

MINUTES OF THE CHURCH MEETING HELD ON 26TH JUNE 2014 AT 8PM IN THE CLIFFORD WOOD ROOM

Present: Andy Potter (Minister) in the chair and 9 other members

1. **Opening Worship** was led by the Chairman
2. **Welcome and Apologies:** The Chairman welcomed all present. Apologies were received from Jenny Lane, Sarah Potter, Tim Gillard, Carolyn Kindberg
3. **The minutes** of the meeting held on 29th May 2014 were signed as a correct record.

4. **Matters Arising**

- None

5. **Mission and Ministry**

Update

- Andy thanked those members who had helped with the arrangements for the funeral of Dorothy Ingle. Andy thought it had gone well, there was a good number there and it was a fitting send off for a lady who had influenced so many people in the Church in so many ways. Several members had enjoyed meeting members of Dorothy's family.
- Church activities are winding down for the summer. Andy is doing some planning for the autumn and considering content for the new website.
- The LBA are holding a Celebration event for North London churches this Sunday evening at Edmonton Baptist Church.

Winchmore Hill Walking Tour

- Andy has arranged for local guide Jo Studman to lead a walking tour of Winchmore Hill on Wednesday 2nd July starting at the Church at 8pm. Members are encouraged to come along and invite friends and family – this is a good opportunity to welcome people at the 'fringe' of the Church. There is no cost for those attending.

August Tea Party

- Thursday Afternoon Club and most other weekday activities normally take a break during August. Andy has decided to hold a one-off social event on the afternoon of Wednesday 27th August to which everyone is invited, both Thursday Club members and others. There will be a nice tea, entertainment and a short talk. Again, members are encouraged to invite their friends and to pray for a successful event.

6. **Youth**

- BB and GB are well into their summer programmes. The GB camp will be happening this coming weekend. Members of BB attended the 'Life to the Max' event at Felden Lodge last Saturday.
- There will be a meeting on Friday of the Re: create leaders to discuss how to proceed given the current very low numbers.

7. **Finance**

- Nothing to report

8. Membership

- Nothing to report

9. World Mission

- The Christian Aid Quiz Night will be on 19th July at 7.30 in Carey Hall. The cost is £8 including Chilli dinner.
- Keith and Barbara Richardson are holding an event at their house at 7pm on Friday 4th July where two directors of Mission India will be talking about their work there.

10. Secretarial

Operation Agri Service and Harvest

- The dates of these had not been decided when the calendar was produced at the beginning of the year. It is now confirmed that the Operation Agri service will take place on Sunday 14th September while the Harvest service will take place two weeks later on 28th September. Rev Malcolm Drummond will lead the service here while Andy and Andrew will lead the service and the worship at Palmers Green.

Dates

- Deacons: 9th July, Church Meeting: 24th July
- Members were reminded that in accordance with our normal practice there is no Church Meeting scheduled for August.

11. Buildings

Clifford Wood Room boiler

- The defective boiler in the Clifford Wood Room has been successfully replaced by Ed Sirrett and is now fully functional. The cost came out to be just over £2000 as expected. Several problems were encountered during the installation but fortunately none added significantly to the cost. A water isolation cock which was jammed open had to be replaced and two small gas leaks in the tunnel were discovered - neither of these turned out to be our responsibility and were repaired free of charge by National Grid and Eon. It was emphasised that the leaks were too small to cause any danger to the Church and too small to have been detected in the pressure test that was carried out in February.
- Thanks were expressed to Ian who organised everything and Andy who attended the Church several times to let various gas engineers into the building.

Quinquennial Inspection

- Since the beginning of the year the deacons have been considering having a detailed survey of the buildings done to gain a full picture of the state of the buildings, prioritise the work that needs to be done and identify any emerging issues. In February several quotes were sought from surveyors and the cost of such a survey turned out to be much higher than was predicted. The deacons took some time to research the issue and consider other options. In the end the consensus has been that:
 - We still want to have the survey done as it is important to ensure that we are spending money on the buildings wisely and we do not get caught out by any hidden issues like the dry rot.
 - The quotes received are consistent with the going rate for a fully qualified surveyor.

- It is not possible to significantly reduce the cost of the survey by reducing the scope without diluting the value of the survey to an extent where it ceases to be that useful.
- There is more money available for buildings than expected due to the boiler replacement costing less than was foreseen. The Church Meeting have already agreed for up to £5000 to be spent on the two projects from the General Fund in addition to the money remaining in the Building Fund.
- As such the deacons are recommending that the survey goes ahead as was originally planned. This is likely to take place in the school Summer Holidays when the surveyor will be able to have unlimited access. The total cost will be £2800+VAT. The members agreed with this proposal.

12. Pastoral

News was shared about a number of members and friends.

13. Any Other Business

None

The meeting closed with the Grace at 8.55pm

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