

## **EDINBURGH SLATEFORD LONGSTONE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

### **THE CONGREGATIONAL BOARD MET ON MONDAY 15 OCTOBER 2012 AT 8.00PM IN THE SESSION ROOM**

**Present:** Dennise Brown, Lily Campbell, Liz Chalmers, Alison Fairley, , Rev Mike Frew (Chair), Jean Gordon, Mary Hynd Angie Simpson, Sheila Ward, Ian Welsh

**Apologies:** Lin Baillie, Nathan Baillie, Ros Fraser, Crofton Palmer,

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

Jean Gordon was appointed as Clerk *pro term* and took the oath

#### **1 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with one change – for funerals a fee of £100 for the use of the church, not £50, would be charged for non-members.

#### **2 Finance**

Liz talked us through the income and expenditure. Voluntary Income is still below budget, and even though Expenditure is also below budget, there is a deficit of £884 to the end of September. With regard to the repair to the **Activities Hall roof**, the Baird Trust declined our application. However the General Trustees have awarded us a grant of £7,000 from Central Fabric Fund, subject to Presbytery approval. It was agreed to continue with the fundraising event and make up any shortfall from the £7,000 grant.

#### **3 Property**

##### **Church and Halls -**

**Memorial Garden** – Mike had spoken to Mark (from Community Garden Section of Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust). He is hoping to work with Real Life Options to work in the memorial garden to make it nice again. Mark offered to visit and speak to us about the garden – it was agreed to invite Mark to attend a Board meeting.

**Waste Collection** – Mike spoke to a man in the Council Trade Waste Department re having our rubbish collection weekly. We need to produce evidence that we do not pay council tax and our waste will then be collected weekly.

**Heating** – Nathan Baillie has agreed to set the clocks for the heating.

##### **Manse –**

The **chimney** needs repaired. A man has been to look at this and we are awaiting a quote. The **kitchen** needs painted and Mike's son has offered to do this. Liz will reimburse Mike £26.50 for paint.

#### **4 National Stewardship Programme**

Nothing to report

#### **5 Hall Lets**

Nothing to report

#### **6 Report from Session**

Making progress on appointment of Music Leader, Kelly leaves at the end of November and it was agreed to present her with flowers.

#### **7 Any Other Business**

**Fire Safety** – At the Welcome Team Meeting fire safety was discussed particularly with regard to the fire exits. It was confirmed that the fire exits are operational on Sunday mornings. It was agreed to ask the Property Committee to take the matter of fire safety forward and arrange a visit from a Fire Safety Officer.

#### **8 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 10th December 2012

This being all the business the meeting was closed at 8.50pm with each blessing the others.