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|  | **Netherlee and Stamperland Church** |
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|  | **Kirk Session met at 7.30pm on Monday 5th June 2023** |
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| **1** | **CONSTITUTION** |
|  | Meeting constituted by the Moderator Rev Scott Blythe with Prayer. |
| **2** | **SEDERUNT & APOLOGIES** |
|  | There were 33 Elders plus the Moderator prersent and one other person in attendance with apologies from 13 Elders as per the Sederunt sheet. |
| **3** | **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA** |
|  | The draft Agenda was agreed with 8 additional items under AOCB. |
| **4** | **PREVIOUS MINUTES** |
|  | Kirk Session minute of 24 April 2023 was approved.  **ROOF REPAIRS.** Prior to the discussion topic the meeting heard a report from Tony Ireland on the current position of the Roof Repairs. Tony led the Session through a series of slides demonstrating the level of work carried out to date and of the remaining work to be done. The slides clearly demonstrated the extent and quality of the work most of which was not obvious from street level. The slides clearly showed to the Session the huge amount of work that had been carried out. Although extra costs had been incurred because of necessary work discovered while the scaffolding was in place these costs were still manageable from our funds and from the proceeds from the disposal of the Stamperland site and Manse. The Session expressed themselves content with the costing figures. Tony was hopeful that all extra works would be completed by the end of August. There being no questions from the Session the Moderator thanked Tony for his report and Pete Diamond for the slide show. |
| **5** | **DISCUSSION TOPIC – *Thoughts prior to Pastoral Care Cluster Conference*** |
|  | Scott asked the Session to consider what we might want to get out of the joint Kirk Sessions' Clusters conference on Saturday 17 June and prefaced the discussion by saying that the current model of Elders attached to districts was no longer sustainable and advised the meeting that Jeanne Roddick had already asked the question of Presbytery about any suggestions or possible solutions that other Parishes had devised. She was still awaiting a response to her enquiry meantime the meeting spent 15 minutes in small groups discussing what we might consider as a new model.. An active discussion took place but no new solutions were fed back to the meeting afterwards. |
| **6** | **WRITTEN REPORTS** |
|  | Scott asked the Conveners if they had motions to propose or highlights to mention:  **Communion Roll** –reports for April and May had been previously circulated by the Clerk to the Session The death of Ayliffe MacPhail (date now confirmed as 28/12/2022) and Jeannette Sharp 05/05/2023. **The Communion Roll as at 31/05/2023 stood at 637**. Since the beginning of June we had been advised of the death of Sheena Badger on 3June and the addition of 2 new members by certificate David and Audrey Thomson from Greenbank Church.  **Communion Roll now stands at 638 members from 651 members at 31.12.2022.**  **Finance** – Since the Convener had issued his report the May figures had been received and showed that at the end of May we had a deficit on the General Fund of £10,637, however this included the cost of the new photocopier at £1,928 which should have been allocated out of the reserves as it was a capital cost. When this is corrected, our deficit is reduced to £8,709 which is better than the budget by £945.  The Convener also reported that **Insurance Premiums for 2023/24** had been reduced to £6,572.02 mainly due to the disposal of the Stamperland site and Manse.  **Fabric** – Iain Alexander had nothing to add to his report.  -2-  **Worship and Adult Education.** Scott was keen to receive summer postcards of local churches visited by members during their summer holidays and to send them to the office for collating. He also wanted to introduce members favourite hymns during Advent and for each person to tell us why it was their favourite. Forms would be issued in late August in plenty of time for Advent.  **Children and Youth Ministry.** In Helen's absence Elaine Murray hoped to extend the Christmas Tree festival this year and to this end she wanted to gather a small group in August to mastermind it. Anyone interested to speak to her after the meeting..................................................**.ACTION: All.**  **Mission Group.** Alistair Gow referred to his report and sought approval from the Kirk Session to support the Blythswood shoebox appeal with a retiring offering rather than continue with the inherent inefficiencies of the current shoebox system. The Kirk Session agreed................ **ACTION: Finance Committee re retiring offering.**  **Planning & Communication** – Diane Levey had intended asking Elders to update their district lists this evening however an admin glitch has meant that the lists are not available for this evening. She suggests holding off now until September. In addition the Flower Committee would like Elders to keep them up to date on with who should get church flowers. This does not need to wait until September**............................................................................................................ACTION: All Elders**  Diane also reminded the meeting that Karen McQueen had agreed to take over the editorship of the monthly newsletter. From September the Committee would operate with a rotating Chair.  As this would be Diane's last Kirk Session before moving to the east coast Scott wanted to place on record our grateful thanks to Diane for her contribution to the life and work of the church as deputy organist, choir member, magazine editor and chair of the Planning and Communications Committee. We will greatly miss you. The Session warmly endorsed his comments.  **Pastoral care**. There was nothing to report.  **Correspondence.** The only item of correspondence was an acknowledgement from 121 George Street that they had received our Annual Report and Accounts for 2022.  The were no reports from **Health & Safety, or Food Hygiene**  **Safeguarding** – Bruce Young referred to his report and asked that we formally agree and record that the undernoted individuals have now received full PVG clearance as recruits:-   * **The Boys'Brigade** Scott Selbie and Josef Hedinger as BB officers. * **Monday Lunch Club**  Connell Cranston as Pastoral Care Worker * **Gordon McAnally's drivers group**  Gordon Lang, Alistair Gow, and Sheena Wurthmann all as Pastoral Care Workers.   **Insurance** – John Montgomery covered this under his Finance Report.  **Presbytery Report.** Alistair Gow reported that Presbytery had approved our revised Mission Plan which had then been ratified by the General Trustees therefore we now have complete approvals. All we require to do now is implement it!!  Scott asked the Kirk Session if they accepted all the reports as presented to the meeting, and the majority of those present agreed. |
| **7** | **AOCB** | |
|  | 1. **Help for the Manse family when Children are ill on a Sunday morning** Scott explained the background to this request which the Session understood and were sympathetic to the request. It was suggested we might have a list of volunteers who would be prepared to help in this way. Scott would be delighted to have this. Volunteers to provide their names to the Church office and the manse...............................................................**ACTION: Everyone plus Elspeth**   Leading on from this was a wish to recruit Elders or members willing to be trained to **lead** **worship**. Names to be provided to Scott................................................. .....**ACTION: everyone**  -3-   1. **Tear Fund Collection.** The Mission Group had raised why we were no longer holding a collection at every Session meeting. It was suggested by Scott that once the new Card reader system was fully operational we would re-introduce it with the option for cash payments to be made This could start in September. The Session agreed. 2. **Presbytery Course for Elders leading Funeral Services.**  A Presbytery Course has been organised over 3 Saturday mornings – 26 Aug, 9 Sept, and 4 Nov. Anyone interested to speak to Scott after the meeting..............................................................................**.ACTION: everyone** 3. **Replacement Deputy Organist**. Scott had discussed this with Steven who was not pushing for this as he believed that he could source supply organists as required. The Finance Convener was also keen that we do not recruit anyone full time to this position given our deficit position. The Finance Team would meet the cost of supply organists as required in the same way we met the cost of pulpit supply when the minister was on holiday or ill. The meeting agreed with this approach. 4. **BB Mini Bus –** Alan Fairlie was on the look out for additional volunteers to drive the minibus on Sundays. He was also interested in anyone who could volunteer to use their car to bring folks to church who live out-with the local catchment area. Speak to Alan after the meeting if you can help...................................................................................................**ACTION: Everyone** 5. **Gordon McAnally.** Gordon Lang was appealing for drivers to pick Gordon up from Daniel House on Sunday mornings to augment the existing volunteers..... ..**.ACTION: Everyone** 6. **Handrails in Church sanctuary** Doris Duncan raised the difficulty some members of the choir were experiencing negotiating the chancel steps, which had been raised before but no action appeared to have been taken. Iain Alexander was looking at it but so far had no clear solution as there were some practical problems to overcome...............**ACTION: Iain Alexander**   **8. Clear Out** **.** The Clerk had raised the question of a need to tidy the place up and clear out items cluttering the place up. Iain advised we had done so 3 or 4 months ago and in response to a question from Russell Brown the cross lying in the Gallery would be re-sited to the Large Hall in due course. He would encourage all users to carry out a clear out on a regular basis |
| **8** | **FUTURE MEETINGS** |
|  | * Cluster Conference Saturday 17 June from 10.00 am until 12 noon in our Church. * Kirk Session at 7:30pm on Monday 4th September 2023 * Committee and group meetings schedule for 2023/2024 to be issued shortly |
| **9** | **CLOSE** |
|  | The meeting was closed with all present saying the Grace together. |
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|  | **ANNEX**  **WRITTEN REPORTS PRESENTED TO THE MEETING** |
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