

The Scottish Episcopal Church

Greyfriars

Kirkcudbright

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th September 2017 at Greyfriars House.

- 1 **The opening prayer** was given by the Revd. Stephen Hazlett. Present at the meeting were: The Rector (SH); Vivien Dania (VD); Gwen Shaw (GS) Grant Oliver (GO); Sue Davies (SD); Nigel Davies (ND); Bob Reddaway (RR); Neil Dyson (ND) and Tom Jones (TJ).
- 2 **Apologies for absence:** apologies were received from John Boyd.
- 3 **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th May 2017:** these were agreed and signed by the Rector.
- 4 **Matters arising:** The question of whether to increase the hourly charge for Greyfriars as recommended by the Dean had been discussed by (GO) and (JB) with CVS. Their recommendation was to leave the cost at £5 an hour, but to keep it under review.
- 5 **Reports:**
 - a. *Lay representative:* Tom Jones (TJ) reported that there hadn't been a meeting since the last update. The next meeting will be held at Greyfriars on 3rd October 1pm for lunch 2pm for meeting. Members of the council will bring their own packed lunch; we shall provide tea/coffee. (SD) and Hazel Hazlett will do this.
 - b. *Treasurer:* Grant Oliver (GO) gave a comprehensive breakdown on his excellent summary which had been previously circulated. He confirmed that the grant of £6250 from the Diocese was included in these figures. (SH) confirmed that he has taken over the organist Rosta from (GO). Also that Patrick Duprey is not now leaving as thought but he will not now be rostered until later in the year. The Rector confirmed that he has ordered 30 copies of Scottish Liturgy at £30. They do differ slightly so will have to be amended. The Rector thanked (GO) for all that he did. **Attached at Appendix 1**
 - c. *Property:* Nigel Davies (ND) gave an update on the Church, and Rectory and on Greyfriars House. (Report at **Appendix 2**) in addition work needs to be carried out on the sink blockage in the Vestry and on the wall in the boiler room. Suggestion for another quote to be asked for from GS Constructions (Borgue Ltd). The Secretary had received a letter from D & G Council asking us to cut back overhanging branches in front of the church. Neil Dyson undertook to do this with some urgency. Action on the SEC Church Property report required from Grant Oliver, Nigel Davies and the Rector. GS will collate and complete on line.
 - d. *Churches Together:* Doreen Blackadder had produced a comprehensive report **attached at Appendix 3**. David Preston has agreed to be the new chairman.

- e. *Protection of Vulnerable Adults & Children:* Gwen Shaw (GS) had nothing to report other than PVG forms had been completed for Drostie Tame the Sunday School teacher and she had received her certificate.

6 AGM Sunday 26th November 2017:

Discussion took place on who will be due to stand down this year: Neil, Sue and Vivien. Tom Jones said he felt that would be the time also for him to step down as Lay Representative. (SD) confirmed that she will step in if no one else wishes to do it: (SD) agreed to continue for the present as Assistant Lay Rep. (GS) confirmed all papers will be ready by the second week in October. The Rector thanked Tom very warmly for the sterling service he had given over the years to this and other matters. **Action Gwen Shaw**

7 Other Matters:

- a) *Memorial Concert for Muriel Rhodes Sunday 27th August 7pm:* all agreed it had been an excellent evening and £1345 had been raised. Very great thanks to Bob Reddaway (RB) who had underwritten the costs and housed Adrian Adlam and his family.
- b) *Harvest Festival Sunday 1st October & Sunday School;* the Rector was in discussion with (DT) about the Childrens involvement and bringing baskets of fruit and flowers. Patricia Oliver had confirmed she will create a large arrangement for the pedestal and members of the congregation would be asked to help decorate the church at **11.30am on 28th September**. A notice asking for those joining/catering for the Churches Together Harvest Festival lunch in Church Hall is in the porch. Coffee/drinks in the Transept immediately after the service. *St Andrew Day Service and beginning of Advent Thursday 30th November;* an evening of music poetry prose and time for reflection; darkness into light led by Susan Smyth and Rachel Inglis will assist the Rector.
- c) *Games Night Friday 6th October.* in (JB's) absence nothing could be confirmed. The Catholic Church Hall had been booked and Nigel Davies (ND) and Neil Dyson (ND) will liaise with him once he returns. **Action John Boyd.**
- d) *Art & Craft Trail 3 – 6 August 2018- theme Pirates:* (GS) outlined a provisional plan involving the Sunday School children. Suggestion of including Flower Festival on the Famous Ladies of Scotland and the schools being asked to contribute simple flower arrangements. Planning team to include Patricia Oliver, Sue Davies, Bob Reddaway, Drostie Tame and Gwen Shaw

7 Correspondence:

- a) Scotland's Churches Trust had sent an invitation to attend the Marion Fraser Memorial lecture in Canongate Kirk, Edinburgh on October 12th to be given by The Very Revd. Professor Iain Torrance.

8 Winter Wonderland Saturday 2nd December 2017.

(VD) confirmed that Gary was organized for the boat and tide times were likely to be about 11am (TBC). Parish Hall had been booked; there are some toys left but others will be purchased. Father Christmas this year would be Robin Shields with his wife Rose (an Inner Wheel member) as his Elf with Pauline Saul as Mother Christmas. Three tables had already been booked and Ukefrolics (SD)

confirmed that the first meeting for the craft table will be at Belmont on 20th September. Inner Wheel ladies would again be asked to do the teas. **Action Vivien Dania**

9 **A.O.C.B:**

- Remembrance Sunday 12th November. The Rector will be taking part this year at the War memorial and in the Parish Church for the Ecumenical Service. The next vestry meeting will be held on 9th November.

11 **Prayer:** the meeting concluded with the Grace at 8.30pm.