

# Oakwood Church Annual Meeting - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**Present:** George Bailey, Kathryn Fitzsimons, Sonia Kasibante, Sue Noble, David Noble, Valeria May, David May, Florence Doku, Duncan Holden, Linda Holden, Eric Jones, Brigid Jones, Paul Spencer, Morris Smith, Margaret Dickinson, Mary Brown, Barry Cloughton, Astrid Fielden, Michael Fielden, David Donaldson, Roger Shaw, Susan Shaw, Leanora Rankine, Charlotte Spencer, David Hartley, Peter Oldfield, Peter Haddleton, Anne Kirkland, Graham Dawson,

**Apologies:** Shanthi Richardson, Roger Richardson, Christine Stopford, Peggy Horne

## 1. Roundhay St John's, Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Opening devotions led by Rev'd Kathryn Fitzsimons  
Anne Bond to present the minutes for this section

### 11. Roundhay Methodist Church, General Church Meeting

1. Welcome

2. Minutes of previous meeting - 20<sup>th</sup> March 2016 were accepted and signed by George.

3. No matters arising

4. **Stewards Report** - on file

Thanks were given to Alasdair Fraser for his service as a steward, he steps down in May. A positive outcome from 'Branching Out in Praise' is the beginning of a new House group.

5. **Appointment of Stewards**

Ruth Barlow was put forward as a new Steward - Leanora proposed and Linda Holden seconded that proposal. Ruth will join the Leadership team (see report) on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017.

6. **Appointment of 6 representatives to Church Council**

The following representatives have agreed to continue this year  
George proposed they continue, all agreed.

Duncan Holden & Margaret Burgess (Resources Team)

Anne Kirkland (Children and Youth team/Safeguarding Officer)

Roger Richardson (Worship Team)

Graham Dawson (Youth Work)

James Sheasby Thomas (Website)

**Other members of the Church Council**

- Stewards, Ministers (Robert Creamer, George Bailey, John Mason), Circuit Steward (Barbara Belsham), and those appointed by the Church Council.
- Paul Muncer (Treasurer)
- Margaret Dickinson (Pastoral Secretary, Caring and Learning Team)
- Sue Noble (Church Council Secretary, Circuit Meeting Rep, Charity Giving Team)
- Rev'd Kathryn Fitzsimons, Rev'd Sonia Kasibante
- Anne Bond (Warden, PCC Secretary)

- Peter Oldfield (Treasurer, Electoral Roll Officer, Deanery Rep)
- Paul Spencer (Reader, Deanery Rep)
- Brigid Jones
- Eric Jones
- Doreen Smith
- Elaine Pye
- Charlotte Spencer

## **111. Reports and mutual counsel on the life of the Church**

### **1. Oakwood Church Finances, including review of RMC accounts**

Duncan presented finance details on slides 'Reasons for surplus', 'Forecast' and 'Discerning the way forward' (these are on file).

Ideas/questions followed the presentation -

- part time administrator needed the list of jobs are endless, very time consuming taking bookings, need younger person on a part-time basis.
- we used to have regular givings to local/national charities e.g. WIFCOS should we look at our charity givings
- bequests usually have wishes for the money, we purchased bibles, hymn books, furniture in New Room, the 2 bequests didn't have any wishes attached.
- Look at secretarial role this also generates huge amount of work.

Linda Holden was greatly thanked for all her work as bookings secretary and the Monday Café. All present praised the resources team for their hard work and trusted any decisions they made.

George asked the relevant people to be contacted if any more ideas are forthcoming.

The input today will be voted on at Church Council and incorporated in setting our priorities when we meet to discern the way forward (14<sup>th</sup> May)

### **2. Church Mission Priorities**

Kathryn asked "what had you participated in". Everyone had participated in some way, need to think about the way forward. What needs to change?

### **3. Reports from the life of the church**

**Children and Youth** - Report on file

Encouraging comments were said re children and youth activities

**Community Team** - on file

David Donaldson highlighted the photographic competition, it will develop communication within the community as they participate, bringing them into the church buildings and understand what goes on at Oakwood church.

It has been advertised within church settings but nearer the time it will be advertised more broadly in the community. Appreciation for David's work with the Digital World group and Sharon's work with the Nostalgia group was given.

**Resources Team** - on file

In house work will become less and more paid workers will have to be used. If anyone is skilled in the jobs that a church needs doing please make yourself known to the team. Providing bike racks was discussed - could reduce some of parking area, suggested we could have them on the left- hand side of church.

Building overheating sometimes, Linda suggested heating be switched off (not fitted with thermostats) but it needs to be switched back on before leaving the building.

Thanks were given to the Team.

**Charity Giving Team** - on file

Suggestion that the team be involved in the discussions re excess funds. The question was asked are all the charities Methodist? The Children's Society is Anglican, an appeal was made for someone to lead this on the team. HELP was also ecumenical.

**Caring and Learning Team** - on file

Thanks were given to Margaret Dickinson, she noted that everyone at the meeting does something in The Church. The next Church Away Day will be held on Sat, April 28<sup>th</sup> 2018.

**Worship Team** - no report

George highlighted the Key Points from the team

- New Hymn books and bibles
- Outdoor service (another planned for Summer)
- Advent sheep hunt
- Prayer offered after morning services
- Sharing news
- Evensong survey
- Branching Out in Praise with music band

Request for service books to be under the chairs in Church and bibles moved to the back compartment. It was agreed to change the books around. Welcome cards were in the porch but waiting to be updated.

4. AOB

Morris reported that the uniformed organisations needed more storage, he was asked to refer this to the resources team.

5. DONM - proposal to hold the next meeting as a joint meeting, to meet on an evening and for reports to be handed out prior to the meeting. All agreed

Michael Fielden thanked the clergy George, Kathryn, Sonia and Paul for all they do at Oakwood Church.

The meeting closed with the Grace

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Date

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