

Minutes of Trinity Church Meeting

Sunday 16th July 2017 at 11.30am

Present: 41 members, 13 apologies

Chair: Jon Salmon

Minute secretary: Jill Duncan

Opening prayer was led by Jon Salmon

1. Minutes of last church meetings

1.1 Minutes of Special Church Meeting Sunday for Youth Worker Sunday 4th May 2017

Recorded as accurate minutes of the meeting

1.2 Minutes of Church AGM 23rd April 2017

Re 3. Finance. Check the figure of £70000 as amend if needed

Recorded as accurate minutes of the meeting

1.2. Actions from minutes

See action table at the end of the minutes

1.3. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda

No matters arising

2. Elections and Appointments – Catherine Jackson

Catherine thanked everyone who fulfils any role in Trinity whether formal or informal, your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Dianne Berry has finished her term as Steward and the meeting thanks her.

For a variety of reasons, the deadline for the advertisement of posts has been missed.

The meeting was asked for approval to extend the roles of Senior Steward and Head of Junior Church until the October Church Meeting, the post holders have agreed.

Will the meeting extend the role of Bethan Jones as Senior Steward until the October?

Yes 32 No 0 Abstentions 1

Will the meeting extend the role of Lisa Waite as Head of Junior Church until the October?

Yes 33 No 0 Abstentions 0

There are a number of other vacancies to be advertised – 2 stewards, head of publicity, help with HR, assistant minutes secretary (to take minutes when minutes secretary cannot attend).

Joan O’Callaghan was not present at this point, but later in the meeting stated that we still need more Communion stewards

3. Finance update –Sandy Catchick

Sandy was appointed Treasurer at the April meeting and handover started 21st May. Sandy thanked all those who have helped her since then, including Dave Mbawa.

Currently:

Main Income	10 m to	30.06.2017	30.06.2016
Envelopes		£6,776	£8,779
Standing orders		£50,100	£53,434
Cash		£10,577	£12,021
Gift Aid		£14,612	£13,290

Other major income 10m to	30.06.2017	31.08.2016
Donations	£5,578	£8,627
Social eg. Open Saturdays	£6,237	£2,169
Lettings (Room bookings)	£10,387	£6,062
Solar panels	£2,651	£1,050
Expenses: Assessments	30.06.2017	31.08.2016
Anglican	£47,489	£53,784
Methodist	£2,065	£2,658
URC	£2,700	£2,658
Total income and expenses 10m to	30.06.2017	31.08.2016
Total income	£113,445	£113,404
Total expenses	£116,422	£112,403
Balance at 10m	(£2,977)	£1,001

Bank balances at 30th June 2017

Current account	£9,707.92
Deposit account	£28,816.65

Income has yet to be received from our share of the manse letting. This has changed from being paid 7 months in arrears to being paid in the year. Therefore last year we received manse income in both April and August, this year will only be in August.

There are still some parent church assessments and electricity charges to be made up to date.

We have had a fairly major repair to the disabled toilet, for which we have not yet been invoiced.

More regular payments have been moved from cheque to standing order or direct debit to help reduce peaks and troughs.

Church Council is looking at ways to increase giving and donations and reduce costs and at ways to make budgets and coding better suit our needs.

Accounts sheets were made available to the meeting.

Q. Nigel Holloway. How much is the Manse income? A. We don't know yet, the Methodist treasurer is looking at it, but it should be at least £4,900

Q. David Ramsden. What figure was in the budget for the Manse income? A. Don't know that was not in the accounting package

Jon Salmon – A big thank you to Sandy who has put in a significant amount of work.

We are trying to restructure the budget, which currently doesn't reflect who we are and what we do.

Hopefully it will be reorganised before the new financial year.

4. Moving Forward – Jon Salmon

A question has been asked about standing orders for the youth worker, please do not cancel standing orders, we hope to appoint and are stepping out in faith with this. It has been arranged for all pledges coming in to be labelled 'Youth worker', so that this money will not go into the general funds.

We have comments about not being able to fill posts and finding volunteers for some things, we need to be more celebratory and better acknowledge what people do, while being gracious to one another if we don't keep up to expectations.

It feels timely to, in the autumn, revisit and refresh our vision, it is 5 years since this was done.

Are our priorities and roles we are trying to fill right at the moment? Clergy spend time trying to fit people into roles they are not suitable for, we and the world is changing.

In the 7 marks of a healthy church, one of the marks is doing a few things and doing them well. Are we doing enough, too much or about right, how well do we do things.

Look at increasing our spiritual depth, our numbers and the vitality of our mission. The youth worker is intrinsic to moving forward. Be enthusiastic and own a refreshed vision.

5. 30th Anniversary plans

5.1 Adopt a street – Richard Cocks

This is still an idea, a discussion starter, so please think, pray and feed back.

Building on what we already do in helping our neighbours, have it as a priority, loving our neighbours, how can we minister to them? Show God's love to them? People have many needs/difficulties and do not always get the support they need in the community.

A questionnaire was handed out, 30 streets to celebrate 30 years. Please complete and return to Richard in the next 3 weeks so this can be discussed further at Church Council in September. Church Council were supportive of Richard exploring this idea.

Q. Nigel Holloway. Is this seen as a short or medium term campaign. A. If successful then ongoing.

Q. Roz Exeter. Is there a process to this, do you have to tell the people in the street what you are doing?

A. Doubt you need to tell them, hopefully you would get known as the person from Trinity.

5.2 Other activities for the anniversary of our building – Jon Salmon

At the AGM, post-it notes and flip charts were used for ideas, nothing stood out that grabbed attention, but one or two ideas are being taken forward.

Bernard Arnold is coming to preach

A social gathering amongst ourselves has been mentioned but need someone to take it forward. Jill Ramsden suggested a November social and will look at dates.

5.2.1 Beating the bounds – John Goddard

John is organising this with the walking group for the morning of November 18th. Half the group going in one direction and half the other meeting at Richard and Margaret Cock's house to return to the church together.

5.2.2. Christmas fair/Open Saturday – Jill Duncan

Trinity fairs and open Saturdays are both well known events which bring people into our church. We are combining the two on the 2nd December and advertising also as the 30th anniversary of our building. On the day we hope to advertise everything that goes on in the building and encourage people to come back and try something. If you feel you could help with planning please contact Jill or Karen Green

6. AOB

None

The meeting closed in prayer at 12.25

Action Table

Action No.	What	Who	By when	Update
20160717-03	To discuss the best way to encourage cash giving in line with Gift Aid rules	John Medcraft and Dave Mdawa	Next Church Meeting	Ongoing

20160717-04	Willing to speak to anyone with further ideas to improve church meetings	Jon Salmon	Ongoing	No feedback at all. Ideas are welcome from anyone
20161017-05	Messy Church – note that Ann is still recovering and Messy Church may be delayed	Jon Salmon	Ongoing	Messy Christingle was very popular. Messy Easter is being planned. There is a wedding booked into the church in May so will start Messy Church in June if a team of volunteers is in place. 20170716 The way forward with Messy Church is still under review
20170523-01	Analysis of Standing Orders	Dave Mbawa and Sandy Catchick		20170716 Ongoing