

EDINBURGH SLATEFORD LONGSTONE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

THE CONGREGATIONAL BOARD MET ON MONDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2013 AT 8.00PM IN THE SESSION ROOM

Present: Lin Baillie, Nathan Baillie, Dennise Brown, Liz Chalmers, Ros Fraser, Rev Mike Frew (Chair), Jean Gordon, Crofton Palmer, Yvonne Paterson, Suzanne Riddoch, Michael Taylor

Apologies: Lily Campbell, Alison Fairley, Mary Hynd, Angie Simpson, Sheila Ward, Ian Welsh

The Rev Mike Frew welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened with a Bible reading and a prayer.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3 Finance

The first of the two **coffee mornings**/table sales was arranged for Saturday 11th May. The Finance Committee will start with the preparations. Lin Baillie will ask Sarah Johnston if she is happy to arrange a team to run the kitchen.

Mike mentioned he had heard from Presbytery that the policy on claiming **gift aid** may be changing which will mean charities can make claims on small donations without any paperwork being filled in. Dennise and Liz had also heard about this and are awaiting more information.

The **gift day** which was originally planned for 13th April will now be held on 20th April. Crofton will be advertise this in the Kirk News. It was agreed that money donated will go towards our Ministry and Missions costs which are £30,618 for this year.

Mike asked if we would consider purchasing **Hymn Quest** for Marion Henderson at a cost of £21 per year. This was agreed as there is money put aside in the music and licences budget.

4 Property

Church and Halls – Manse roof

The **regular maintenance** check carried out on the roof of the church and manse by Thorburns is quite expensive. The Board has recently used JM Builders who paid a visit to the properties and at the manse noticed a couple of loose tiles, a leaking joint and a roan pipe needing realigned that Thorburns had missed. JM Builders have offered to do the annual check and these repairs at the manse for £350 and the church for £120. The Board agreed to try JM Builders. Lin was asked to write a letter to Thorburns cancelling our contract with them.

The **shoe box room**, the cupboard next door to and the toilet adjacent are badly smelling and damaged with damp. Mike will ask JM Builders to have a look at the roof above these as a starting point for detecting the source.

Another **spring clean** is due. It was decided that we could hold this on the same morning of the gift day, 20th April. It will be advertised in the kirk news.

There is a **toilet seat** no longer attached in the ladies. Liz Chalmers agreed to have a look to see if she can reattach it.

The cleaner reported the hose on the Dyson has a hole in it. Liz Chalmers has the paperwork for the Dyson so will arrange a replacement or repair.

6 National Stewardship Programme

Mike has spoken on 3 of the 4 Sundays on the subject Stewardship of Time and also visited the Over 50s group and the Guild. There is to be a visit from a representative of Fresh Start on the last Sunday to talk to the congregation when the theme will be "Time for Others". The

organisation committee met in January and it was agreed to hand out Time out bars with the refreshments after the service to mark the end of the programme.
The next round of talks due for February next year will be on talents.

7 Hall Lets

No report from Angie Simpson.

Liz Chalmers brought it to the Board's attention that Choices had not yet paid for their meeting which had been held on our premises in October, November and December. Mike will highlight this to Angie and offered to visit choices if need be.

Liz will also get in touch with Angie as the development company at the new Sainsbury's site have not paid for the open evening they held in the Session Room.

Suzanne noted that there will be a significant reduction in the lets from Pentland District as they are not holding as many meetings in our premises as they have done previously.

8 Report from Session

Nothing to report

9 Correspondence

None

10 Any Other Business

Photocopier – Maggie provided a breakdown of usage for our interest. It was agreed to add an account for the Over 50s and the Holiday Club

11 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be a joint meeting with Kirk Session on Monday 4th March to approve the annual report. This also coincides with the start of our local church review (used to be called Quinquennial report) so we will have a visit from Moira McDonald our Local Church Review Leader.

SAM is after the Sunday service on 24th March

Next Board meeting is Monday 15th April 2013

This being all the business the meeting was closed at 9.05pm with each blessing the others.