



Guiseley Methodist Church

Wharfedale & Aireborough Circuit

Oxford Road, Guiseley, Leeds LS20 9EP

Minutes of the Church Council Meeting 30 October 2018

- 1 Opening devotions were led by the chair, Revd Roger Smith
- 2 For attendees and apologies please see end of minutes.
Membership: collection counters Keith Abbott, Alan Booth and Elizabeth Hoyle have retired, Margaret Cooper has joined the team. We welcome Margaret and thank the retirees for their work over the years. Anne North to continue as Church Council secretary.
Minutes from the June and August meetings were approved and signed.
No matters arising other than those within this agenda.
Three items for AOB.
- 3 Reports
Worship and discipleship:
If there is anything to discuss in this area an open meeting will be called. An extra 9.00am service will be held (approx 30 minutes) in addition to the 10.30 service to create a monthly opportunity for a shorter reflective Sunday morning service. The first one will be 13th January 2019.
Finance, budget and Gift Aid:
Council agreed to the annual donations proposed for 2018/19, and to withdraw the additional moneys for the window and the extra electrical work (see report) from the Freda Hudell legacy.
Replacement of hall windows and fire doors: After discussion Council agreed to fund this partly by launching an appeal for contributions, emphasising that due to the age of our building, Property Reserve and Legacy money needs to be kept in hand as much as possible to fund any other major expenditure eg new boiler or other window replacement.
Circuit CAP debt centre: is now being established. We have pledged to support this with a payment of £1000 per year for three years.
Gift Aid: Richard's report was accepted – no queries.
Leadership Team/Lay worker:
LT propose that this person will research and then put into practice ideas to enhance people's experiences in our church and in the wider community. Please see revised job description and person specification attached. Salary £10.30 per hour in line with Tots' leader salary. Council agreed to this being launched in the new year.
Property:
Stretching carpet in Church – Property team will take further advice and choose the best option.
The bench outside the church door will be refurbished. Council were not in agreement with a suggestion that a bench with a plaque in Freda Hudell's name on be installed, as all bequests are recorded in the bequest book in church.
Sound absorbency for the hall: Council supported the team's plan to visit various places where this has been installed in order to check on its efficacy.
Proposed alterations to the foyer were approved, with thanks to Peter for drawing up the plans.

The annual property checklist has been completed and will be included in the Church Return.

Safeguarding: Carol's report had been circulated. She will contact those who need to attend the Advanced Course. A venue within the circuit should be offered in 2019, Hilary will follow this up.

World & Neighbourhood: Ecumenical coffee morning on 12 January 2019 is to collect warm clothing for people who live on the streets. NB JMA collection at Morrisons is actually 15th November 2018.

Church Stewards:

Confirm that Revd Vicky Atkins will conduct morning worship at our Church Anniversary. Jean and Paul will be involved in a Jo Cox Christmas Dinner at Rawdon Trinity for people who will not be part of a supportive group on Christmas Day. Details will be publicised. Stewards are working on an information pack to give to people who come to the church door seeking help, with advice for those who answer the door to them.

There is still a need for one or two additional stewards – please pray that someone will volunteer.

Deacon Jenny:

Reported that plans for a Marriage Course and an Alpha Course are being prepared, to be run in Guiseley ecumenically. There is also the possibility of offering our church for male asylum seekers to stay in for a week during the winter as part of an established procedure. This would be done in conjunction with other organisations in our area.

In Memoriam:

Council stood and gave thanks for the life of Peter Mellor who died earlier this year, and prayed for his remaining family.

4 Circuit stewards' report

The report from 5th September had been circulated. Further news is that Revd Lesley Taylor will continue as our Superintendent for two years, and that Revd Vicky Atkins will become chaplain at Woodhouse Grove school in September 2019. Stationing applications have been submitted to replace her. Please pray for this process and for an additional volunteer to become a circuit steward. Viv thanked Ian again for all his work in that post.

5 From the District

'A Methodist Way of Life' cards are being produced and will be introduced at a Circuit Service on 20th January 2019.

6 From the District

Data protection (GDPR) will now be ongoing – more requirements will be rolled out. The Managing Trustees' Privacy Notice is now available on the main notice boards.

7 Any other business

Council agreed to donate £50 to the Dementia Café for giving us an amplifier on wheels which will be most useful for Primrose Court services.

As a security measure it was agreed that the inner glass door be locked during services.

There is always a steward on duty in the foyer so it can be opened for latecomers.

A potential booking involving drinking Prosecco cannot be accepted as we do not have the discretion to permit consumption of alcohol on the premises.

7 Date of next Church Council: Monday 25 February 2019

Date of next Church General meeting: Sunday 5th May 2019, after morning worship

8 The meeting closed with prayer.

Anne North
Church Council Secretary

Attendees: J Abbott, A Akers, J Beever, J Bloomfield, L Busfield, P Busfield, C Davis, A Dawson, J Dick, C Finlay, J Fletcher, R Griffin, C Herries, J Hipkin, E Hoyle, T King, S Morrish, H Murden, R Naylor, Deacon J Parnell, A Pickles, V Pitts, K Reed, N Reed, L Saxton, C Turner, I Williams, R Williams, A North (secretary).

Apologies: J Boocock, L Bootland, A Elsegood, C Fountain, R Halliwell, P Slater, P Smith.

Signed

Date