

Allan Park South Church of Scotland, Stirling
Registered Charity No. SC001414
Minute of a meeting of Allan Park South Church Session
Held in the Church Office on Monday 5th June 2017 at 7pm

Constitute

The meeting was constituted by a reading from Psalm 8 followed by a prayer by the Rev. Alistair Cowper.

Sederunt

The Rev. Alistair Cowper and a number of Trustees as recorded in attendance book. Apologies for absence were received.

Minutes

The minutes of meetings of the Kirk Session held on Wednesday 19th April 2017 were approved.

Matters Arising

The YWAM outreach team stayed in the manse whilst the Minister was on holiday. The Stirling marathon day was a great success and £701 was raised for Christian Aid. Our photo even appeared in the Stirling Observer. Nine people came along to the sharing Jesus event. The plumber is coming to look at the dripping boiler.

Finance

The treasurer Edward Morton advised that the current bank account balance as at 5th June 2017 is £68,175.86. A total amount of £738.40 was collected for Christian Aid from the marathon day and the sale of the quiz sheets. A new fund has been set up as the Minister's discretionary fund to manage a donation of £1,000.

Income Comparison

Date Range 6th June 2016– 5th June 2017

INCOME TYPE	2015/2016	2016/2017	VALUE +/-	% +/-
Gift Aid	£35,423.30	£28,549.00	-£6,874.30	-19.41%
Freewill Offerings	£1,435.00	£1,979.20	£544.20	37.92%
Open Plate	£3,865.35	£4,577.48	£712.13	18.42%
Mission and Renewal	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Hire of Premises	£11,789.00	£10,930.00	-£859.00	-7.29%
Sundry Income	£1,744.77	£1,559.44	-£185.33	-10.62%
TOTALS	£54,257.42	£47,595.12	-£6,662.30	-12.28%

Administration

The 150 anniversary committee have met to finalise details around the celebration. Edward Morton is working on the invites for the service on Friday 20th October. The Moderator has agreed to attend.

Edward Morton is working on a rolling power point presentation to showcase the work going on in Allan Park South Church.

Thirty seven magazines have been posted out this month.

Property

David Boyd advised that there will be a work party on Saturday 3rd June to fill in the cracks in preparation for Prudential coming to paint.

Sally to ask Andrew to provide a sanding stick and to ask him to price for painting the back wall.

Arthur advised that the work would need to be risk assessed.

Brodie's have still not been to look at the work done in the Manse.

Future's Group

David Boyd advised that the group have met and are pulling together a paper to send to Presbytery. The group will update to the session at the next meeting.

It was noted that Stuart Davidson is moving on and will no longer be the chair of the strategy committee.

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Safeguarding

Lorna Shaw advised that there is now safeguarding training dates available. She requested that all elders fill in the training sheet to establish training needs.

Presbytery

Arthur McDonald advised that the main points from the last meeting on Thursday 11th May are:

All congregations are encouraged to attend the next Presbytery meeting on the 8th June.

There is a vacancy for the position of safeguarding convenor and applications are welcomed.

Interim Moderators training will be led by Rev Gary McIntyre and Rev Alex Millar in the autumn of 2017. Ministers were asked to make elders aware.

Roll Keeper

There was no roll keeper report available.

Go for It Manager's Report

Sally Forshaw advised that Beth has now left Bairns Rock and we wish her well in her future position. Many thanks for all that she has contributed over the years. Bairns' rock continues to be popular with one or two new mums coming along each week.

The coach has been booked for our beach trip to Aberdour on Tuesday 11th July. Everyone is welcome. Numbers continue to be high with 31 children in the morning and 16 in the afternoon last week. We will advertise and recruit someone to replace Beth over the summer with a view to starting them after the school holidays.

Sally Forshaw advised that Julie Christie has been struggling with a recurring bug so the lunch club has been covered by myself and the volunteers. Numbers have been down slightly but we have a regular group of about 16 coming along weekly. We may need to do some more advertising.

Julie Christie attended the Dementia Café at St Columbus but unfortunately it was poorly attended although the networking opportunities were worthwhile.

This month's event at Allan Park house is the wellbeing choir singing again. They really enjoyed the Christmas concert so we are hoping that they enjoy the selection of songs prepared.

Paula is settling in well and working on a social event before the choir ends for the summer. Numbers continue to be around 24 each week which is a bit less than we had.

The sewing and knitting group continues to have around 10 people who come along and support one another and I working well.

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Karen McSorley has decided to concentrate on building up the Wednesday group and continue to think about what to do on a Friday. There have been very low numbers. Jane Steel has decided to re-start the arts group after the summer due to other Thursday night commitments.

After another successful year the Boy's Brigade celebrated the end of term on the 19th May. During the term, the juniors won the sports day, the anchors won the Muir trophy for their work on Joseph and the Company section shining in the chess competition. At the end of term, we had 17 anchors, 9 juniors and 8 in the company section. Enrolment for the new term will be at the end of August.

Sally Forshaw advised that she attended the General Assembly on the Wednesday and Thursday and thoroughly enjoyed her time there although it was exhausting. There were a few interesting debates and many interesting people to chat to in the breaks.

Lorna Shaw and Sally Forshaw will be helping with the holiday club at St Marks in July.

Klaire Campbell and Anthony Forshaw are volunteering at Re-fuel this summer.

A report from the prudential day is attached.

Minister's Report

The Minister continues to do four parish visits per week.

One baptism and two funerals have been conducted since the last meeting.

The minister attended a workshop on participatory budgeting at the general assembly which is a great way to engage with the community. He would like us to consider doing this in the future.

The sharing Jesus event was a success and it was agreed that we would use the material at our Churches together event on Saturday 16th September.

The all night prayer evening was supported by two people. One for an hour and another for three,

The community bible experience groups are all finished.

A O B

Jennifer McMillan advised that the afternoon tea in aid of Tommy's raised £3518.

Jennifer agreed to be the contact for learning disabilities for the church.

Ian McCallum asked the session to pray for leaders to come forward for the next session of boy's brigade.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th September at 7pm.

MODERATOR

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