

EDINBURGH SLATEFORD LONGSTONE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

CONGREGATIONAL BOARD MEETING MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2016 AT 7.45PM IN THE SESSION ROOM

Present: Mesdames: 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: Lin Baillie, Yvonne Paterson and Angela Simpson
Messrs Crofton Palmer and Ian Welsh

The Rev Michael Frew opened with a reading from Hebrews Ch.11 vv1-3 and a prayer.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of Meeting Monday 7 December, previously circulated, were approved.

2. Matters Arising

Unitary Constitution: A joint meeting with the Kirk Session was held on 1 February to discuss the way forward and it was a unanimous decision from those present to move to the Unitary Constitution. It was agreed we will take the proposal to the Stated Annual Meeting (SAM) where it will be put to the vote and we need a simple majority vote to carry the decision. Assuming the vote is in favour of the change an extract minute from the SAM will be sent to Presbytery and if they approve they will send to the Law Department at 121 George Street.

3. Finance Report

Update: The year ended with a surplus of £2,600 (including a legacy donation of £1,000). January looks healthy because we don't have much to pay out at this time of year. Quizzes, organised by Sarah Johnston, have raised £321 to date and the coffee morning raised £305 so we are off to a good start with our fundraising for 2016. The treasurer has been corresponding with HMRC regarding an outstanding figure for 2013/14 Employers Tax but we are not due to pay this.

Rag Bag: We have had our first collection and it raised the sum of £76.80.

4. Property Report

Church Report

Faulty Lights in Main Hall: HF Electrical repaired the defective lights in 1 Feb 2016.

Broken Heater in Session Room: HF Electrical reported that the damaged heater in the Session Room was beyond repair. Estimate of £189.48 to replace and install the heater was accepted 8 Feb 2016. There was a problem with the fuse behind the socket and the electrician will be asked to look at the wiring in the Session Room at time of fitting the new heater. We will also look at whether it would be possible to get metal grids to put over the heaters.

Damaged Double Glazed Unit: City Glass replaced the damaged double glazed unit at the front of the church on 10 Feb 2016 at the agreed estimate of £160.00.

Tiling in Ladies Cloakroom: The tiling work in the Ladies Cloakroom has been attended to for the time being. Thanks to Gordon Byrne for not charging for his time only £25.87 for the cost of tiles and grout.

Damaged cupboards in Session Room: Frank Gordon managed to open the jammed cupboard door in the Session Room and replace the lock. Over 50s cupboard has also been repaired.

Flat Roof Leak: Leak above Session Room to be investigated by JM Builders.

Back Garden: Garvald Group has asked us to Service the lawn mower and the minister will take it to a place in Morningside for servicing.

Trees: The flowering cherry tree is lifting from the ground. Raymond Dennis will be asked to check it when next here.

Harling at the front of the Church: Harling work at the front of the church is requiring attention. Decision to be made as to whether Scott & Davie should be contacted.

Tower Rendering: Tower rendering still to be examined and repaired.

Front Path: Following a lengthy period of bad weather Richmack could hopefully carry out repairs to the tarmac path at the front of the church beginning 22 Feb 2016.

Activities Hall: Painting required, estimates to be sourced and report back.

Photocopier: A new supplier, Anodata, has approached us to advise they think they can undercut our current supplier. We agreed to remain with our current supplier Xerox.

Manse Report

Manse Inspection: the Manse inspection will be carried out by the property Committee on 18 April 2016 at 6.45pm.

5. Hall Lets

Nothing to report

6. Kirk Session

Kirk News: We are looking for a new Kirk News Editor but have not found anyone as yet to do this. A 2 page newsletter will be produced by the minister for the beginning of March.

7. Correspondence

Nothing to report

8. Any Other Business

Legacy: It was agreed Lottie Morrice legacy of £1,000 to be used to replace the digital projector. The minister will follow up with James Maybury who supplied out current system to see what we can get for our money.

Gift Aid Records: Dennise Brown asked if there was a secure place in the Church where she could store the Gift Aid Records, it was agreed they could be kept in the locked filing cabinet in the office at the tower end of the building; the treasurer has a key for this cabinet.

Date of Next Meeting

This being all the business, the date of the next meetings were fixed for Monday 7 April at 7.00pm with the Kirk Session, Sunday 10 April after morning worship for the SAM and Monday 18 April at 7.45pm with committees meeting first.

The meeting was closed at 8.45pm with each blessing the others.

SUZANNE E RIDDOCH
Clerk

REV. MICHAEL W FREW
Chairman

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The Congregational Board will meet on MONDAY 18 APRIL 2016 at 7.45pm in the Session Room with the Finance Committee meeting at 7.00pm in the Session Room and the Property Committee meeting at 6.45pm at the Manse.

AGENDA

1. Opening Devotions
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting
4. Matters Arising
5. Any Other Business to be added
6. Unitary Constitution
7. Finance Committee Report
8. Fabric Committee Report
9. Hall Lets
10. Kirk Session
11. Correspondence
12. Any Business added at 4
13. Date of next meeting