

MINUTES – CHURCH MEETING

Thursday 24th November 2016 at 8pm in the Clifford Wood Room

Introduction

- Refreshments were served before the meeting
- The theme of this meeting is **Planning for 2017**.
- There were 10 Church members present. Apologies were received from Andrew and Rachel Forster, Keith and Barb Richardson, Carolyn Greenaway, Jenny Lane, Sarah Potter, John Melbourne, Carolyn Kindberg
- The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 29th September, were signed as a correct record.

Worship

- A time of worship was led by John Burridge; based around Hebrews 11 and song 894 (What a faithful God have I) and song 89 (Faithful One). John also led the meeting in prayer.

Introduction

- Andy introduced the meeting by discussing the overall meeting pattern and the previous agreement to focus this meeting on 2017 planning.

Budget

- The proposed budget for 2017 had been sent out prior to the meeting and was presented by Ian. The following items were noted in addition to the notes on page 1:
 - Youth Fund – There are cash and grant elements within the balance noted (the grant element is Jack Petchey funding and has restrictions on how we may spend it)
 - Youth Fund - The £650 expenditure estimated next year is principally for Boys' Brigade/Girls' Association subscriptions
- Ian noted the proposed Ministry expenditure and the (approximate) 2% increase, including an increase in the Minister's stipend. The meeting was offered an opportunity for Andy to leave the room whilst this was discussed, but the meeting felt this was unnecessary and agreed the proposal.
- A question was raised regarding the OMF contribution (p4), specifically why the budget for 2017 was less than the 'actual' figure for 2016. Ian explained the actuals for 2016 exceeded the 2016 budget due to a £320 gift that had been specifically requested to go to OMF.
- A question was raised relating to hall hire and specifically whether the increase in income stems from an increase in the fees being charged or the number of bookings? Ian explained that fees had been increased some time ago, but that the main reason was an increase in the number of bookings being made (of both Carey Hall and the Clifford Wood Room).

- ***Andy proposed the budget be accepted and the meeting agreed unanimously***

Prayer

- There was a time of prayer for our funding needs and God's on-going provision

Building Works

- Tim explained the work that had been completed this year, the work currently on-going to restore the front of the Church and the plan for works on the buildings to take place in 2017. The written parts of the presentation that Tim used are attached to these minutes as an addendum.
- Discussion took place on the possibility of using the money from Jim Robertson's legacy to undertake a full refurbishment of the Carey Hall kitchen.
 - This was considered an 'appropriate' use of the funds given Jim's involvement with activities that frequently centred around Carey Hall and the kitchen
 - It was suggested we could memorialise this by referring to it as the 'Jim Robertson kitchen' going forward
 - The kitchen works are proposed for Summer 2017
- ***Andy proposed and the meeting agreed unanimously we should proceed to the next stage with quotes and detailed proposal***
- Andy also proposed thanks to the Maintenance Committee for all of their work

Calendar

- A draft calendar had been sent out prior to the meeting and Andy went through the events that had been included.
 - Notes: Church Anniversary date not confirmed
 - Saturday 3rd June: A proposal was made for an event to coincide with Pentecost
 - Communion in April has been moved to the 23rd to avoid Easter Sunday.
 - An event has been proposed for 16th September to link with the 'Open House London' movement.
- A request was made by Phil Norman to add 18th February for the Church Work Day and 9th December for the BB/GA Xmas Fayre. Andrew will be asked to do this.

Forthcoming Events

- Churches Together Advent Carol Service – Saturday 26th November
- Brigades Christmas Fayre – Saturday 3rd December
- Family Carol Service aka Toy Service – Sunday 11th December
- Carols by Candlelight – Sunday 18th December
- Christmas Day Celebration – Sunday 25th December
 - Christmas Day cash collection to be donated to Tear Fund; envelopes to Church Funds

- Publicity cards for the Family Carol Service, Carols by Candlelight and Christmas Day Celebration are available in the vestibule for members of the congregation to take away and invite friends and family.

People, Prayer and Worship

- News was shared about a number of members of friends.
- The meeting closed with prayer for the work of the Church and for the people and issues raised during the meeting, particularly buildings.

Signed _____

Date _____