

Minutes of Church meeting **Thursday 27th September 2018**

Chair - Matthew Smith (in the absence of Rev. Andrew Sellwood)

- 9 members present
- 11 apologies

Devotions led by Chris Howie

Minutes of previous meeting signed as a true and accurate record (after 3 minor amendments to names)

Matters Arising (from previous minutes)

- At the Sunday morning service this week the Duty Elder (Wilfred Rhodes) will ask for a show of hands to see whether the next meeting should be on a Thursday evening or Saturday morning
- Provisional date and time for 'Walking The Way' (Saturday 10th November 10-12) - this will be confirmed on Andrew's return, as this day has also been proposed for the Church Beetle Drive (See Outreach report)

Pastoral Report (Hilary Redman)

- The meeting shared news of the fellowship

Agenda Items

- **Rev. Naison Hove**
Wilf wanted to ensure that we were aware of the correct pronunciation: NYE-SUN - HOE-VAY
- **Church Handbook and Database**
Eileen Rhodes had written expressing concerns that several people were missing from the latest Handbook - and could something be done about persuading them to allow their details to be included.
 - Hilary explained that everyone missing from the current Handbook had requested that they be removed, but that Graham was working to allay privacy fears and hoped to get agreements to add people back for the next print run.
 - Matthew said that there was no problem with having names on rotas as that doesn't constitute personal data

Group Reports

- **Finance (Matthew Smith)**
Lettings news - the 'Down The Rabbit Hole' group didn't get off the ground and the

Chinese Brush painting block bookings were on hold due to the organizer's ill-health

- **Property (written report submitted by Ryan Thomas)**

- Car Park Exit Wall: 5 builders/bricklayers were contacted - only 2 actually quoted. It is recommended that we employ the services of Markus Gladdish at a cost of £625. He will also endeavour to re-position the wall and pier by the entrance.

The meeting agreed to accept Markus Gladdish's quote for fixing the car park exit wall

- Choir Vestry: storage cupboards have been built and are being used. Further storage options are still being investigated.

Hilary mentioned that the Sunday Evening service had been disturbed by the noise of people using the new cupboards. Matthew offered to speak to the Indian Pentecostal Church about this

- - Table-tennis tables: there is a health and safety issue as a Church member has been injured by a falling table. In a separate incident, one of the tables has been damaged.

Matthew has offered to get rid of the defective table if the Table-Tennis club agree - Ryan will liaise with Peggy Mott (representing the Table-Tennis club)

Since the last Church meeting the Property Group have opened 10 new issues, made progress on 17 issues and have closed 10 issues. There are currently 20 issues and other projects in progress.

The Property Group is very short of members and is looking into ways of enabling those not officially on the group to take on individual issues with no further commitment.

Geoffrey agreed to research replacing the piano stool

- **Outreach (written report submitted by Ryan Thomas)**

- Barn Dance: the Church hall has been booked for Saturday 19th January 2019. Details are still being worked out - Rosina has offered to liaise with the lady at Sompting who organised their recent Barn Dance.

- Coffee at St Paul's - this has been arranged for Monday 8th October at 10.30am

- Men's Meal: A table has been booked at the Sussex Yeoman for Monday 15th October. A form will be placed at the back of the Church on Sunday for prospective attendees

- Beetle Drive: possibly on Saturday 10th November - details to follow.

All these events will be publicised via Welcome.

Hilary asked that the Outreach team remembered to inform her of dates so that she could keep the Diary up-to-date

- **World Church & Mission (Bobby Hitchin)**

- There is a meeting on Friday - details of how the money is allocated will be provided via the Welcome sheet

- Matthew mentioned that 'Inspire' had received money last year but had not been produced recently as it is having a revamp

Notices and Correspondence (Hilary Redman)

- Hilary drew attention to some upcoming events and the meeting was reminded that any information received is to be found on the table in Church and/or in the Welcome sheet.

AOB

- Roger enquired as to who had decorated the shelves for the Harvest Thanksgiving service - it was Bobby, and he thanked her
- Bett had written to ask that people be informed that - having previously gone missing - the Church handbook was now stored in the left hand drawer of the print room. Hilary reminded the meeting that copies of the Church handbook were not to be handed out to people not entitled to them.

Date of next meeting

- To be decided

The meeting concluded with the sharing of the Grace

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