

## **Minutes of Meeting of St. Matthew's PCC Held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015**

**The meeting was preceded by a celebration of the Holy Eucharist.**

**Present:** The Reverend David Shepherd, Sally Best (SBe), Pip Leese (Chair) (PL), Debbie Lim (DL), Raymond Boskey (RB), (Secretary), Roger Tabor (RT), Bob Best (BB), Hamish Leese (HL), Daphne Boskey, (DB), Sandra Byrne (SBy) and Adrian Gray (AG), Chris Gear (Treasurer) (CG)

**1. Apologies:** Maxine Raphael (MR)

**2. Minutes of meetings held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September were agreed as a true and accurate record and carried unanimously. Proposed RT and seconded BB, signed by the Chairman.

**3. Declaration of Interest.**

The Chairman stated that if anybody had any personal interest in any part of the Agenda they should declare it. None was declared.

**4. Matters Arising.**

**a) Hall:** RB said that he had replaced a damaged emergency light in the hall lobby and also the fluorescent lamps in the emergency lights in the disabled toilet and outside the main door, both these require replacement batteries which he is dealing with.

RT said that the paper towels and soap dispensers were too high for children to reach and RB said that he would lower them.

DB said that Sue Springett had now paid her arrears and they would arrange a meeting to discuss the future of the Art class.

**b) Grounds:** Alex Paul was unable to contact the garden centre before she left but there are a number of bulbs etc. at the back of the Church available for planting, it was agreed after a short discussion that a working party be organised for planting and on going help. SB to organise and SBy to speak to Sandy Belloni for regular maintenance.

**c) P.A. System:** RB said that he had looked at the problem of voice lost and moved the receivers to the back of the Church to allow direct line from the Radio Microphones. This appears to be successful and he would keep an eye on it.

**d) Bushey Baptist Church:** Father David said that he had had a letter from the Bushey Baptist Church requesting the use of the Church and Hall during building work to their Church. They would require the Church on Sunday's after our 9:30 service for their service which would cause a problem over Baptism and after a general discussion it was agreed that we could hold baptism's on one Sunday each month and the Bushey Baptists would find alternative arrangements. It was agreed that this would be feasible and Father David and DB to discuss it with them.

**e) Crib Festival:** RT said that he had had a meeting after Church the previous Sunday to discuss this and had received help from a number of volunteers. The date has been agreed on Saturday and Sunday 5/6<sup>th</sup> December with acceptance of Cribs from Friday evening 4 December, this to continue on the Saturday morning with the Church ready for a 2:00 opening. There will be a service and blessing of the cribs on the Sunday. RT also said that he had ordered 150 copies of the Christian Story to be available for those attending. DB said that she was organising poster and leaflets to be placed in the Church and Hall and given to local businesses to put in their premises, she is also organising a banner to be affixed to the front of the Church.

**f) Church Safe:** Father David said that he is still looking into the replacement of the Church safe and is talking to safe experts.

**g) Book Exchange:** DB & PL said that they were working to get the Book Exchange started but are awaiting information from the Council. DB also stated that they may be getting financial help from OVEG and the Council.

**5. Electoral Roll.**

BB said that he had circulated the Report on the Electoral Roll and there was no change this time.

**6. Financial Report and Charitable Giving.**

Treasurer informed the Committee that there was an additional cost to the Diocese due to the high number of people on the Electoral Roll but generally we were holding our head above water.

HL said with regard to the Charitable Giving that the list has been around for some considerable time and after a general discussion DB proposed and RT seconded that HL come up with proposals for the Charity.

**7. Reports.**

Reports from the Pastoral and Worship Committees and the Anglican Methodist were sent out with the Minutes for information.

**8. Quinquennial Inspection.**

The Inspection was carried out by Architect James Ford on the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2015. The report is expected by the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2015. This will be reported at the next PCC.

**9. MAP Review.**

HL gave information on the position of the MAP and there was a general discussion on the position of St Matthews. It was agreed that the MAP group be reconstituted and report to the next PCC .

**11. AOB.**

**Boiler:** RB said that after a power failure to the area the Boiler Timer lost its settings, he said that after investigation the standby battery was now dead and required replacing. He will arrange for this.

**The meeting closed at 9:35 pm with The Grace**

Next Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016

Signed ..... Dated.....

Position .....