

**EDINBURGH SLATEFORD LONGSTONE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
CONGREGATIONAL BOARD MEETING MONDAY 18 APRIL 2016 AT 7.50PM IN THE SESSION ROOM**

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

Apologies: Mesdames: Dennise Brown and Yvonne Paterson

The Rev Michael Frew opened with a reading from Isaiah Ch.66 vv1:2 and a prayer.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of Meeting Monday 15 April, previously circulated, were approved.

2. Matters Arising

Unitary Constitution: The Stated Annual Meeting (SAM) attendees approved unanimously to adopt the Unitary Constitution. An extract from the SAM minute will be sent to Presbytery to advise them of this outcome. It is thought the date for implementing the change will be around autumn. It was agreed we hold a day conference with Office Bearers sometime around August / September to discuss how we can move forward. The Finance and Property Committees were asked to consider what their remit may be at their June meetings.

3. Finance Report

Income to date: Income to date is around £600 below what we had budgeted for this point in the year.

Donations: We have received 2 personal donations, one for £600 for general use and running costs and another for £1,000 to be used for decoration of the Activities Hall.

Gift Day: The Finance committee proposed we have a gift day and after some discussion it was agreed that instead of putting aside a Saturday we will have 2 dedicated Sundays when people can place their gifts in the offering plate. Sundays 18 and 25 September were agreed for this purpose and we will allocate the monies to cover the costs of refurbishing the floor in the Activities Hall.

Coffee Morning: It was agreed we will run a coffee morning some time in June. Crofton Palmer will check hall availability and advise Board members to enlist their help.

4. Property Report

Church Report

Activities Hall: Painting required, estimates to be sourced and reported back to the Property Committee who will make a decision as to which estimate is accepted. The flooring needs to be repaired then sanded and varnished. Estimates will be sought for this work and it is hoped this will be funded by monies raised through the Gift Day.

Fire Emergency Lighting: An investigation needs to be carried out by HF Electrical on the wiring for the emergency lighting as the annual service showed up some issues. The cost of repairs already done and the investigation will be £255. The minister will check on warranty when HF Electrical contacts him. The Board expressed their concern that we would be liable for repair costs for remediation work required to the installation carried out so recently by HF Electrical.

LM Legacy: The minister made enquiries re purchasing a new projector and was advised that replacing the lamp on our current unit and giving it a clean up would achieve the same output as a new projector (within the budget). In view of this it was agreed we purchase the new lamp and have the unit cleaned at a cost of £190. This would leave a sum of around £800 and it was agreed we would use this money to purchase new floor covering for the Session Room. Estimates will be sought for a durable laminate effect vinyl for the Session Room and the kitchen. The minister will speak to LM's family re our change in plan

Tower Rendering: A cherry picker or scaffolding will be required to do the repair work. Angie Simpson will investigate what is required and report back.

Front Path: Fred Bargh is still trying to get Richmack to agree a date to carry out this work, he will contact them again to find out if they still want the job and if not we will go to one of the other companies who submitted an estimate.

Ladies Toilet: There is rotting wood in the ceiling which needs to be replaced. Frank Gordon is to be asked to do this work for us.

PAT Testing: PAT Testing has been booked with Fresh Start for Friday 27 May. Angie Simpson will let hall users know what is required and they will be asked to contribute to costs for their own items.

Manse Report

Manse Inspection: The Manse inspection was carried out on Monday 18 April 2016.

Back Door to Garage: The door is rotten and needs to be replaced. Frank Gordon will be asked to provide a quote for the job.

Central Heating: A service is due and Peter Bald will be asked to carry out this work.

Decorating: The lounge / sitting room needs to be re-painted and it was agreed this would be the decorating job for 2016. Estimates to be sought.

Cooker: The grill element on one half of the grill is bent and needs to be replaced **Gutters:** The roofing gutters need to be painted.

5. Hall Lets

Hall Let Charges: It is time to write to groups for the annual hall lets and costs. It was agreed to bring the charges for the voluntary organisations up to the same as the youth organisations as they didn't incur any increases last year. All other prices will remain the same.

6. Kirk Session

Nothing to report

7. Correspondence

Nothing to report

8. Any Other Business

Nothing to report

Date of Next Meeting

This being all the business, the date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday 20 June 7.45pm with committees meeting first at 7.00pm.

The meeting was closed at 8.54pm 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 20 JUNE 2016 at 7.45pm in the Session Room with the Finance and Property Committees meeting at 7.00pm.

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