



Guiseley Methodist Church

Wharfedale & Aireborough Circuit

Oxford Road, Guiseley, Leeds LS20 9EP

Minutes of the Church Council Meeting 31st October 2017

1 Minutes from previous meeting

Were approved and signed as being correct. An updated keyholders list has been produced.

2 Matters arising: None that are not dealt with elsewhere

3 Notifications of AOB – Three items

4 Pastoral report: had been circulated. Next meeting Tuesday 7th November at 10.30am.

5 World Church & Neighbourhood report: Had been circulated, AV was thanked for her comprehensive and accurate minutes.

6 Property report: had been circulated. HM has asked E to remind Tots' parents again about parking within the white lines.

7 Church organ: due to the poor state of our current organ, explained in the finance report, Council agreed to accept the offer of the Oxford Place organ as it is no longer needed. In recognition of this generous gift Council agreed to make a donation (eg half the organ's value) to the Oxford Place Mission once it is installed here. Thanks to KR for following this up and to all the organists who have had to play our less than perfect organ for some time.

8 Treasurer's, Accounts and Gift Aid reports:

8.1 These show that our finances are in good order and KR thanked everyone for giving their time, talents and money to maintain this position.

8.2 Legacy: Council agreed to circulate information about this generous legacy in a letter (to be distributed over a few Sundays) and to ask for suggestions as to how it might be used.

Action: RS and KR

8.3 Annual grants: Council agreed to these increased donations as set out, and to look at them annually.

9 Norwood: JH reports a good response to the appeal for donations both from churches and individuals. Heating is a priority for the winter and any volunteers to do some maintenance work would be much appreciated. Council agreed to make a donation of £500 to Norwood and also to ask our church family if they would like to donate individually.

Action: RS and KR

10 Legacy : see 8.2

11 Tots report: This had been circulated and Council expressed thanks to the management team for their work with the new leadership.

12 Safeguarding: The report had been circulated and was accepted. Concern was expressed about parents dropping children off for activities and expecting leader/s to take responsibility for the children before the session starts. CF said this problem occurs occasionally and is dealt with when it does.

13 Church Leadership Team: Early days – they have met 3 times and are getting to know what is going on, who takes responsibility for what, sorting out stewards' roles and ideas for the future. Feel strongly that we should make an effort to become more of a part in the community. Re carol singing, at the World & Neighbourhood meeting it was agreed that LB/PS seek involvement in the Community Team and our carol singers join in Advent events in Guiseley.

14 Stewards: At their recent meeting it was confirmed that:
JB be senior steward until August 2018 and then remain as a steward for one more year.
JF become senior steward in September 2018
JH retire in August 2018
At the 2018 General Church Meeting at least one and preferably two new stewards need to be appointed.

15 Any other business

- 15.1 Our church is now required to make a weekly report on copyright items used. Stewards will collect the information each week and a volunteer is needed to input it onto a website.
- 15.2 Council agreed that we should have use of a roving microphone at future meetings.
- 15.3 AN was re elected as Church Council secretary.

Dates of forthcoming meetings:

Church Council: Wednesday 28th February at 7.30pm
General Church Meeting: 29th April 2018 after morning worship

The meeting closed with everyone saying the Grace together.

Church Council secretary

Signed **Dated**