

Minutes of Church Meeting 28th. July 2018

Chair Revd. Andrew Sellwood

22 members present + 2 later arrivals.

6 apologies.

Devotions led by Carole Culliss.

Minutes of previous meeting signed as a true and accurate record.

Matters arising.

TFG volunteer Marielle leaves on 31st July. Her leaving lunch was a success and our best wishes were sent with Marielle.

Pastoral Report. Hilary Redman. The meeting shared news of the fellowship and upheld in prayer those in need and offered best wishes to those with special celebrations.

Agenda Items.

1. Andrew's time. Updated the meeting with regards to Church Diary. Hilary will be keeping this so any event or items for the diary please let Hilary know.

Naison Hove has his Induction service on Saturday 18th August at Littlehampton United Church 2:30pm.

Andrew described this as a landmark in the life of the 5 churches.

Andrew officially thanked Valerie Cooper for her work as Church Secretary.

Roger Wild and Ray Elliott were appointed by Andrew and approved by the meeting to be the official Tellers for the Elders election vote.

Final Walking the Way of this series will be on Tuesday 7th August. Andrew said how much he has enjoyed leading this course.

2. Elders Election. Ryan Thomas was unanimously elected as an Elder with 22 votes being cast.

3. GA Report. Wilfred Rhodes read his report on the General Assembly Meeting which he attended in July. This was held in Nottingham. A copy of his report is filed in the meetings folder.

Group Reports.

Finance. Roger Wild. A deficit was predicted for the end of the year in the order of £1,000. Less income was received from Gift Aid and exceptional spending of the hall heating of around £3,000. We also lost two hall bookings. However, new groups have made bookings to start in August, fitness for over 50's, New Creation Life ministries, Toddler group 'down the rabbit hole' and dog training (with a new leader). This financial situation was reported to not be too much of a concern.

Property. Ryan Thomas. Aiden Knowles is starting the storage building work in the choir vestry which should take about 3 days. We are still awaiting further quotes from other builders.

Outreach. No report.

World Church and Mission. No report.

Notices and Correspondence. Nothing received. The meeting was reminded that any information received is to be found on the table in Church.

AOB. Graham Redman had attended some training provided by the CPO. He proposed we use the church website for the purpose of evangelism by asking those who use our premises to detail their services on our website. Anyone enquiring about these services can also see what is happening within the church.

Suggestion of employing a children's worker will be discussed amongst the Elders in the first instance.

Peggy Mott encouraged everyone to look at the church garden, the meeting noted all the good work carried out by herself Ray Elliott and Alan Paterson. A request was made for large strong plastic bags to collect compost.

A volunteer is still needed for the once a month bread collection from the Mulberry shops to Worthing Churches Homeless project. This will be on the fourth Monday of the month. Please see Carol Webber.

The meeting was asked to consider the option of further Saturday morning meetings. Elders would make the final decision.

Next date to be confirmed.

The meeting concluded with the sharing of the Grace