmed that we were required to maintain a balance of at least 6 months assessments in our bank which amounted to c. £5,000

On behalf of the Membership Wendy thanked Ron for her work.

8. Property

Michael said that vision panels had been installed in the doors to the Church and blinds had been fitted in the School Room. Outstanding work centred around fitting a vent for the new kitchen fan and some small external repairs. There was around £8,000 outstanding for use on the Church from the circuit allocation which Ron confirmed was not included in the current bank balance.

9. Prayers for the work of the Church.

Wendy led the Membership in prayer.

10. AOB

Following a question from Joan it was agreed that a Good Friday Meditation Service would be held at 10.00am. Jenny volunteered to organise.

Joan also suggested that we should experiment with different seating arrangements for services and it was agreed that this would start at the next meeting.

11. Next Meeting Sunday 14th July 2019 (following service)

Cornerstone Methodist Church - Treasurer's report March 2019

Current Account balance	£ 4,352.26
CFBD Account	11,268.24
Total	£ 15,620.50

Connexional Fund £200.00

World Mission £100.00

Home Mission £100.00

New Kitchen £365.44 for the new fan which brings the total spent to £11,829

Glass Panels £190.00

Blinds £314.00

The Coffee fund has raised £117 again

Church Treasurers complete a Schedule of Accounts at the end of each financial year which is sent to the Circuit Treasurer. Peter Candlin has altered our Schedule to bring us in line with the other Churches. Offerings and Tax recovered £301 higher and the Assessment £333 higher. This is just a technical adjustment. The Bank balances remain the same.