

EDINBURGH SLATEFORD LONGSTONE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

THE CONGREGATIONAL BOARD MET ON MONDAY 18 June 2012 AT 8.00PM IN THE SESSION ROOM

Present: Lin Baillie, Lily Campbell, Liz Chalmers, Rev Mike Frew (Chair), Jean Gordon, Mary Hynd, Sheila McCrum, Crofton Palmer, Yvonne Paterson,

Apologies: Bob Anderson, Dennise Brown, Ros Fraser, Suzanne Riddoch, Angie Simpson, Michael Taylor, Sheila Ward, Ian Welsh

The Rev Mike Frew opened the meeting with a Bible reading and a prayer

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on 21st May 2012 were approved.

3 Finance

The Finance committee reported that we were slightly below budget for **weekly offerings** maybe we budgeted a bit high.

The Gift Day total is now £2985, Sunday teas are now included with this total in the income and expenditure accounts.

Fundraising activities are below budget. The finance committee will hold two meetings to organise the coffee morning. The first on 2nd August and the next a week before the coffee morning. An article will be prepared for the Kirk News and the weekly notices.

Fabric Maintenance and Repairs are on budget at the moment but the manse budget is nearly spent even though the chimney is still to be repaired and the blinds for the sun lounge need to be purchased.

The **electricity payment** is due in June. We had been paying more than the 5% VAT, this has now been corrected which means there is a reduction in payments.

Water Board charges are still ongoing; an exemption has been approved but only from 30th April. Liz Chalmers is awaiting confirmation from the previous months.

The finance committee approached the Board to ask if there is a **list of what repairs** and maintenance is to be achieved this year. The property committee responded saying there was and they would make the list more apparent.

The £600 payment from the **Lighthouse Chapel** discussed last meeting will now be reduced to £550 after communication with the Lighthouse Chapel head office. It was again pointed out that this will be for regular weekly use, plus the monthly overnight prayer meeting, and that they would be billed for use over and above the normal. The Lighthouse Chapel will pay quarterly in advance and we will trial this whole scheme for 6 months. Liz Chalmers and Angie Simpson will meet to discuss the best time financially for the payments to be received.

Organ and piano tuning; Mike reported that while we have agreed to two of the pianos being tuned only once a year, there will be a 20% extra charge for once a year and an additional charge if there was a lot of strings having to be raised to concert pitch. The Board agreed to try it out for a year to see if there is any saving to be made.

4 Property

Church and Halls -

Fascia boards on the gable ends of the church have been painted and the **rendering** has been fixed; Mike has agreed to get a quote for painting the rendering.

The **lock** on the door to the Memorial garden has been fixed.

There are roof leaks above the door in the session room and in the activities hall. Mike has been in touch with Thorburn's

Manse –

Mike has two quotes for the blinds and the Board agreed to go for the cheaper option at £173. This includes a blind for the back door.

The doorbell needs to be replaced, Mike agreed to get a quote.

The next Board meeting is in September so the Board agreed permission for Liz Chalmers, Lin Baillie and Mike Frew to look at the quotes for repairing the roof, fixing the manse bell and painting the rendering and decide whether all three can be done with the budget available.

5 National Stewardship Programme

Nothing to report

6 Hall Lets

Nothing more to report

7 Report from Session

The new Pastoral Care team had its first meeting. Sheila Ward has agreed to be the Welcome Elder and has suggested a few changes to be made. It was agreed to hold a meeting on Monday 1st October with everyone on the Door Duty team to discuss a way forward

8 Correspondence

None

9 Any Other Business

A request was received from Marion Marshall to purchase new teapots for general use in the kitchen. The Board agreed to make £45 available for this and Mary Hynd will ask Ann Watt if she would buy them from the internet as she did with the new Guild teapots

10 Date of Next Meeting

The dates of the next meetings are as follows:

Monday 24th September 2012

Monday 15th October 2012

Monday 10th December 2012

*Monday 18th February 2013

*Monday 15th April 2013

*Monday 17th June 2013

**Please note the dates are different to the ones agreed at the meeting for the 2013 meetings due to an error.*

Sheila McCrum has decided to join her local church in Kirknewton so this has been her last Board meeting. The Board will miss Sheila very much and thanked her for her contribution. We wish her well.

Alison Fairley will replace Sheila on the Board and probably the Finance Committee.

This being all the business the meeting was closed at 9.25pm with each blessing the others.