

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 Wednesday 18th January 2017 at 7pm

Constitute

The meeting was constituted by reading from Matthew 4 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 Thursday 17th November 2016 were approved.

Matters Arising

Don Pollock has completed the work on the concrete and has prepared the site for one of the picnic tables.

The tower clock has been fixed.

Thanks to John Shaw for his work undertaken in the new small room.

Tom Harold has agreed to be the organist at the 150 year celebrations on 20th October.

The struggle with Stirling Council regarding the bin collection is ongoing.

Discussion

We split into three groups to discuss our response to Stuart Davidson regarding the review of the Presbytery plan.

Sub Group

David Boyd advised that the group had met on 3 occasions and has begun to explore a response to a union but that the Presbytery plan response would need to be submitted first. A proposed congregational day to discuss our core values and what our future should look like has been organised and will be facilitated by Kathy Whitaker. It was agreed that the sub group should prepare the answers to the review of the Presbytery plan.

Finance

The treasurer Edward Morton advised that the current bank account balance as at 18th January 2017 is £84,385.87.

Income Comparison

Range 19th January 2016– 18th January 2017

INCOME TYPE	2014/2015	2015/2016	VALUE +/-	% +/-
Gift Aid	£34,990.80	£27,755.50	-£7,235.30	-20.68%
Freewill Offerings	£1,030.00	£1,976.40	£946.40	91.88%
Open Plate	£4,115.04	£4,131.54	£16.50	0.40%
Mission and Renewal	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Hire of Premises	£11,682.00	£10,991.00	-£691.00	-5.92%
Sundry Income	£1,811.32	£1,937.53	£126.21	6.97%
TOTALS	£53,629.16	£46,791.97	-£6837.19	-12.75%

Administration

Edward Morton advised that the water heater in the kitchen is leaking and it is not cost effective to fix. We have been quoted £1,560 + vat for a new 15 litre one. It was agreed to go ahead with this.

Jim Steel is looking to install a new internet cable.

Ed has been given the original Church plans which are now available to view.

Property

David Boyd advised that we have had a quote of £2995 +vat to rewire the Pillar hall. It was agreed to go ahead with the work which should take a day and a half to complete.

The Church is due the quinquennial inspection in January. David will organise.

David to ask Bannockburn roofing to check the manse roof.

Safeguarding

Due to the absence of Lorna Shaw there was no report but the Minister did advise that he is cleared to work with children through the pvg scheme.

Presbytery

Arthur McDonald advised that there was nothing to report this month.

Roll Keeper

Due to the absence of Hugh Buchanan there was no roll keeper's report.

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The Minister asked the Session to accept Nancy Turnbull by resolute to the Church roll.

Go for It Manager's Report

Sally Forshaw advised that we Kathy Whitaker has proposed two possible dates for the future focus meeting. The 11th or the 18th March. It was agreed to go ahead with the 18th March.

Minister's Report

The Minister advised that Claire Bordeaux agreed to accept the invitation to be ordained into eldership.

There will be a service for the friends and families of those who have been bereaved in the last 5 years. This will be the week after Easter.

A leaflet to explain Baptism and Blessings has been put together.

Services were held on Christmas Eve and Christmas day and were well attended.

A O B

Alpha Scotland have asked that congregations consider donating £10 a month for a year to support providing resources. It was agreed that we would like to support Alpha for a year.

It was agreed that the Session Clerk should write to Carl Purser to ask him to cancel the domain name as soon as possible.

Start Up have written to ask Churches to support them. Jane Steel suggested that we did a short term collection for them. It was suggested this could be done over the period of lent.

It was agreed that the Annual Stated Meeting will take place on Sunday 19th March at 11.30.

We have a place at the General Assembly this year for an elder. It was agreed that Sally Forshaw, Session Clerk would represent the Kirk Session. It was also agreed that Edward Morton attends the General Assembly as an additional representative of Presbytery.

It was agreed that funding would be available for people who wanted to attend the Exploring Mission in Scotland event on 14th March in Stirling Baptist Church.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 2nd March at 7pm.

MODERATOR

CLERK

