

EDINBURGH SLATEFORD LONGSTONE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

CONGREGATIONAL BOARD MEETING MONDAY 7 DECEMBER 2015 AT 7.45PM IN THE SESSION ROOM

Present: Mesdames: Lin Baillie, Dennise Brown, Liz Chalmers, Alison Fairley, Mary Hynd and Suzanne Riddoch
Messrs: Nathan Baillie, Fred Bargh (in attendance), Rev Michael Frew and Crofton Palmer

Apologies: Mesdames: Yvonne Paterson and Angela Simpson
Messrs Michael Taylor and Ian Welsh

The Rev Michael Frew opened with a reading from Isaiah Ch.11 and a prayer.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of Meeting Mondays 19 October and 2 November 2015, previously circulated, were approved.

2. Matters Arising

Nothing to report

3. Finance Report

Update: The finance committee have looked at the first draft of the 2016 Budget and have reduced the Organ & Piano Tuning costs by £200 on the recommendation of the Music Leader who has advised we could cut the piano tuning to every second year. The Budget was approved subject to the independent Examiners Fees, if this is to be higher than we expect then it was agreed we would increase the Fund Raising figure to compensate. It is thought we should be able to meet all of our expenses for end of 2015. We have still to receive monies from some Church organisations and Gift Aid.

4. Property Report

Church Report

Leaking Radiator: A leaking radiator in the toilets corridor was repaired but the carpet is now considered a trip hazard. A repair is to be carried out.

Roof Inspection: Inspection has been carried out and some costs were incurred to complete repairs.

Tower Rendering: Still some work to be carried out.

Church Clean up: Some cleaning still required such as plastic chairs and fabric chairs to be cleaned.

Front Path: It is hoped this work will commence week beginning 7 December.

Activities Hall: Fire door has been repaired.

Over 50s Cupboard: The door has come off its hinges, a temporary repair has been done but we will contact Frank Gordon to ask if he can repair this.

Manse Report

Roof: Broken guttering has been repaired.

Front Door: Still requires repair but only lets in water dependent on direction rain is being blown.

Garage Door: Rotting wood at the back door needs to be replaced at some point

5. Hall Lets

Nothing to report

6. Kirk Session

Nothing to report

7. Correspondence

Taylor Family: Mike Frew read a letter from Michael and Sharon Taylor, indicating that they had decided to attend a local church nearer their home in Livingston. They will be greatly missed. The meeting was informed that Ian Brown had agreed to take Michael's place as one of the team of Beadles. The clerk is to write a letter of thanks to Michael and Sharon for their contributions to church life.

8. Any Other Business

Organisations Audit: Crofton Palmer and Yvonne Paterson are to be asked to do this. Proposed dates are 16 or 23 January 2016 subject to availability of the auditors. The date will be intimated in the Church Notices once known.

Fund Raising Committee: We have had 2 requests in Kirk News but only 2 responses, 1 of whom is now leaving the congregation. The Guild will ask their members if anyone would be willing to serve on a committee or if they have any suggestions as to how we could raise funds. Another notice is to go into the Sunday Notices. The Board will organise a coffee morning to be held on Saturday 30 January 2016.

Welcome Rota: there are a few gaps in the Welcome teams and we need some more people to work on the teams. Something has already been put into the Church Notices and the Guild will be asked if anyone would be willing to step in.

Hutton Trust: The Hutton Trust Trustees have recently broadened the scope of the Trust to include members of the congregation and families of children attending local schools who live outwith the recognised Parish boundary. The Church of Scotland Legal Department assisted with this change and as a result it was agreed we would bring all of the

assets within Church of Scotland and the Trust will become reportable through our Accounts with effect from 2017. Any additional costs to the annual accounts caused by this will be met by the Trust.

Unitary Constitution: The small committee set up to look at this has already met and has come up with some suggestions as to how we could progress this. Having worked out the broad categories we see as the structure going forward and the requirements within these categories it looks as if we already have the necessary teams in place and would just need to more formally work out how they would run and report in to Session. A joint meeting will be organised for both Board and Session to discuss in the new year with a view to being able to put something to the congregation at the Stated Annual Meeting

Date of Next Meeting

This being all the business, the date of the next meetings was fixed for Monday 15 February 2016 at 7.45pm with committees meeting first.

The meeting was closed at 8.56pm 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 15 FEBRUARY 2016 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