

# Meeting Notes of Christ Church Council

Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm in Christ Church Mews

**Present:** Judith Bishop (Chair), Maggie Willans, Emma Elliott (Clerk), Sarah Jones, Jonathan Stead, David Rawlings.

## Opening Prayer

Jonathan opened the meeting with a prayer.

1. **Apologies:** Lucy Humbert, Morny Davison, Jane Nicholson, Pauline Swaby Wallace, Brenda Wall, Malcolm Wall.

## 2. Meeting Notes from the last meeting

The meeting notes from the last meeting were accepted unanimously as a true record of the meeting with three minor corrections. **Proposed: David, Seconded: Sarah**

## 3. Matters Arising

### a) Redecoration of Mews

Thanks were expressed to Jude and David Bishop for the redecoration work undertaken in the office of the Mews. All agreed that it looks very smart.

### b) Publicity

#### *Postcards*

Sarah has obtained costs for various postcard / card options from MBE. These will be circulated via Email. Sarah will liaise with Virginia, who has produced postcards in the past few years. Sarah is happy to produce cards if Virginia isn't able to. **Action: Sarah**

#### *Pukka Bath*

David brought along a copy of the magazine. He will make inquiries about advertising costs. **Action: David**

#### *Facebook Advertising*

Costs of advertising via Facebook / Instagram were presented and discussed, along with statistics on reach in previous ad campaigns. It was agreed unanimously that we would trial a Facebook advert for the Christmas carol service. Emma will give Mark Elliott the go-ahead to do this and claim the costs. **Proposed: Sarah, Seconded: David**

### c) Charitable Giving

This is ongoing. Suggestions are being considered. The request for a Charities Coordinator has not been forthcoming so far.

### d) Co-opting of Council Member

All agreed unanimously to co-opt Isobel Powell and are delighted that she is willing to stand. **Proposed: Maggie, Seconded: Sarah**

### d) Website

The new website is live. Thanks were expressed to Mark Elliott.

## 4. Trustees' Minutes

These were circulated prior to the meeting and are noted by council members.

## 5. Safeguarding Training Pathway

A general reminder was given. All members of council need to complete the training. **Action: ALL**

## 6. Worship

### a) Student Sunday

The welcome lunch to students is taking place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November after the Sunday morning service. Mark Elliott has been asked to produce a poster and handouts. The students in our own congregation have agreed to help put the word out on campus. It was agreed that we would extend the welcome to other young people in our congregation.

### b) Open Table Network

The Consultation is taking place on 26<sup>th</sup> October. The Exec director of the organisation is coming to the consultation. An invite is being extended to other churches as well. It was agreed unanimously that we would fund his travel expenses from Liverpool which would be about £110. **Proposed: Jonathan, Seconded: Judith**

It was agreed that we should keep in mind other ways in which we can be an inclusive church, for example, providing for the needs of those with disabilities; for people of different ages, and from a variety of socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds (not an exhaustive list).

## 7. Pastoral Care

### a) Report back on Pastoral Tea

This was a successful event and enjoyed by those that attended.

## b) Assistance needed for hospitality for students & newcomers

Jonathan plans to take our students for brunch at Boston Tea Party and it was unanimously agreed that council would like to pay for this.

## 8. Any other Business

### 8.1 Jewellery Sale

Georgina would like to sell her jewellery after the service one Sunday and is asking for dates that don't clash with other events. Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December was put forward. Judith will communicate with Georgina. **Action: Judith**

### 8.2 News about the harpsichord

The harpsichord has found a new home in York. Arrangements for transport are underway.

### 8.3 Future agenda items

Two future agenda items were put forward:

Our statement on welcome to children – it was proposed that this be brought to the next meeting.

Vacancy Management Group survey – sharing of collated results. This would take some time to prepare for, but something to consider in the new year.

## 14. Date of Next Meeting

The date set for the next meeting is Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

The meeting closed with The Grace at 8.48pm

<b>Glossary</b>	
Open Table Network	A partnership of communities across England & Wales which welcome and affirm people who are: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer or Questioning, Intersex, & Asexual (LGBTQIA). <a href="https://opentable.lgbt/">https://opentable.lgbt/</a>
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