

EDINBURGH SLATEFORD LONGSTONE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

CONGREGATIONAL BOARD MEETING MONDAY 19 OCTOBER 2015 AT 8.00PM IN THE SESSION ROOM

Present: Mesdames: Lin Baillie, Liz Chalmers, Alison Fairley, Mary Hynd and Suzanne Riddoch

Messrs: Nathan Baillie, Fred Bargh, Rev Michael Frew, Crofton Palmer and Ian Welsh

Apologies: Mesdames: Dennise Brown, Yvonne Paterson and Angela Simpson

The Rev Michael Frew opened with a reading from 2 Corinthians Ch.4 vv 7-12 and 16-15 and a prayer.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of Meeting Monday 14 June 2015, previously circulated, were approved.

2. Matters Arising

Donation from Lottie Morrice's Family: The minister has spoken to one of Lottie's sons and he seemed keen on the idea of a new projector but needs to speak to his brother about this.

Unitary Constitution: There will be a joint meeting with the Kirk Session on Monday 2 November at 7pm in the Session Room when representatives from St David's Broomhouse and Juniper Green will talk to us about their experience of changing to the Unitary Constitution.

3. Finance Report

Update: The treasurer reported that congregational offerings are down on what we expected and what we had at the same time last year. We are unlikely to recover this drop by the end of the year as it is mainly due to people leaving for various reasons. We are managing to keep things going for now and our spend is lower than the budgeted figure for this time of year. We carried forward £703 in the General Account.

Front Path Grant Monies: We have been advised our application for funds for the front path repair has been successful and we will be receiving the sum of £2000. Richmack Ltd will be instructed to carry out the repairs as soon as we are in receipt of the monies.

Coffee Morning: the finance committee is proposing that we hold a coffee morning on Saturday 28 November from 10am – 12noon. Crofton Palmer will check with Angie Simpson to see if there are any Hall lets that day.

Rag Bag: The Rag Bag collection box has been installed in the car park and Liz Chalmers will draw up a flier to be handed out with the Sunday Notices.

4. Property Report

Church Report

Tower Rendering: The repair is still outstanding

Fire Door in Activities Hall: Frank Gordon has agreed to look at this for us.

Church Clean up: A reminder the clean up will take place on Saturday 21 November at 10am.

Manse Report

Manse Roof: JM Builders will be asked to repair broken guttering at time of annual inspection.

5. Hall Lets

Nothing to report

6. Correspondence

Nothing to report

7. Any Other Business

Cleaner: The minister pointed out that we don't have any cover for the cleaner in the event of illness or holidays. It was agreed we should put something in the Sunday notices to ask if anyone would be willing to step in to assist with cleaning of kitchen and toilets if the cleaner is off. As a matter of course we would expect organisations to clean the kitchen after use.

Meeting start time: There had been some confusion over the meeting start times for Board and Committees therefore it was agreed that in future we will start the committee meetings at 7pm and aim to start the full Board meeting at 7.45pm, this should allow us to finish before 9pm.

8. Date of Next Meeting

This being all the business, the date of the next meetings were fixed for Monday 2 November (joint with Kirk Session), Monday 7 December 2015 and Mondays 15 February, 18 April and 20 June 2016

The meeting was closed at 8.40pm with each blessing the others.

SUZANNE E RIDDOCH
Clerk

REV. MICHAEL W FREW
Chairman

SLATEFORD LONGSTONE PARISH CHURCH

The Congregational Board will meet with the Kirk Session on Monday 2 November 2015 at 7.00pm in the Session Room to hear about other congregations' experience of the Unitary Constitution.

The Congregational Board will meet on MONDAY 7 DECEMBER 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. Finance Committee Report
7. Fabric Committee Report
8. Hall Lets
9. Kirk Session
10. Correspondence
11. Any Business added at 4
12. Date of next meeting