

Minutes of the Meeting of St. James P.C.C. Monday 21st May 2012

Present: Joan Botterill (Chair), Rev Johan Allen, Carol Burt, Nick Burt, Sabeena Coulson, Judy Douglas, John Farebrother, Liz Gibbons, Chris Hart, Anthony Herbert, Alan Hollamby, Laura Knight, Steve Linton, Dan Obene, Pauline Pepperill, Richard Reddie, Emma Simmonds, Paula Thomas, Julie White, Glynis Wilkinson.

Apologies: Rev Dave Britton.

1. **Welcome:** The meeting opened with prayer and a reading from Jeremiah.

2. **Appointment of Officers:**

Vice Chair – Joan Botterill. Proposed by Nick, Seconded by Liz.

Treasurer – Paula Thomas. Proposed by Joan, Seconded by Johan.

Secretary – Glynis Wilkinson. Proposed by Nick, Seconded by Pauline.

Electoral Roll Officer – Glynis Wilkinson. Proposed by Judy, Seconded by Carol.

All duly elected.

Co-opted Members:

Carol Burt. Proposed by Johan, Seconded by Chris.

John Farebrother. Proposed by Johan, Seconded by Chris.

Attendee:

Laura Knight. Proposed by Nick, Seconded by John.

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

The Minutes of the meeting on 19th March 2012 were considered and accepted unanimously after amendment.

4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes.**

1. **FYC.** Carol reported that Sainsbury's are looking for a new charity to support for a year. Forms need to be completed by 23rd May; Tooting or Streatham branches will accept forms. Prayer was asked for the meeting with Virginia Wolfe, to establish better relations with youth work in Wandsworth.

2. **Hall Management Report.** The Management group were asked to arrange a meeting soon to address rental and other business.

3. **Furzedown Team Ministry.** A report was received indicating that FTM was accountable to:

- God and one another
- Council
- PCC
- Churches
- Community

There had been further discussion regarding the widening of the group from just Clergy, Lay Readers and Church Wardens, to include a Lay Representative from each PCC. A further meeting of the Furzedown Team Council was scheduled for 4th July.

4. **Budget Action Plan.** The action plan regarding the budget was accepted.

Proposed by Nick, Seconded by Johan, agreed unanimously.

The different groups were asked to meet before the next meeting and propose who would take these matters forward. The subject would be discussed further at the next meeting.

5. **Pastoral Team.** It was noted that Johan had taken over the leadership of the Pastoral Team.

5. **Election to Furzedown Team Council.**

The subject was held over to the next meeting, where one person would be elected. PCC members were asked to consider who would fulfil this role.

6. **Vacancy Plan.**

Nick and Judy tabled a paper outlining the leadership structures during the interregnum. (See copy attached).

7. Financial Report.

Paula presented an updated report of the accounts to 30th April 2012. The results were very encouraging. At this point, the meeting broke for prayer.

8. Any Other Business.

1. **Volunteer / Intern.** With the cessation of Careforce, the finding of a Volunteer/Intern was raised. Prayer was sought for this situation.
2. **PA Equipment.** Marcus Knight had prepared a list of equipment for the Upper Hall and the Church. The basic equipment for the Upper Hall, costing £876, was approved by the Standing Committee. The estimate for the PA equipment for the church totalled £2,132. The estimate for additional PA equipment for the Upper Hall totalled £1,600.
Proposal: to provisionally approve the above spending, subject to funding being received.
Proposed by Nick, Seconded by Chris, agreed unanimously
3. **Advent Gift Day 2011 – Bibles for Burundi.** It was reported that retired mission partners, Pat and Pam Brookes, had taken the money for the Bibles to Burundi in January 2012. They visited three Dioceses and decided to give a third of the gift to each. Letters of thanks for these gifts had been received from two of the Dioceses. However, when the Pat and Pam reached the Diocese of Matana, they found that there were no more Bibles in the country. As a result, they had suggested that the money be used instead to help a vicar, on her own with 4 children, who was trying to build a house; initially to provide letting income now and as a house for when she retired. It was noted that this would enable the vicar to preach from the Bible and not have to seek secular employment. (The funds were currently held in the Mothers Union account).
Proposal: to reallocate one third of the money to the vicar to complete the building of her house.
Proposed by Joan, Seconded by Johan, agreed unanimously
4. **Dates of Next Meetings.**
 - **25th June:** focusing on:
 - Suggestions regarding the Parish Profile.
 - What qualities are we looking for in a new Team Rector?
 - **9th July:** the Archdeacon and Patrons would be attending.
Three resolutions would be addressed:
 1. The appointment of two representatives to process the appointment of a new Team Rector.
 2. To establish whether the post of Team Rector should be advertised.
 3. To decide whether a woman would be accepted for the post.
5. **Farewell.** George Howard addressed the meeting, and refreshments were served.

The meeting closed at 9:10 pm with prayer.

Next PCC meeting: Monday 25th June 2012 at 8:00pm