

Minutes from Annual General Meeting – Sunday 15th November 2015 - Buckingham

Present: - M Ennis (Chair), P Sturgess, P & M Gateley, G & K Morris, G & M Kentish, R Hutt, A Wiseman, S Handley, J Ennis, P Pettit, C & E Hodges, J & A Beasley, J & J Boxwell, W Collins, A & K Read, J Cornwall, H Grimditch, D & H Thorpe, K Holmes, P & J Butcher, R Marshall, J Newton, S & S Tayfield, J Dipple, E Cantrell, M Taylor, S Pollard, A Carton, A Butcher, S Dellany, C Ewart, T Bryant, T & W Edworthy, J Edworthy, P Manley, S Henrickson, C George, L Brazell

Apologies: – D & R Friggard, E & J Undritz, P & S Ioannou, C Henrickson, R Holmes, A Grimditch, A Brazell, B Farmer, S Shipp

Mike Ennis welcomed everyone opening with a reading from Philippians followed by prayer.

Minutes from previous meeting held in November 2014

These were agreed by everyone present and signed off

Matters arising None

Annual Reports

These had been circulated previously and all were accepted

Chairman's Report

Mike gave a brief review of the previous year and said how Tim's arrival had proved a real blessing. A gift of £15,000 had enabled us to recruit Cameron Ewart to work with our young people.

He thanked everyone for their support of the Elders and particularly mentioned Richard Marshall who was stepping down as an Elder. Richard undertook most of the work leading to Tim & Wendy's arrival. He also paid special tribute to Steven & Sharon Tayfield for their work with young people.

Mike also said that the Elders were looking to upgrade the Constitution during the coming months particularly to make a clearer distinction between the duties & responsibilities of Trustees as opposed to Elders

Minister's Report

Tim's report had been circulated so he concentrated our thoughts on next year. He referred to the five purposes outline in 'The Purpose Driven Life' and said we should keep these in balance as we strive to put the King at the heart of Buckingham.

Tim used the letters from the word heart as an acronym and encouraged everyone to remember them so that whatever we are doing in the future can be organised around the five purpose:-

Helping
Enabling
Adoring
Reaching
Teaching

Finance Report

Geoff Morris presented the report in Panos's absence.

A summary of the accounts was distributed and Geoff made comments on various items and figures. The full set of accounts ran to 15 pages but was available (electronically & hard copy) to anyone who asked.

Several questions and comments followed, particularly:-

Can future accounts show more detail of our commitment to Tithing?

Why was the budget figure for Worship/Mission/Donations so much lower than last year's actual (£26989 against £39107)?

Geoff felt this had to do with the way that support to Emma Podmore was shown in the accounts, but he would check with Panos on his return & seek confirmation.

A big thank you was expressed to Panos for his work as Treasurer.

Auditor

Tracey Roskell had agreed to inspect the accounts and she was duly appointed.

Election of Elders

Sam Henrickson & Margaret Kentish had both been nominated and agreed to stand. A formal vote was taken and they were both duly elected each obtaining over 95% of the votes cast.