

Minutes of Foveran Congregational Board Meeting in Holyrood Chapel, Newburgh, at 7.30pm on

Tuesday, 12 December, 2017

The Board met and was constituted with prayer by Pamela Sloan.

Apologies were received from Ricky Reid, Alasdair Sloan, John Fordyce, Christine Fordyce, Mary Smith and Margaret Wilson.

Sederunt: Sue Edwards, Jane Bradford, Andrew Mitchell and Pamela Sloan.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Sue proposed, Pamela seconded. All in favour.

Matters Arising

Wedding and Funeral charges will be discussed at the next meeting.

Correspondence

Sue reported that she has received communication from 121 regarding Violence Against Women requesting that a poster on domestic abuse be displayed in toilets. It was discussed that it was not appropriate for display in toilets which are mainly used by children. As such, it was decided to display the poster in the Session room and the subject will be raised at the next joint Session and Board meeting in January.

Property Report

Andrew reported.

The heaters in the Church Hall have been fixed thanks to John and Christine, whose friend Ian Simpson undertook the work at no cost, but will send us an invoice for the cost of the elements - £15 each x 13. Ian Simpson has also been working on the church clock to stop the snow getting in. Noticeboards are not complete yet. M N Hamilton are currently completing work at the Manse that was not previously undertaken which came to light when an invoice from last year had not been raised/paid. The Manse has a burst pipe on the outside tap and Jim Batty is repairing it. Ian Simpson also solved the problem with the circuit breaker in Holyrood Chapel, again at no cost for work or materials, saving us £200 quoted by the electrician for the job. Andrew will replace the pulpit light.

Foveran Church

Jane reported that she and Alasdair have looked round the church and are exploring all options. Alasdair has found a contact in the Turin family and is trying to get the marble bust valued. Jane is working on a pre-planning application to ascertain planning's view on development on the site. Jane and Alasdair will feed into the Property Committee. Andrew to organise a property meeting.

Financial Report

Pamela distributed the financial report for the 11 months to end of November, 2017. An invoice for £4,355 for 2016 manse repairs is outstanding. The deficit at the end of the year is expected to be the same as 2016 (pre Scotia Homes donation) - circa £10,000. Andrew advised that Beavers and Cubs have not received their hall rental invoices but Scouts have. Pamela to request that Alasdair checks that invoices for all hall users have been raised.

Social Report

Pamela read out Mary's report.

Silent Auction report:

Overall this was very successful; we had a lot of help and support from many of our members and friends, although there was plenty of room for more folk to join in during the afternoon. The total amount raised on the day was £812.35 = Door: £102.50, Raffle: £94.00, Baking stall: £131.85, Auction: £484.00.

We have since received a generous donation of £20 from one of our older members, and also raised an additional £40 by selling on the voucher from the golf club. Total income is £872.35. Expenses for use of the Public Hall is £60.

So the amount raised for church funds is £812.35. The social committee thanks all who supported the event in any way.

Burns Supper 2018:

This is due to take place (jointly with the golf club as in recent years) in the clubhouse on Saturday 27th January, 6.30 for 7pm. The cost this year will be £17 per person. Proceeds will be donated to the New Life Home Trust and Nkoma Hospital, Malawi. Planning is well in hand and tickets will be on sale early in the new year.

The Board thanked Mary and the Social Committee for their hard work and efforts in raising over £800 for church funds.

Newsletter

Pamela reported that Jane, Ricky and Pamela met on 8 November to review the newsletter. It was agreed that Jane, Ricky and Pamela will become the editorial group and will work one quarter ahead to give time to collate material. The newsletter will be for all and, as such, some items will not be included such as committee and financial reports, the entire Mission Partner's letter, etc. The Sunday Bulletin and the website will be used for such updates. Testimonies, prayers, children's address, focus on church groups, etc will become new additions. The February issue will focus on looking forward to the year ahead and include key dates. The group will also take forward the production of a one-off welcome pack.

Andrew suggested that any financial updates be put at the back of the church rather than in the Sunday Bulletin. Andrew requested that the newsletter distribution list be reviewed as he would like more copies to distribute to people in his district. Jane requested that anyone who would like to submit a testimony/answer to prayer article to let her/Pamela know and a bank of articles will be collated to use in future editions.

Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday, 16 January, 2018 at 7.30pm. This will be a joint meeting with the Session.

Chairman:

Clerk: