

Minutes of the Meeting of St. James P.C.C.

Monday 12th May 2014

Present: Rev Rob Powell (Chair), Rev Johan Allen, Joan Botterill, Rev David Britton, Judy Douglas, John Farebrother, Liz Gibbons, Antony Herbert, Alan Hollamby, Dave Ingram, Steve Linton, Everlyne Nyambura, Lilian Reddie, Richard Reddie, Paula Thomas, Julie White, Glynis Wilkinson, Simon James-Morse.
Nick Burt was in attendance for items 6 and 7 only.

Apologies: Alan Burrows, Carol Burt, Sabeena Coulson, Norman Graham, Stephanie Sulaiman, Myles Taylor, Julie White

1. **Welcome:** Rob welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially the new members of the PCC, read verses from Mark 3:13-19, and the meeting began with prayer.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meetings:**

The Minutes of the meeting on 20th January 2014 and 30th March 2014 were considered, accepted unanimously and signed.

3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes** (on 20th January):

1. **Mentoring Matters Course** (item 3.3). Rob reported that Steve Linton and Kirk Douglas had agreed to represent St James on the planning group. A further person was being considered.
2. **Thank You Event for Volunteers** (item 3.4). The meeting thanked Dave Britton for organising the successful event.
3. **Future of Furzedown Youth Centre** (item 4). Rob reported that all the Furzedown churches PCC's had attended the FYC Summit meeting on 8th February, with a joint Sunday service for FYC at St James' on Sunday 2nd March. The FYC Directors were considering the issues that were raised at these events, including:
 - Strengthening the relationships between FYC and the Furzedown churches.
 - Strengthening the links between FYC and youth ministries at each church.
 - Reviewing the governance of FYC, with the possibility of merger with Furzedown Churches Limited.
 - Investigate pathways for helping the FYC youth to explore the Christian faith.
 - Recruiting a new FYC Manager. A Job Description was currently being discussed.

The meeting was encouraged to hear that someone in the community had raised funds for FYC through sponsorship for running the recent London marathon.

4. **Additional Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary (SPA)** (item 6). Rob reported that, due to personal circumstances, Carol Patterson's transfer to St James had been delayed. However, this was now being processed with a new SPA Agreement being discussed.
5. **Notice Board for Hall** (item 8.2). Rob reported that the Hall Management Committee had decided to proceed with a new external Notice Board for the Hall. This was now in place.

4. **Election of Officers.**

The following officers were elected:

- a) **Vice Chair** – Joan Botterill.
 - b) **Honorary Treasurer** – Paula Thomas.
 - c) **PCC Secretary** – Glynis Wilkinson.
 - d) **Electoral Roll Officer** – Glynis Wilkinson.
- All were elected unanimously.

5. **Co-option of Members.**

The following were proposed:

- a) John Farebrother (SPA) – Proposed by Johan, Seconded by Joan.
 - b) Carol Burt (FYC) – Proposed by Dave Ingram, Seconded by Steve.
 - c) Pauline Pepperell (Furzedown Team Council Representative) – Proposed by Joan, Seconded by Judy.
- It was noted that Pauline would have an observer status on the PCC.

All were elected unanimously.

6. Appointment of Church Architect

Nick reported that the previous Church Architect had moved away, and the appointment of a new Architect was required by the Diocese as part of the Quinquennial inspection. The meeting discussed the merits of two candidates.

Proposal: to appoint Bonnie Kitching of Purcell as the Church Architect.

Proposed by Joan, Seconded by Johan, agreed unanimously.

7. Corporate Prayer Initiative

Nick presented a paper outlining a way to introduce corporate prayer into the church programme. The intension was to have a prayer event every 3rd Sunday, except for 'Ignite' Sundays, with meetings being suitable for all ages. The suggested start date was Sunday 21st September at 5:00pm.

After discussion, the meeting **agreed** to principle to the general direction, requesting for a further update on the initiative at the next meeting.

8. PCC Away Day Follow Up

Rob presented a '2020 Vision: Mission Action Plan' paper that collated the small-group responses in each of the 8 development areas from the PCC Away Day. The meeting divided into small groups to indicate a priority within each development area. These were collected for further analysis.

At this point, the meeting paused for prayer.

9. Children's and Families Worker

Rob reported that the working group had met several times. They had noted that, although the children's ministry was continuing in full with volunteers, an appointment was needed particularly to oversee and develop the children's ministry. A Job Description had been drafted, based on Laura's previous role, but with an additional element focusing on families. Nick had joined the working group to give further direction towards expanding the role to families, with additional links with FYC. The result had been a more holistic approach to children and families.

The meeting discussed the overall concept of such an approach, and **agreed** that there was value in further investigation; further information and details of such a post was requested.

10. New CMS Mission Partner

Joan reported that, after 20 years in Uganda, Jenny Green had now relocated her work with CMS to UK. As the missions policy was to support 2 overseas mission partners and 1 UK-based partner, a new overseas mission partner to replace Jenny was required. Profiles of other CMS missionaries had been received and considered.

After discussion, the meeting **agreed** to invite David and Amy Roach, CMS missionaries in Lebanon, to the Sunday service on 29th June 2014, and to meet and discuss with them further.

11. Finance Report

Paula presented the Management Accounts to 31st March 2014, showing a *deficit* for the period of £1,426. Although a budget deficit of £5,399 had been forecast, the results showed a favourable variance of £3,973. This had mainly been due to higher than expected donations.

With several established church members moving away, the meeting accepted the need to encourage the church regarding giving, especially new regular attendees.

12. Any Other Business

There was no further business.

13. Date of Next Meeting

- **Monday 7th July 2014**

The meeting closed with the Grace at 10:00pm.

Next PCC meeting: Monday 7th July 2014 at 8:00pm in the Upper Hall