

EDINBURGH SLATEFORD LONGSTONE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

CONGREGATIONAL BOARD MEETING MONDAY 15 JUNE 2015 AT 8.00PM IN THE SESSION ROOM

Sederunt: Mesdames: Liz Chalmers, Alison Fairley, Mary Hynd, Sheila McCrum, Yvonne Paterson, Suzanne Riddoch and Angie Simpson
Messrs: N Baillie, F Bargh, and Rev Michael Frew

Apologies: Mesdames: Lin Baillie, Dennise Brown and Yvonne Paterson
Messrs: Crofton Palmer and Ian Welsh

The Rev Michael Frew opened with a reading from Acts 6 and a prayer.

1 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of Meeting Monday 20 April 2015, previously circulated, were approved.

2 Finance Report

Update: The treasurer reported that we are down approximately £1,800 on expected income for the year. Our General Account has enough funds to cover current expenses but we are awaiting receipt of some bills.

Organist: Marion Henderson has asked for Sunday 9 August off as a holiday and will organise cover.

Fundraising Committee: So far only 2 volunteers. Sharon Taylor will put another article in Kirk News. Someone has mentioned to the Treasurer about becoming involved with an initiative called Rag Bag which involves have a receptacle to collect old clothes, shoes, etc. and we would be paid for recycling these.

3 Property Report

Property Committee: Fred Bargh, a member of Davidson's Mains Church has offered to assist with our property Committee. After discussion with Fred and the Property Committee a split of duties has been proposed. This will be run as a trial for a year and Fred will assess how things have been working and decide if he wishes to continue. The Board are happy with these proposals and Fred was officially welcomed as a corresponding member of the Board.

Gardening: Robin Scott is progressing well with clearing the grounds at the Tower end of the building but is unable to clear the thistles. The minister has spoken to Raymond Dennis and he will trim twice a year for an additional £10 each time.

Painting: Thanks were recorded to Ken Chalmers for painting the outside of the windows in the Session Room and the radiators in the vestibule.

Front Path It was agreed we would look for tradesmen to quote for the repair / replacement of the path at the main entrance gate. Angie Simpson will check for the name of the company her neighbour used recently for similar work. The minister will also give Fred Bargh the name of the Presbytery Property Convenor to see if he can be of assistance.

Lead Theft: No further action being taken following the unsolicited communication received offering insurance cover for any future lead thefts.

Works Completed: Ceiling repaired in the toilets area, thanks to Michael Taylor. Radiators painted in the activities hall, thanks to Lighthouse Chapel. **(Mike can you please confirm the comments in red are correct as my notes were a bit brief????).**

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Doors - Frank Gordon is assisting with repairs to doors..

Study Radiator - to be replaced for a bigger one using Peter Bald and works to be carried out as soon as possible.

Sitting Room Window – Agreed to use Dalmatian Windows as they are the most favourable quote and also installed the new window in the study a few years ago. Works to be carried out as soon as possible .

Hall Lets.

Front Door – Over 50s have requested a key to the front door however, this was in the very early stages after installation and we no longer think this will be required. It was agreed not to provide unless there is a real issue with using the current system. **Sorry Mike I don't appear to have taken any notes about this can you check if this is the correct comment please???**

Real Life Options – have taken a weekly booking on a Wednesday.

Life Coach – wants to take a hall let for 1 hour per week. The request is pending.

Hall Lets Costs – It was agreed we set the rates for the coming year as follows: Youth Organisations £6.20 per hour and Lighthouse Chapel £1,750 per quarter.

4 Local Churches Review Action Plan

Property Convenor: Fred Bargh has agreed to assist with property matters for the next year.

5 Any Other Business

Office Bearers Conference Session has approved that we discuss the Unitary Constitution at the conference, to be held on Saturday 22 August, with a view to considering if this would be a better way of working in future.

6 Date of Next Meeting

This being all the business, the date of the next meetings were fixed for Mondays 14 September, 19 October and 7 December 2015 and Mondays 15 February, 18 April and 20 June 2016

The meeting was closed at 9:20pm with each blessing the others.

SUZANNE E RIDDOCH
Clerk

REV. MICHAEL W FREW
Chairman

SLATEFORD LONGSTONE PARISH CHURCH

The Congregational Board will meet on MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2015 at 7.45pm in the Session Room with the Board Committees meeting at 7.00pm

AGENDA

1. Opening Devotions
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting
4. Any Other Business to be added
5. Matters Arising
6. Office Bearers Conference follow up – See notes attached
7. Finance Committee Report
8. Fabric Committee Report
9. Hall Lets
10. Correspondence
11. Any Business added at 4
12. Date of next meeting