

GURC CHURCH MEETING MINUTES 25th. JANUARY 2020

Chair: Rev Andrew Sellwood.
Devotions led by Rosina Bayley
Attendees: 25
Apologies:6

Minutes of previous meeting approved and signed by Rev Andrew Sellwood.

Matters arising

Family service. The first for 2020 was on Sunday 19th January and was attended by 45+ congregation. Reported to be much appreciated. Further family services are planned and will be reviewed and adapted as required.

Little Fishes. Families in need have been identified by the leaders. The congregation raised £92 at Christmas for Little Fishes. The meeting thanked Val Gill for the link into Little Fishes.

Photocopier. A new one has now been installed.

Pastoral Report. Hilary Redman

The passing of Jim Hope on 2nd January was recorded. The Funeral will be taking place on 5th February and will be led by Rev Andrew Sellwood. The meeting stood in remembrance of Jim.

We also remembered Norman Ashby, husband of Margaret Ashby who has also passed away.

The meeting shared news of the fellowship and upheld in prayer all those with special needs at this time.

It was also agreed in the meeting that non-members shall be recorded as Church Friends in future.

Agenda Items

Reform Magazine. Jane Bond has handed over the purchase of these to those who take it.

Table Tennis Tables. Wilfred Rhodes read out an email from Carol Webber to say that some damage has been reported to a table which was originally purchased by the group themselves. The meeting discussed future storage possibilities which will be further addressed during the property report.

DBS. These are due for renewal. Wilfred informed member he will be passing around forms to those requiring them.

(Women's) World Day of Prayer. Wilfred Rhodes read out a report from Eileen Rhodes which is filed with the minutes of meeting. This event is now to be known as World Day of Prayer. Service details were provided about the event this year by people of Zimbabwe. Anyone requiring a lift to speak to Eileen.

Following this year's services Eileen will be stepping down from the committee and Susie Thomas is to be our church representative.

Group Reports

Finance. No report.

Property. Graham Redman. Future use of stage area for storage was discussed but this is not a priority and will be added to the list of on-going items to attend to.

It was suggested a deposit could be requested of one-off users of our premises. This was not discussed further.

Ray Knight continues to work hard with regards to his report and items to be addressed. The property committee have further discussed the windows and agreed to replace the transept windows first at a cost of around £16,000. This includes repair fascia and down pipes. The work will be carried out by replacing individual panes and will likely take place in the spring.

The meeting was asked to agree this specific spend and did so unanimously.

Matthew Smith advised the meeting that we will receive £2,000 a year grant from Synod for church maintenance.

The asbestos survey has taken place. Some asbestos noted on outside bottom windows which can be painted to seal this.

The property committee will discuss what needs to be done with the garage which is reported to have a leaking roof.

Graham also gave some information regarding future costs to building maintenance.

Health and Safety. Any issues regarding this to be taken to the Property committee.

Health and Safety responsibilities are required to be published annually in Welcome and on the church web site.

The central carpet in the Sanctuary is now a Health and Safety issue and a decision on how to resolve this needs to be made. Graham asked of suggestions to be emailed or written to him for consideration by the property committee.

Fire risk assessment has been updated and a further fire drill will take place in Spring.

Security. A list of current key holders is to be compiled. Ryan Thomas is looking into an electronic system using a code entry system.

Graham reminded everyone that all information can be found on the church website and diary pages. Please see Graham if anyone requires further information regarding this.

Outreach. Val Gill. A Barn Dance is planned for 28th March from 7 to 10pm. Tickets will soon be printed and will cost £7:50.

Skittles evening 13th June. Food served at 7:30. Bowling before and after food and if numbers interested are high this may be divided into early and late bowlers to accommodate everyone.

GLAD. Next event Tuesday 18th Feb. All ladies invited.

Next outreach meeting 15th March. Valerie Cooper was welcomed onto the outreach committee.

W C and M. No report.

Administration. No report.

AOB.

The meeting was advised that all business needs to be given in advance of the meeting.

Diary dates

Provided on meeting agenda.

Date of next meeting 28th March 2020

Meeting closed with the sharing of the Grace.