

Oakwood Church Annual Meeting – 26th March 2019

Present: Sue Noble, Val May, David May, Roger Richardson, Paul Butler, Shanthi Richardson, Ruth Barlow, Roger Shaw, Susan Shaw, David Donaldson, Sharon Donaldson, Peter Howdle, Susan Howdle, Duncan Holden, Linda Holden, David Hatley, Pete Oldfield, Margaret Burgess, Michael Fielden, Astrid Fielden, Sonia Kasibante, Mary Brown, James Thomas, Anne Bond, Kathryn Fitzsimons, George Bailey, Marc Dungworth, Margaret Dickinson, Karen Ruzicka, Charlotte Spencer, Paul Spencer, Jill Fraser, Morris Smith, Anne Kirkland

Apologies: David Noble, Elaine Pye, Eric Jones, Brigid Jones, Elsie Merrick, Leanora Rankine, Kim Wood, Barry Cloughton

1. ROUNDHAY METHODIST CHURCH, GENERAL CHURCH MEETING

1) Opening Devotions - led by George, he read from Acts: 2 and 'Life among the believers' from Holy Habits

2) Minutes of previous meeting – The minutes were accepted and signed.

3) No Matters Arising

4) Stewards Report – On File

5) Appointment of Stewards – 4 Stewards will continue, Christine Stopford, Leanora Rankine, Ruth Barlow and Jill Fraser.

Christine Stopford will be nominated as Senior Steward – All Agreed

6) Appointment of 6 representatives to Church Council

Recommended to have 5 representatives and hold 1 vacancy - All Agreed

Duncan Holden + Margaret Burgess - Resource Team

Anne Kirkland – Children and Youth Team/ Safeguarding Officer

Roger Richardson – Worship Team

Sandra Hoto – Assistant Treasurer/Youth Team

Other Members of Church Council

- Stewards, Ministers; Robert Creamer, George Bailey + one other Presbyter, Circuit Steward, Barbara Belsham

Appointed by Church Council;

- Paul Muncer – Treasurer
- Margaret Dickinson – Pastoral Secretary, Caring and Learning team
- Sue Noble – Church Council Secretary, Circuit Meeting Rep', Charity Giving Team

A request to send our Greetings and Get Well Wishes to Anna Sheasby Thomas from the AGM.

11. ROUNDHAY ST JOHN'S ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2019

Minutes taken by Anne Bond are on File

111. REPORTS AND MUTUAL COUNSEL ON THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

The Life of Oakwood Church – See colour coded sheet on File

This sheet shows all the organisations etc so we don't need to see all reports, they will be presented at Oakwood Church council.

1) Leadership Team – Report on File

2) Oakwood Church Finances – Review of RMC Accounts – Treasurers Report on file

This comprises of 2 financial structures, RMC + St John's

Further notes to Treasurers Report

- i) Administration costs - £4,600
 - ii) OCC agreed the reserve policy
 - iii) Circuit requested an increase in the Assessment (previously frozen for 3 years)
a 10% increase was agreed.
 - iv) Lettings are now at the highest they have been than in the previous 5 years.
 - v) Paul ceases his 6 years' service in post which will be at the end of August.
- A succession plan is in hand.
Paul was thanked for his work and service.

3) CURRENT CHURCH PRIORITIES

i) Resourcing the work of the Church – Environmental Policy

Alasdair Fraser asked the meeting to think about the following – as shown on the screen

- Energy
- Buildings
- Materials - Cleaning products
- Paper – reduce printed documents
- Recycling – reduce landfill waste
- Land use – wildlife in church grounds
- Local environment group
- Toilet twinning
- Engage users of the church to adopt environmental policy

How do you contribute?

- In Church life
- In home life
- In work life
- In other ways

Discussions took place and suggestions were given:

- The new shop on 176 Harrogate road, called 'Refuelling' eco friendly encourages you to use less plastic.
- Agenda should be on the screen not paper copies
- Going paperless but remember those who don't have the technology and include them, don't leave them out. Use email when we can and paper copies for people who don't have email.
- Fairtrade comes under the Environment, Traidcraft is struggling.
- Less paper saves money, but technology not always cost effective.

ii) Consulting with Young People

Encouraging, listening and supporting Young people in the life of the church, (See Stewards Report)

- Mission Generation (Ben Jones supports Youth Work 2-3 times a year)
- Easter Appeal – ‘Simon on the Street’
- 3Generate - November (Cliff College Festival in May)
- One Programme
- Being Together Consultations, listening to voices of everybody particularly Young people.

How do you contribute? (See above)

Discussions and suggestions

Q – How many people in SYNC? A – 9 or 10 its very changeable

Q – How do we contribute when the congregation and young people are not always in the same space? A – Take the opportunity to speak to young people.

iii) Dementia Friendly

The group consists of 8-9 people all belong to Church community and 4-5 volunteers, carers or family. The group began in October 2018 and meet every 1st Thursday each month. The Reviews gave encouragement to continue.

- Carol singing with Luncheon Club
- Provides a safe place
- February – Music (Old favourites)

How do you contribute?

Discussions and suggestions

- Signage, property and dementia team already working on it.
- Keep members with memory loss fully involved with church, support families and keep in contact with relatives.

Aim for us to change together for everybody’s sake.

5) AOB – none

6) DONM – Leadership Team and Oakwood CC will decide.

The meeting closed with The Grace at 9.20pm.

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Date _____